



MANURE STORAGE

Pacific Dairy has been promoting the benefits of the Slurrystore method of storing manure since 2006. In 2012, we installed 4 complete structures at Viewfield Farms, Hoek Holsteins, Rosevale Farms, Mardelen Holstein and expanded a structure at Lavender Farms. It seems that some of the weaknesses of inground concrete pits have become more apparent in the last couple of years. In an area with high annual rainfall, high water tables and expensive land using above ground positive containment just seems to make the most sense.

Other benefits include:

- Smaller land footprint.
- Collects significantly less rain water.
- Doesn't waste expensive land.
- Much safer for people & livestock.
- Not susceptible to filling with ground water or leaking manure into ground water.
- Less odor at ground level.
- Easy to agitate
- Positive containment.
- Professional grade look.
- Perceived as an asset.
- Good public perception.
- Can be dismantled and moved.
- Ability to monitor any leakage.
- Ability to decanter into another pit.
- Ability to service.
- Can be used as a digester tank.
- Can be enlarged.
- Protection from any flood waters.
- Illumination of priming pump.

PANCAKES

"Eat butter first and eat it last and live till a hundred years past"

(Old Dutch Proverb)

A comfort food enjoyed around the world in various ways, the modern day pancake dated back to Roman times.

The earliest known pancake recipe appears in a 16th century Dutch cookbook. The Tuesday preceding Ash Wednesday is celebrated as a day of indulgence. Depending on where you're from, this day is known as Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday, Shrove Tuesday or even Pancake Tuesday. The tradition of making pancakes on this day began as a way to use up perishables like butter, milk and eggs before the 40th day feast of Lent.

(Edible Ink from Edible Vancouver)

PS. If you do not have buttermilk for your pancakes, you can fake it by adding 1 tablespoon of white vinegar or lemon juice to a cup of milk. You need to let it sit for 10 minutes to thicken.

HOULE NEWS

Houle has added to its product line an alley scraper system using a small chain instead of cable. Although chain costs more, it will have a longer service life. It also allows the drive units to be mounted inside the barn.

CABLE LIFE EXPECTANCY

When PDC started installing cable scraper system 15 years ago, we were getting 1 - 2 years of life out of a galvanized cable but today, using higher quality stainless cable, we are averaging over 5 years of life out of the cable. A dramatic improvement!

PST EXEMPTION FORMS

Included with this statement is the PST Exemption Form that we must have on hand to exempt you from being taxed on certain items. Please fill this form out and send it back to us by

- 1) fax it back to us at 604-852-5091
- 2) email it to office@pacificdairy.net
- or 3) include it with your payment.

Unfortunately, if we don't have this form on file, we will be required to charge PST on everything that you purchase from us.



CHEMICAL IN MILK

There is a recent story in the Wall Street Journal which reported that dicyandiamide (DCD), a product that farmers apply to pastures to reduce nitrate leaching and promote pasture growth, has been found in milk in New Zealand. New Zealand media reported that two fertilizer companies recalled their products containing the active ingredient. New Zealand media also quoted Fonterra sources saying that the product does not present a food safety risk. A ministry of the government official said there is no food safety concern associated with the use of DCD.

(from Capital Press)

HOOF TREET 365

Why Hoof Tree 365? Not just another product but a complete program, locally made, hoof treatment product line that will also be offering 365 Plus in the near future to augment and support regular Hoof Tree 365. Just like our Hoof Tree 365, our new product is biodegradable, using acids and pure products instead of Formaldehyde and Copper Sulphate. New studies show an infection, related to syphilis, called Treponemes exists deep in hoofs through hair follicles into oil glands. Our new Hoof Tree Plus product will have the ability through its polymers to penetrate the hair shafts in get oil to those oil glands. The polymers also have the ability to allow more cows to travel thru the foot bath to make it comparable in price to formaldehyde. Gels and sprays are also available, ask any one of our route men.



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