



The Right Choice



Golf Sign-Up

PDC Annual Golf & Dinner is September 15th, 2011. Call the office.

Astrea the Robot

The Ideal Milker....

- Is in the barn 24 hrs a day
- Milks the cows 3 times a day
- Preps the cows the same way every time
- Removes teat cups individually for better udder health
- Sanitizes the teat cup after each milking
- Checks the milk for quality
- Calls you if there is a problem with a cow
- Checks the cow's activity for heats
- Stores your cow's information
- Gives you the information you need to make better decisions
- Doesn't talk back

Auctioneering (Fast Talking)

Rod Burnett (born in Chilliwack, BC) trained for auctioneering in Iowa 15 years ago and worked for a time in Alberta before returning to Vernon in 2007. Rod's sales ability, strong voice, and clarity were good enough to name him the 2011 Canadian livestock all round champion. This year's win earned him \$5,500 in cash and prizes and an all expenses entry to the World Livestock Championship at Hilmar, California. Burnett works full-time at Valley Auction near Armstrong and is the 3rd person from the firm to win. His uncle and his dad also auctioned for over 40 years. *Western Producer*

Iodine (Teat Dips)

For more than 30 years, our GEA-Westfalia Surge Teat Dips like Teat-Kote and Theratec iodine dips have been flagship products in Canada and the US. Why have these products done so well in such a highly competitive market? Here are the following reasons.

- Tested, tried and true (passed all Cdn DIN Protocols A, B and C)
- They have more complex iodine in formula
- They both have more titratable iodine and free iodine.
- The more complex the iodine is the more free iodine that is produced thru contact with organisms or organic matter
- They are Emollient enhanced with Glycerin to soften teats and PVP to heal any skin damage.
- Their unique formulation dries quick and is close to PH Neutral
- They all have top quality ingredients

Smart Girl

Lindsay Binegar has won a lot of 4-H competitions by showing her prize animals, and it hasn't hurt her bank account either. In fact, at the age of 18, she used her accumulated winnings to buy a four-bedroom, two bathroom house with a two car garage in Greenfield, Ohio. She paid \$40,000 through an estate sale. Lindsay says any money she won over many years went straight into the bank, which was why she could afford the house at such a young age. Her

father urged her to invest in real estate, and she rents her property to relatives while she's at college. This was a great story from the Coffee News Bulletin. We would also like to thank all the people including leaders in all the work that is done at fairs and shows.

Solids

Sometimes we wonder why manure can get so thick. Maybe we shouldn't wonder when we consider the following; let's pretend everything on the farm goes straight to the manure pit. If you were to back all the sawdust trucks, all the feed trucks, all the silage trucks, all the sand trucks, all the hay trucks from month to month straight into the manure pit or lagoon, guess what, that is a lot of solids! Yes, and a lot of fibre!

Buttermilk Gone Bad

Since buttermilk is high in lactic acid it can last longer, even up to 3 weeks. The lactic acid aids in curbing the growth of harmful bacteria. The bacteria in buttermilk produce lactic acid and diacetyl, a flavor compound that gives it its buttery aroma and taste (diacetyl is the dominant flavor compound in butter). As time passes, the buttermilk continues to ferment and becomes more acidic. The abundance of acid kills virtually all of the bacteria that produces the buttery tasting diacetyl. So three week old buttermilk will retain its tartness but loses its buttery taste. Hence, not as good a pancake. The goodness is that there is a way to prolong the shelf life and preserve the flavor by freezing it. *Cooks Illustrated*



Introducing our New 22' PDC Silage Box



- Manufactured by Brand's Welding in Yarrow
- 22' long x 8' wide with 4' walls
- 4' extension on both sides
- Hinged tail gate
- UHMW floor for smooth and quiet chain operation
- 2 speed floor chain
- 2 stage primer & paint for high corrosion resistance
- Tandem axle chassis with dual caliper disc brakes
- Power steering system unique to GEA Houle
- Hydraulic suspension for smoother operation
- Wide axle spacing for better floatation
- 600/50/22.5 Alliance high speed floatation tires
- Hydraulic drive vertical beater attachment available

*If interested talk to John Bruinsma