1. APCOS - Three tier societies established under the control of Kerala Co-operative milk marketing federation, according to the pattern of societies existing in Anand, Gujarat.

2. Non-APCOS (Traditional societies) - Dairy Co-operative Societies which traditionally exist in Kerala.

3. Society Area - Area of the district where dairying and dairy co-operative are well developed.

4. Non- Society Area - Area of the district where dairying is widely spread but no dairy co-operatives exist.

5. NEP - New Economic Policy characterized by liberalization, globalisation and privatisation.

6. MMPO - It prescribes certain provision for the orderly development of dairy industry.

7. Co-operative - A member-owned business with membership open to those who use its services. Democratically controlled and operated on a nonprofit basis, a cooperative returns any margins or profits to members on the basis of patronage.
8. Artificial Insemination - Placement of fresh or frozen male semen into the female mechanically, without normal sexual contact.

9. Breed - Animals having a common origin and characteristics that distinguish them from other groups within the same species.

10. Calving Interval - The average number of days between the latest two calving dates for individual cows or a herd.

11. Concentrate - A feed high in nitrogen-free-extract (NFE) and total digestible nutrients (TDN) and low in crude fiber (less than 18 percent). Included are cereal grains, soybean oil meal, cottonseed meal, and by-products of the milling industry such as corn gluten and wheat bran. A concentrate may be low or rich in protein.

12. Curd - The coagulated or thickened part of milk. Curd from whole milk consists of casein, fat, and whey, whereas curd from skim milk contains casein and whey but only traces of fat.

13. Dry - Describes a non lactating female. The dry period of cows is the time between lactations (when a female is not secreting milk).
14. Flush season - Time during the year, usually spring and early summer, of maximum milk production.

15. Lactation period - The number of days an animal secretes milk following each parturition. Usually 11 to 12 months.

16. Milk composition - Average composition of dairy cow milk includes the following constituents: 87% water, 3.25% protein, 2.5% casein, 5% sugar (lactose), 3.7% fat and 0.8% minerals and vitamins.