



\*\*\*\***MARCH 3, 2016—HISTORY!**\*\*\*\*

*One small step for a cow,*

*One large step for the Dairy Industry!*

This significant date was the historic startup of Gracemar Farms “First in North America” 60 stall Robotic Milking Rotary Parlour. GEA’s product line called Dairy ProQ was unveiled March 2 at 12:00 PM with a crowd of approximately 30 people, made up of the Ten-Brinke family members (including 2 brothers from Alberta), GEA international employees and Pacific Dairy employees. The formalities started with three speeches - from Wally Tenbrinke, John Bruinsma and GEA’s David Reiman. With that done, Wally gave a prayer and from there a christening of the parlour, before startup. A new era begins with Vyefield Farms also starting up another Robotic Milking Rotary Parlour from GEA soon.

### DAIRY SAYINGS

Till the cows come home.  
Don't cry over spilled milk.  
The land of milk and honey.  
That is a cow they can milk.  
Stubborn as a bull.  
He is like a lazy cow.  
Milk it for all it's worth.  
You don't have to be a cow  
to know what milk is.  
Strong as a bull.  
The cow is of the bovine ilk;  
one end is moo, the other milk.  
Don't have a Cow -  
(Go Ahead - Have a Cow).  
With the stoicism of a cow.  
How now brown cow.  
All the good ideas I ever had  
came to me while I was milking.  
You can only milk a cow so long,  
then you're left holding the pail.  
Got Milk?  
The cow jumped over the moon.  
Cash Cow - Sacred Cow.  
She has cow eyes.  
Awkward as a cow on a crutch.

They used herd mentality.  
Why buy a cow  
when you get the milk for free?  
Milk Powder is Heifer Dust.  
He was put out to pasture.  
He was hoofin' it home.  
Like a bull in a china shop.  
Bull Crap.  
Take the bull by the horns.  
Well I'll be Cow Kicked.  
Company went teats up.  
This is No Bull.  
Milk the System.  
Get off and milk it.  
Crème de la crème.  
Cream of the crop.  
Cow pie.

### CALF BOTTLES

Calf feeding is becoming an important topic on many farms. Feeding four times a day has become a new trend. Hygiene is something that can show up in the way of a sick calf. DariTech - Westwaard has a good solution to combat this. They have introduced a full new line of calf bottle washers. These models will combine or stand alone with Westwaard Pasteurizers. They are all stainless, easy to use and easy to install. We all know hot water is part of the process while chemicals can finish the job. DariTech controls work great. If there is a sick or dead calf, always check for something dirty somewhere with your feeding tools.

### NOTICE

All DeBoer scraping systems can obtain parts, upgrades, service and replacement via Pacific Dairy thru Houle GEA who now own and market the De-Boer Chain Scraper.

### FOOD PACKAGING

Inventor, Dave Edwards, has the rare ability to conceive futuristic ideas and turn them into reality. His most recent brain wave, edible food packaging,

### DariTech Calf Bottle Washer

could transform the food industry. Edward's company, WikiCell, aims to partner with various food producers and its first collaborator is Stoneyfield Farm, which is one of the U.S.'s largest yogurt and dairy sellers. They will launch their first product - edible frozen yogurt and ice cream encased and sold in bio-degradable cellophane bags, at two Whole Foods Markets near Boston. For flavour, think mango ice cream with coconut skin. They package food and beverages like nature packages fruit.  
*(from Modern Farm)*

### MILK TANKS

#### (IN NORTH AMERICA)

Guess What! - The most important piece of equipment on a dairy farm, right after milk can days, has become the Milk Bulk Tank. Going back to the sixties in Canada and the U.S., there were many Milk Tank manufacturers. Now there are only 3 left standing, Mueller, GEA Koolway and Dari Kool. Only 2 Milking Equipment Companies still build milk tanks. They are GEA with Koolway and Boumatic with Dari Kool. The following is a list of old, defunct tank companies no longer building tanks.

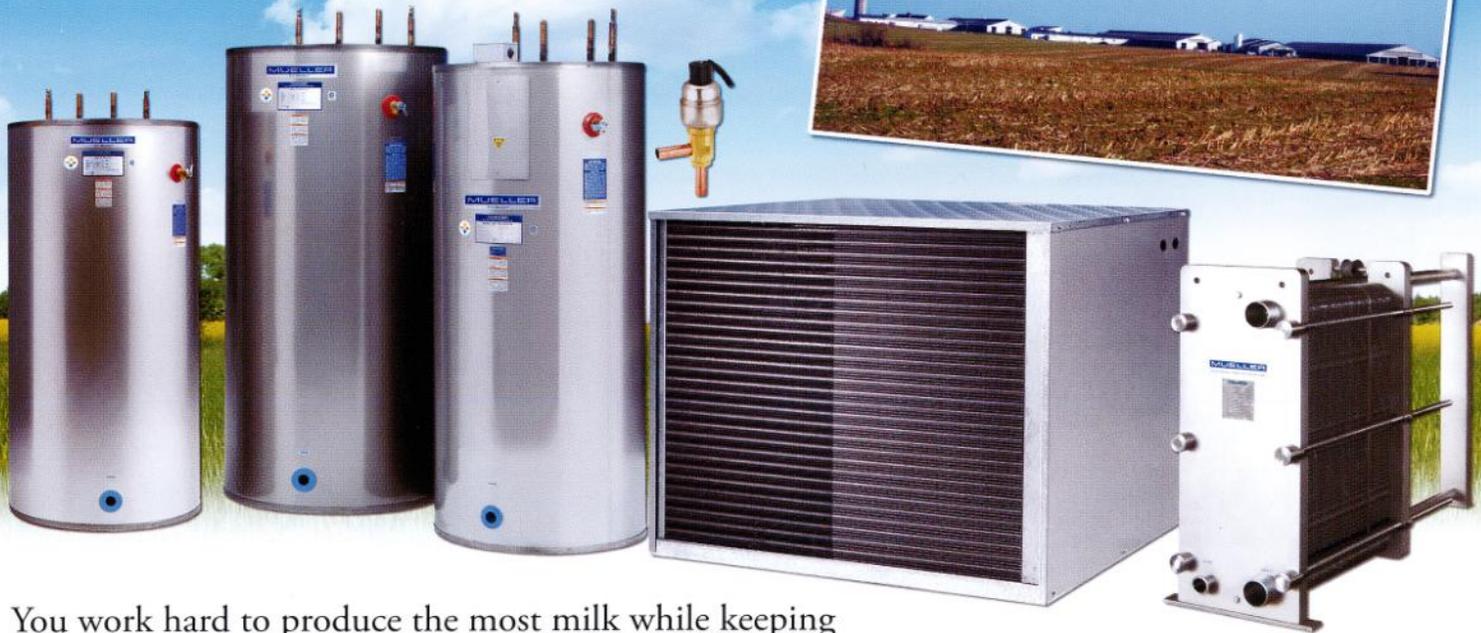
Milk Plan	Universal
Milkeeper	C.E. Howard
Solar	Girton
Sunset	Valco
Mojonnier	Zero
Surge	Esco
Van Vetter	Crepaco
Cherry Burell	Chester-Jensen
Jamesway	

The only “vacuum” milk tank was a Zero Tank and the “heaviest” tank was the VanVetter.

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