



featured project **STONECREEK FARMS**

Gerben and Ria Steenbeek owned a dairy farm in the province of Flevoland in the Netherlands where their children Gerard, Nanda and Jordan were born. In the fall of 1996, the Steenbeek family immigrated to Woodham, Ontario. They built a new dairy, Stonecreek Farms, on a green site in 1997 with a D-12 Surge parlour from DLS. The first milking was on August 1, 1997 with approximately 125 cows.

As the years passed, they steadily grew by purchasing more quota and building new barns. Like many farm kids, the Steenbeek children became more involved with the dairy farm as they grew older, and by 2006 they were all working full time on the farm. Each of the children got married, and their spouses Tanya, Lennert and Sarah all became involved in the farm as well.

As the farm continued to grow, opportunities became available for the expanding family to be involved. In 2011 they bought the dairy farm on Whalen line and started milking 250 cows there. Today the Steenbeek family milks 900 cows between the two farms. Gerben and Ria are now slowing down their involvement as the next generation takes Stonecreek Farms into the future.

On behalf of DLS and the Steenbeek family, we would like to invite you to celebrate the next chapter in Stonecreek Farms family history as we open the doors to the new 440' x 265' cross ventilated dairy barn and 50 stall rotary on Saturday January 19, 2018 from 10am - 3pm. Open house details can be found at go.dairylane.ca/stonecreek.



1 We're Social Too

There is so much going on at DLS! Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.

2 Tradeshow Season

We would love it if you dropped in at our booth! Check our tradeshow schedule @ dairylane.ca/tradeshows

3 Dairy Lane Is Hiring

Looking for an exciting career? We hope you will consider working at DLS! Apply @ dairylane.ca/careers

EMPLOYEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

DLS is pleased to welcome the following people to the Dairy Lane team:



Rahim Fazal

*Manure and Biogas
Installation/Service Technician*



Mark Nadeau

Custodian



Spencer Plaskon

Construction Labourer



Matt Bily-Marr

Construction Labourer



Adam Jensen

*Manure and Stabling
Installation/Service Technician*



Mark Wescott | Marketing Coordinator

We are kicking off 2019 in a big way! On Saturday, January 19, we are hosting an open house with Stonecreek Farms in Woodham, Ontario. This has been one of our banner projects for the year and we hope to see you there!

Each year we have two back to back farm shows in St. Hyacinthe Quebec (January 15 - 17) and Quebec City (January 24 - 26), where our booth will feature the Jourdain stabling product line. This year we will be introducing the ACME fan line to the Quebec market as well.

As we head into February, we have another exciting open house at Hogendoorn Dairy Farms that will feature the Daritech sand separation system that was installed this past fall.

Beyond events, our construction sites have been moving forward despite the cold winter weather. We are looking at 4-5 more milking start-ups within the first couple months of 2019.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Steve Wilcox

*Stabling & Manure Installation
and Service Technician*

Joined DLS March 2018

Steve has worked at DLS for just over 9 months. Prior to working at Dairy Lane, Steve left Strathroy right out of high school and went to work for Labatt Breweries of Canada, in Edmonton. After a year in the west he relocated back to Strathroy working for Labatt's in London. After 2 years of factory shift work, Steve decided to find something that offered more opportunities, and he landed here! Steve's enjoying his time at DLS, and he has a great group of helpful, friendly coworkers who he gives the credit for all he has learned thus far.

Spending time with family and friends when he's not working is where you can usually find Steve. He enjoys the outdoors and skiing is something he likes to do during winter months (when there's snow!).

Running heavy equipment (dirt or crane) is an interest that Steve has always had, and one day down the road, that may be something he might like to pursue. At the moment, he's still young and is looking forward to what other interests he may encounter when it comes to his career here at DLS.

We are glad you are on the DLS team, Steve, and we look forward to seeing your knowledge and skill level increase even more! Those first 9 months have certainly flown by!!



JANUARY'S product of the month

ACME is a world leader in the design, manufacturing and distribution of fans, blowers and ventilation equipment. ACME's manufacturing facility in Oklahoma is over 350,000 square feet and is equipped with modern computer assisted machinery and automated tooling. The ACME fan line is completely manufactured in the USA.

The ACME DXP 60" Composite Fan with its variable speed DC drive is the most efficient tunnel/cross ventilated fan on the market. At 300 RPM this fan performs at 39.3 CFM/W (30,578 CFM), and at 440 RPM this fan performs at 19.4 CFM/W (36,919 CFM). The fan is made with a durable military-grade polymer material that is UV and chemical resistant, and a Mazak Fiber optic laser is used to precisely fabricate the fans aerodynamic and structural components.

Interested in tunnel or cross ventilation? Be sure to visit us at Stonecreek Farms open house on Saturday January 19! There are 69 of these fans located on the east wall of this cross ventilated project! Open house details can be found at go.dairylane.ca/stonecreek.

JOB PROGRESSION HIGHLIGHTS



1

Viewhill Holsteins
Woodstock, ON

The Strik family of Viewhill Holsteins built a second dairy barn in 2014 with a Single 10 GEA parlour. The parlour has recently been sold to a new dairy producer and the second farm will begin milking with two GEA Monobox robots within the first couple months of 2019. At the home farm, the family milks in a GEA D-10 parallel parlour.



2

Ijsseldijk Dairy
Springfield, ON

The milking cows will be moving to the new dairy barn by the end of the month. The cows are currently milked in a D-24 parallel parlour and they will transition to a GEA ATR Performer 50 stall rotary. The new dairy barn will be a skid steer scrape barn and the manure will be transferred about 120' away to the sand separation facility.



3

Lebold Farms
Wellesley, ON

We have a great working relationship with some of the local Lely dealers installing DLS barn equipment in their robot barns, many of which are permitter feed like this one. This barn at Lebold Farms will have four robots, and it is set to start-up at the end of January. It will feature Jourdain stabling, GEA manure equipment and ACME panel fans. The farm is currently milking in a tie stall set-up.

What You Need To Know About The Dairy Farmer Investment Program

Year two of the Dairy Farmer Investment Program (DFIP) is upon us and we want to make sure you know what steps to take if you want to apply for funding from the Government of Canada.

The DFIP program is a five year program that was initiated to help Canadian cow's milk producers improve productivity through upgrades to their equipment. The second phase of the program has \$98 million allocated for funding.

Dairy farmers can apply for as little as \$1,000 up to the program cap of \$100,000. You could be reimbursed up to 50% of eligible costs if you are a successful candidate.

If you have just completed a project, or are in the middle of an existing project, you may still be eligible. The DFIP program will consider applicants with eligible activities or costs that were incurred on or after August 1, 2017.

Make sure to submit your project request application between January 7, 2019 and February 8, 2019 to be considered for funding. Any requests submitted outside of these dates will be denied. The online system to submit project requests opens on January 7, 2019.

Projects will be selected through a computerized random process for potential funding - if you are among the successful candidates, you will then have to fill out a detailed application which can be submitted in electronic form. You will have a period of four weeks to complete the detailed application.

Keep in mind that if you submitted a DFIP application last year under Phase 1 and did not receive funding, your application will not be carried forward to Phase 2 - you will have to reapply.

For more information on the DFIP program and full program details, please visit go.dairylane.ca/DFIP.



FEATURED POST



Stonecreek Farms

shared Dairy Lane System's post.

December 30, 2018

We are getting very close to being done and will be announcing the date for the open house very soon!

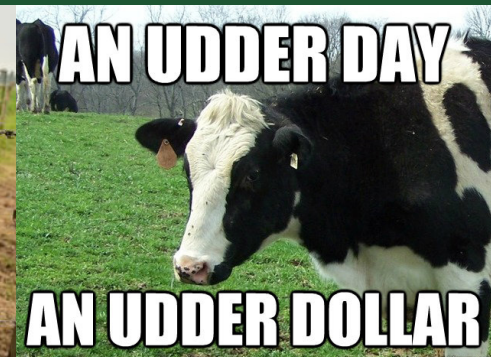
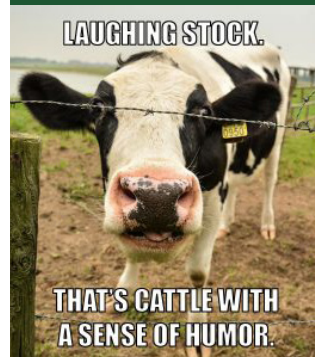


Dairy Lane Systems

December 29, 2018



We're excited to announce Stonecreek Farms will be having an open house in January! Stay tuned, the open house date will be publicized in about one week. [#DLSstructure](#) [#DLSdairy](#) [#DLSrotary](#) [#stonecreekbuild](#) [#stonecreekopenhouse](#) [Stonecreek Farms Agristee!](#)



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