

PDC EDUCATION

In the land of Milk and Manure, there is a lot to learn. Beside the experience we get in the field, the following is a list of schools we have attended to strengthen our future in 2015.

- (1) GEA MIone Robot School in Lethbridge, Ab., 2 employees.
 - (2) CTC Slurry Store Harvestore School in Nebraska, 2 employees.
 - (3) GEA-Houle Manure Systems training for North America and Europe in Abbotsford at the Ramada, 5 employees.
 - (4) GEA-MIone Customer Seminar at Ramada, 4 employees plus 25 customers.
 - (5) GEA-ProQ Robotic School in Boenen, Germany, 2 employees for 2 weeks.
 - (6) Cadman School / Expo in Courtland, Ont., 2 employees with dealers from North America, Mexico and Russia.
- We are also now engaged in doing an employee upgrade with GEA webinars.

The Future looks good for the right equipment.

MILK

When we were kids, milk was the sacred cow of the dairy market but times have changed. Sales of non-dairy milks have spiked 94 percent since 2009. Why? Perception of price, nutrition and lactose intolerance are paying its toll. We know milk is healthy; for example, a European Journal of Nutrition study found that people 55 and older who consumed 4 ounces of full fat dairy were 12% less likely to suffer strokes than those on low fat dairy. Your first question on Almond, Soy, Rice and Hemp milk is "How do you milk them?" They are all tearless manufacturers that grind plant product with water and vitamins. The result can taste chalky or flat so processors add flavors and sweeteners. Cows milk also contains sugars but is a more natural form of lactose for blood sugars. The sucrose form of sugars in nut milks is processed and not as good for healthy blood sugars. Don't believe, read the nutrition and ingredients list. (from Men's Health)

CADMAN EXPO

Jim Peters and myself attended a dealer meeting slash school in Courtland, Ontario. There were people from Canada, US, Mexico and Russia. Cadman, a strong Canadian Irrigation and Manure Equipment manufacturer is making strong waves internationally with their equipment. Their latest, a "Constant Manure Applicator" for corn and soy beans, is a 2700ft by 5 inch Reel that puts manure on at 3 ft. high corn roots. An amazing machine developed by Cadman and 3 Ohio farm brothers. At the Expo, we saw 10 machines irrigating via a 600 HP Motor with a Cornell Pump. Next month, I will list the new Equipment Cadman is releasing as part of its Irrigation and Manure Team.

Now that a lot of fall work is getting completed, it is a good time to consider irrigation and manure planning for your cropping.

FACTS

- 12 or more cows are known as a flink.
- British farmers put colorful legging on their cows so drivers can see them at night.
- A cows only sweat glands are in their noses.
- An average cow produces 4 times its own weight in manure per year.
- Cows clean their noses with their tongue.
- Menno Simon (from the Mennonites) ran a cattle boat out of Wittmarsem, Friesland.
- Saputo and Fonterra milk processors are both on GEA's boards.
- GEA's Time of flight camera software originates from a company from Vancouver.
- Cows never look for excitement. They actually seek boring routine except when in heat.
- The original mozzarella cheese is made with water buffalo but now is also made with cow, goat and sheep milk.

HARD HOSE DRAG ADVANTAGE

Hard Hose dragging was initiated thru Cadman and PDC years ago. It has become very popular. The following is a list

of advantages of Hard Hose verses Soft Hose.

- * Soft Hose can disrag the hose.
- * Hard Hoses can be longer (2700 vs 1320 ft).
- * Hard Hose has 30% less pull.
- * Hard Hose is smaller inside and outside.
- * Hard Hose has less stretch in pulling.
- * Hard can do more acres per setting.
- * You only use what you need.
- * Hard Hose has less hands in field.
- * Hard Hose lasts longer so is equal in price to Soft Hose replacements over time.
- * Hard Hose has no joints.
- * Hard Hose use less fuel and power.
- * Hard Hose is easy to reel in.
- * Hard Hose can be used to irrigate.
- * The learning curvature: Hard is 20 hrs, Soft is 20 days.
- * Hard is difficult to develop holes in hose.

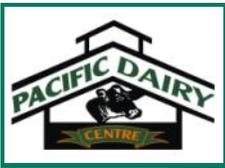
SEAWEED CHEESE

Yes, you heard it right, good old Dutch Gouda Cheese with seaweed added! There is a gentleman who lives on a small island off the Friesian shoreline, he is musician by trade and makes cheese as a hobby. Walking on the beach on this little island one day, and seeing the seaweed washing ashore, he got a thought of how to add some of this seaweed to his cheese. With a bit of research on seaweed, he found out it is high in iron, 20 times as much as in meat. Also rich in protein and Vitamins A, B and C. The sea salt added extra flavor to the cheese and gives you the "smell" of the ocean! (from Friese Streek producten)

2015 GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Well, as the dust settled on our 23 Annual PDC Golf tournament, Tim Piers won the Longest Drive. Bill Selles took the prize for the Closest to The Pin, Tony Siebring's team with Ed Kornelious and Harvey Jongsma were honored with the title "Most Honest Team". The team with the lowest net was Allen Mulder along with the three Piers brothers, Darryl, Travis & Tim.

It was a cooler day but everyone stayed relatively dry and a good time was had by all! Already looking forward to 2016!



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