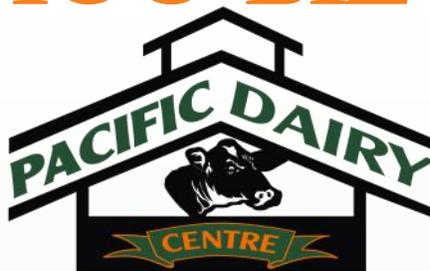




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### CANARY IN A MINE SHAFT

Like being in a mine shaft where we do not always see the danger that is going on, the canary can make a big difference to know what is going on. In the milking process a bi-model let down of milk because of usually poor prep is an indicator (like a canary in a mine shaft) that teat ends are getting full vacuum on a reduced milk flow teat. With our Meters and Robots we can track this milking phenomenon very well. With GEA's robotic In-Liner-Everything Prep we hit numbers as low as 3% of the cows with bi-model let down at the beginning of milking sets. Parlors with decent human prep see 15 to 20% of the cows with bi-models. We have also seen a number of parlors with bi-models let downs as high as 50%. (Check your prep!) (Check Teat ends)

### GREEN CARE

One example of a promising but understudied therapy is "green care" or "care farming", a type of intervention that uses natural environments to improve or promote health and well being. Participants in green care programs are offered the opportunity to spend time volunteering on farms, where they learn new skills, interact with workers and come in contact with farm animals. These types of experiences can improve mood and outlook by increasing self-efficiency and self esteem. This is known to be individually beneficial in the treatment of depression and so many have a positive synergistic affect as well. (anthrophysis.com)

### CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

COME ONE, COME ALL  
TO THE 30TH ANNUAL  
PDC GOLF TOURNAMENT ON  
SEPT. 14, 2017 TO BE HELD AT  
THE HOME OF CHAMPIONS,  
LEDGEVIEW GOLF & COUNTRY!  
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### GEA-HOULE FIT R-300

If you're looking for a good scraping solution for tight areas, check out GEA-Houle's Fit R-300 barn scrapers.

This new type of scraper is a compact solution to scrape manure alleys. The unique Fit R-300 is easy to use and maintain. The compact drive unit dual-motor design allows for an auto-tensioning feature on the Combi-rope, which reduces maintenance with no timing chain. This unit is also flexible in that it can be installed in a corner, in line or in a 360° configuration. Finally a machine that is simple and flexible. This technology was developed by a company in Sweden that is owned by GEA.

(first one going in Sumas, picture on back)

### CUT THE CHEESE

At the Chicago Board of Trade, it's time to cut the cheese - in a way. Around 20 traders yelled about the prices of cheese, specifically truckloads of cheddar, for the last time on the derivative's exchange floor at the end of June 2017. The 10 minute auction that determines the United States bench mark cheese price - has been held each weekday at 10:45 am in a corner of the trading floor since 1977. This auction has gone electronic at the beginning of July. The switch will make it easier for other groups of traders to access the cheese market, which has impact on milk prices in the US as well. From the moment it started, there was yelling and shouting, but it's all over now! (say cheese!)

### FOOD INNOVATION

The Federal Government is investing \$120,000 more in the Canadian Food Innovator Science cluster to consult with food and beverage processors on research and innovative priorities. The funding will help Canadian food and beverage manufacturers better compete, innovate and capitalize on new opportunities. The money will be used to better connect the needs of processors with the capacity and resources available through research centers, universities and food technology centers. The food and beverage processing sector buys and processes more than 50% of farmer's production across Canada.

(Western Producer June)

### UNDENIABLY DAIRY

With the dairy industry finding itself at the receiving end of confusing criticism, it seems a new fresh approach is needed. A new effort aims at improving that record. It's called "Undeniably Dairy" and combines some new features and others that have been around for awhile that are upbeat and non-defensive and others are just for fun. They avoid the air of self-righteousness and in some portray dairy farms as the fascinating places they are. For example, a new story last winter mentioned that Skittles are fed to dairy cows. The Undeniably Dairy website offers a complete and science-based explanation that leaves viewers with only one question. "Whether Cows like Skittles or Gummy Worms Best?"

<https://dairygood.org/undeniably-dairy>  
(from Capitol Press)



## Meet your needs with the perfect fit

The Fit R-300 is the compact solution for effective cleaning of your dairy barn alleys.

The unique Fit R-300 offers you the solution for effective alley cleaning, ease of use, and flexible adaptation to small-medium scale operations. The drive unit's compact dual-motor design allows for an auto-tensioning feature on the Combi-rope, which reduces its maintenance. And because you can install the Fit R-300 in a corner, in line or in a 360-degree configuration, it's the equipment that offers you all the flexibility you've been waiting for.

Compact, reliable and easy to use, the Fit R-300 turns a big job into child's play.



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