



**THE RIGHT CHOICE**



## MI one NEWS

This past month we had an MI one seminar to introduce 34 dairymen to the latest technology in Robotic Milking. Thank you to Bill, Henny & Alex Klop of Bileena Farms who just purchased the first 2 Box MI one's that will be installed in Agassiz in June.

We also have a complete operational MI one on our show room floor if you want to take a closer look.

## DAIRYPROQ NEWS

DairyProQ is a rotary parlour with an automated robotic arm at every stall. It was developed by GEA and introduced at EuroTier in Germany last fall.

Several installations are up and running in Germany. It's very exciting for Pacific Dairy and Gracemar Farms in Chilliwack, which will be the first site for a 60 stall DPQ parlour in North America. And thank you to Wally, John, Michael, Richard and their families for your confidence in us and GEA in entering a new era in milking cows.

This is an exciting time for everyone!

## PDC STAFF CHANGES AND JOB OPENINGS

- Richard Siebring is moving to full time MI one Robot Sales and Support. This leaves room for a full time Inventory Manager to assist Ben Tromp.
  - We have an opening for an additional full time Robotic and Automation Tech.
  - Another opening for an additional Manure Equipment Service Tech.
  - Jack Neels will now be the "Go To" person for scheduling and coordinating equipment installation projects.
  - We also require two additional welder/fabricator techs.
- So this means that we are looking to hire five people altogether.

## HOW MAY COWS

How many cows do you need to buy a wife? A software developer in Johannesburg has taken the time honored African tradition of paying a bride price into the tech age with an app to calculate the woman's value. Anyone weighing whether to ask for a woman's hand can enter her stats into Kopo Robert Matsaneng Lobola Calculator and it churns out her value in rand and tells you how many cows that would equate to. The price can be converted in pounds, Euros or dollars. "This is a fun app to calculate how much lobola you're worth", Mr Matsuanang said. Lobola is a tradition widely practiced in Africa where men approach a woman's relatives to propose marriage and negotiate a price. *(from Bloomberg News)*

## ORDER AT PDC

- \*Parts for Harvestore Unloaders.
- \*Parts for Slurrystore pumps and agitators.
- \*Dispensers (3 amounts) for calf carts.
- \*Pull Carts for calf bottles.
- \*Clean in place Calf Bottle cleaners.
- \*Parts and Complete AO Smith Hot Water Tanks.
- \*Custom made cow hobbles.
- \*Parts for Cornell, Doda and Halco Pumps.
- \*Rolls of Bird Screen 12' x 330'.
- \*Parts and Complete AccuTrim Hoof Chute.
- \*Hydraulic and Electric Primers for Pumps.
- \*Compressor Pots for Cooling units.
- \*Electric and air actuators.
- \*Plug and Play controls for manure systems.
- \*Mobile cow milker units.

## COWS AROUND

Corb Lund and the "Hurtin Albertans" have a famous Canadian song called "Cows Around".

*Livin' in town sometimes brings me down.*

*Let me bestow this western bless-*

*ing share what I have found.*

*May you always have cows around.*

*What else you gonna spend that extra money on.*

*What else is gonna get you up hours before dawn.*

*What else is gonna keep you toiling on and on and on.*

*May you always have cows around.*

It does go on much longer than this and is a fun song to check out. Also interesting to us because cows around keeps us around!

## FR one

Fr one is an effective feed pushing system with hidden features. This unit will be available to GEA dealers. It was shown at Euro Tier in Hanover, Germany.

Here are the functions of an FR one:

- 1) Ultrasound sensors for device positioning.
- 2) Distance control feature.
- 3) Safety rail.
- 4) Synthetic Blades
- 5) Interior comparable with SRone feed system.
- 6) Inductive sensor and Gyroscope device for positioning.
- 7) PU skirt.
- 8) 1200 x 1480 x 770 mm (h x w x H).

## CLOTTED CREAM

Clotted cream was supposedly invented in the Devonshire region of England.

To make it yourself, you take 2 liters or more of whole milk into a large bowl & leave stand for 2 hrs in a cool place. Then skim the cream from the surface and put in a shallow flame proof dish. Place over a very low heat until a ring of bubbles form. Do not allow cream to boil. Remove from heat and allow to settle in a cool place for 24 hours. Using a slotted spoon, gently skim the thickened cream from the surface and put in a bowl.

It is now ready to use as is and is also great on pies and scones!

GEA DairyProQ with 32 milking stall



Continuously fully automatic milking.

