



THE RIGHT CHOICE



## ONTARIO FARM SHOW

I had the privilege of attending the Ontario Farm Show in Woodstock, Ontario. Certainly, this is a worth while show to attend as a Canadian farmer. It is probably about one half the size of Tulare, California's show but makes up the difference in Canadian character. I did get to talk to many GEA and Insentec dealers while seeing what was new from an Easterner perspective. Here is a list of things I found interesting at the show:

- \* GEA Mlone at Keestra farm.
- \* Custom barn rubber to full length.
- \* New automatic cow feeders by robot from Robivec.
- \* New octagon posts from Jordain.
- \* New Ag trac pattern in Concrete.
- \* New Vogelsang Boom for manure.
- \* New Automatic Hutch feeder by GEA.
- \* LED Lights for barn lighting.
- \* Automatic remote control agitators for Lagoons.

## FLAMINGO MILK

With their enormous breeding flocks, flamingos pair up and build a mud nest. A single egg is laid and then incubated by both parents on 24 hour shifts. After hatching, the parents feed the grey chick "milk" for the next few months. Only two groups of birds feed their young on "milk", pigeons and flamingos. The milk is a secretion from the crop of the bird that contains fat and protein. Its production is controlled by the same hormone as in mammals - prolactin. The persistent begging calls of the flamingo chick stimulate prolactin secretion. Unlike mammals, females and males produce crop milk.

(from Honolulu Zoo)

## DE-ICE CHEESE

Wisconsin officials are running a pilot project this winter using excess cheese brine to de-ice roads. In a Sept. 11 Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article, they also advocated using excess acid whey that the huge Greek Yogurt manufacturing plant is having problems disposing of.

The article also noted that rock salt corrodes and creates excess sodium runoff into waterways.

(from Capital Press)

## SYSTEM OPTIMIZATION

(from GEA Milk Quality)

In order to maximize your milking performance, sometimes you need to peel back the stainless steel and rubber exteriors and, in a sense, see exactly what is going on inside your teat cups. In other words, you need to start with the basics.

Optimizing and maintaining your milking system on a regular basis ensures your equipment settings are fine-tuned just for your cows and your dairy. This is providing the most successful milking process possible. The goals of milk harvest is to quickly, completely and gently remove milk from the udder. But what seems like the simple factors, are actually quite complex. These goals are influenced by many variables and often times maximizing one factor can have a negative factor on another. Talk to your tech regularly!

## BEST OF THE BEST!

Pacific Dairy has a line up of products that helps farmers to be at peak performance even at the most challenging circumstances. The following is a list of good tools used to reach that optimum performance:

- ◆ Dynamint for Udder Health.
- ◆ Custom made PDC shackles/hobbles.
- ◆ Udder Singe for udder hair reduction.
- ◆ Ag-Mini Lime Spreaders.
- ◆ DariTech Fold Down CIP units.
- ◆ GEA Automatic Foot Baths.
- ◆ Tail Trimmers from New Zealand.
- ◆ Six month parlour checks.
- ◆ Drench Mate Pump Drenchers.
- ◆ Hoofreet 365 Plus (New Product).
- ◆ Sure Comfort for the best hand cleaner.
- ◆ Utresept for good pre and post breeding.
- ◆ Best soap, acid and chlorine in Valley.

## POINT OF INTEREST

Hugh Davis of Davistead Farms put on his first Surge milking machine 83 years ago.

## ACTUAL FARMS

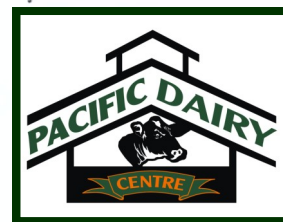
From cheesmaking.com I ran into a website with a number of farm names that I thought were very interesting and amusing. See what you think!

- Moo-Ville Farms
- Proverbs Farm and Dairy
- WeeHavaNoRanch
- Bread and Butter Farms
- Cozy Cow Dairy
- Peasant Milk
- Pride and Joy Dairy
- Never Say Never Farm
- Strange Family Farm
- Honest to Goodness Dairy
- Full Circle Farm
- All I Saw Farm
- Alday Farm
- Sweet Agape Farm
- Flights of Fancy Farm
- Moo Grass Farm
- Fare Share Farm
- The Cows Are Out Dairy
- Copacetic Farm Dairy
- Moo-nique Dairy
- Little Brown Cow Dairy
- BeWholeAgainFamilyFarm
- Cream and Crop Farms
- The UdderWayofDoingThings
- Field to Fork Farm
- Storybook Farm
- The Little Milk Man
- It's All Good Farms
- Udderly Fresh Farm
- Keepsake Farm
- Cows R Us Farms

## NEW STAFF AT PACIFIC DAIRY

Pacific Dairy is happy to welcome three new staff members with Todd Morrison, Mike McAra and Jason Burchart, all formerly of Valley Dairy Equipment in Chilliwack. When the Boumatic dealership was discontinued at Valley Dairy, we saw great value in the experience and relationships that these men have with dairies in the Fraser Valley and on Vancouver Island. Todd will continue to serve his customers with the route truck and Mike and Jason will work mainly in installation of equipment, where we are very busy right now. We're so glad to have them join our team!

## *Hands Down Winner of the North American Manure Expo for Agitation!*



### **Articulated Housing**

The Articulated Housing is a valuable, time saving option. The agitation nozzle combined with the 40° vertical rotation of the articulated housing creates enough turbulence to significantly reduce the time needed to homogenize your main storage. It can be installed on the Articulated or the Lagoon Agi-Pompe.



*Articulated Agi-Pompe with the optional articulated housing*



### **Lower Housing Articulation**

