



The Right Choice

Crowd Gate Management

Probably the least talked about piece of equipment in a dairy barn is the crowd gate. It does not seem to get the lime light that the parlor or the barn gets, yet they can be very important. Farms can spend a lot of time working on proper milking procedures in the parlor. Unfortunately if we don't also train dairy employees on proper cow handling techniques, outside of the parlor, they can ruin all of the positive procedures happening during milking (including milk let down). Crowd gate management is a key component to proper cow handling. In fact, what happens in the holding area is a precursor to how successful the milking performance will be for cows.

From milk quality specialist newsletter

The following are some good crowd gate recommendations...

- Don't push your cows with a gate.
- Don't spray water at the cows unless it is hot.
- Try not to have too steep of a holding area.
- Move crowd gate with a timer for a set period of time.
- Alarms are good to let cows know its going to move.
- Get cows facing forward to parlor if possible.
- Try to stay out of the holding area.
- Take a look from time to time to see what's going on back there.
- Start prepping the first two cows in the parlor.
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- Cows don't like black holes or shadows
- Should be no manure on crowd gates.
- Electricity should never be used to move cows.

Note: We now offer at Pacific Dairy medium duty crowd gates in the ten thousand range.

Tea Please

When tea was introduced into Britain in the middle of the seventeenth century, most tea was green. By the end of the eighteenth century green teas were still popular, but black teas also accelerated the addition of milk. Milk was added by some in the seventeenth century. The Marquise de Sevigne was early to use it in France, however, it was not until well into the eighteenth century that the use of milk in tea became common. Now coffee and tea rival oil and gas in total money spent day to day.

From C from A Brief History of Tea by Roy Moxham.

Drag Systems

Currently we have three Manure Drag Systems on order. We see this trend growing year by year. We offer a wide range of quality choices to put together the best system possible for your needs. If interested we have a great resource in a Cadman product manual. Ask our Route men for one. We offer, soft hose, hard hose, fittings, booms, airway aerators, pump motors, lay flat hose, flow meters agitators, primers and irrigators.



Did you know?

In an average field, there may be 200,000 earthworms per 2 1/2 acres (hectare). Good meadow land is likely to have more than one million, and it is possible to find over two million in the richest pasture land.

From Abbotsford Coffee News Feb. 21

A Cowlick is the word used to describe an area of a person's hair that sticks up at an angle. This is caused because the hair is growing in a spiral pattern. The term "cowlick" comes from the way cows lick their calves in such a way that make the calf's hair curl.

From Abbotsford Coffee News Jan. 31

Company News

As Pacific Dairy continues to grow in all areas of our business we keep adjusting to make our team as effective as possible. The following are some of those adjustments.

- Herb VanNes will now head up our service department for all manure and irrigation equipment. (604-302-0319)
- Dave Vaags will now be able to offer our customers computer drawings for Manure Systems and Irrigation. (604-302-5604)
- Jim Peters is head of Pacific Dairy's manure department. (604-316-0682)

Pacific Dairy will now be able to offer and price a Fully Turn Key Bedding Maker System (including building and electrical), Sand Recovery System, Flush System and Slurry Store System. We will also be able to offer HD Continuous Poly in ground pipe.

PS. Our new lime spreaders are in stock.

Tires and Wheels

Tires on GEA Houle spreaders offer good quality price ratio while reducing soil compaction to a minimum. Tires available for each model of spreader are listed in the specifications.



Galaxy 850/50 X32
with 27 X 32 rim
10-3/4" bolts



Alliance 850/50-30.5
with 28 X 30.5 rim
10-3/4" bolts



Galaxy 725/65 X26
with 25 X 26 rim
10-3/4" bolts



Alliance 28L X 26
with 25 X 26 rim
10-3/4" bolts



Goodyear 28L X 26
with 25 X 26 rim
10-3/4" bolts



Goodyear 23.1L X 26
with 20 X 26 rim
10-3/4" bolts

Air Brakes



Our air braking system is designed to improve safety and to guarantee maximum braking power.

Mudguard



The mudguard splashing mud, water, etc., and keep your spreader cleaner. Made of steel for along life span.