



featured project **OASIS ACRES**

Jacob and Ida Westerhof immigrated from Groningen, the Netherlands, to Canada in 1948. As required by immigration, Jacob worked for the person who sponsored him for one year (a farm near Bayfield). After completing this commitment, Jacob worked in a factory and Ida cleaned houses to save up enough money to be able to buy their own farm. They first bought a farm in St. Paul's near St. Mary's, but sold it after a year and bought the existing farm near Komoka in March of 1958. It was a mixed farm with mostly dairy. In 1976 a Surge pipeline was installed, and they were milking 43 cows in tie stalls.

In 1990 their son Albert bought the cows, and in 1994 Albert and his wife Suzanna bought the farm where they raised their four children. Over the years, the old bank barn has had a few small renovations. In 2015 their son Jonathan expressed his interest to become a dairy farmer at which time they started planning for a new dairy facility. In November 2018, they moved into a D-8 DLS / GEA parallel parlour and a 4-row center feed alley free stall barn with 72 stalls and a pack area for dry cows. The barn features sand bedding, Jourdain stabling and JOZ/GEA manure equipment.

Albert and Jonathan work the farm together, and they have been happy with the cow's transition into the new facility. Be sure to check-out the video showing their milking process @ go.dairylane.ca/oasismilking.



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EMPLOYEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



Glenn Martin
Construction Labourer



Michel Pellegrino
Stabling Installation
& Service Technician



Dalton Hunter
Dairy Equipment
Installation Technician



Alex Riley
Construction Labourer



Deaghan Thompson
Construction Labourer



Barb Stiles
Accounts Payable
Coordinator



DLS provides automation solutions to dairy farms!?

Are you looking to add automation to your barn? DLS offers automated solutions to almost everything you can think of.

Using a programmable logic controller (PLC), DLS technicians can set your barn up to be able to automate anything that is powered by electricity. These automations can be scheduled to run at a certain time, or even run a sequence of events based on a changing condition.

Automation can be used in many areas of your barn including lighting, ventilation, milking, and manure equipment. It can increase the safety in a barn by always ensuring a task is run and avoiding human error. A PLC can either be implemented as a standalone solution or as an addition to existing components provided through DLS.

An example of a PLC that DLS has implemented is monitoring the levels of manure pits. As manure enters a collection pit, the PLC continually monitors the levels and will trigger a pump to start to pump the manure to long term storage once a certain level is reached, to avoid overflowing the collection pit.

Get rid of some daily chores and ask DLS to setup your barn with an automated PLC program to help make your operation more efficient. Call DLS and ask for Marlon to get more information and a free onsite survey and quote.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Matt Bullock
Foreman - Structures
Joined DLS January 2018

Matt has been working at DLS for over a year now. He was hired to the Structures team as a Carpenter, but he quickly grew into the Foreman position he currently holds.

Prior to working here Matt worked as a Carpenter with GTI Construction building new homes, and prior to that he was welding at Roestenberg Welding.

Matt is a baseball fan and plays during the summer. In colder months he's an avid snowmobiler who takes advantage of any chance he can get to hit the trails! He especially enjoys going up north to snowmobile in the ultimate sledding weather.

Matt has been doing a lot of reno's on his house and recently redid the kitchen while his girlfriend was out of town. The plan was to surprise her when she got back by having it done!! She got a heck of a surprise when she saw what he was doing, but it wasn't quite how she was supposed to find out. Matt facetimes her and without thinking of what she could see he wandered around and she could see the work being done!! Way to ruin a good surprise Matt!!

Matt is enjoying his work at DLS; like many, he's been doing a lot of different jobs over the past few months, and would like to eventually get into the stabling or welding side of the business!!



JUNE'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.

Spring is here, and HOT weather will be just around the corner! Get prepared now in your naturally ventilated barns with ACME 54" panel fans. They are super quiet fans and have a CFM rating of 24,400. An ideal set-up in a naturally ventilated barn will include fans over the free stalls spaced every 40' as well as fans on the feed alley. Fans in the stalls keep the cows cool and comfortable and fans on the feed alley encourage the cows to get out of the stalls and eat while still being comfortable. All this to make you more milk! Don't forget to include fans in your pack areas too for your dry cows and fresh cows!

JOB PROGRESSION HIGHLIGHTS



1

Bouma Dairy
Thedford, ON

The Bouma family at Bouma Dairy transitioned this past month from a D-6 parabone parlour to a new DLS / GEA D-10 parallel parlour! The cows moved into their new 4-row center feed alley dairy barn accompanied with a pack area for dry cows. The barn is skid steer scraped to one end with gravity flow to the pit.

2

Vlodale Farms
Parkhill, ON

The Vander Vloet family at Vlodale Farms transitioned this past month from a Surge Single 6 sawtooth parlour to a new DLS / GEA D-12 parallel parlour! With a large family of varying heights, they have a custom DLS floor that can be raised and lowered to accommodate for the height of the milker. The cows will remain in their existing dairy barn.

3

Kastnerville Farms
Stratford, ON

The Van Straaten family at Kastnerville Farms transitioned this past month from a tie stall operation to a new DLS / GEA D-12 parallel parlour. The cows moved into the new dairy barn with slats and two rows of free stalls on one side of the feed alley, and a pack area for dry cows and heifers on the other side of the feed alley.



#DAIRYDONERIGHT

There is a lot of information about dairy farming available, whether it be through online articles, newspapers, forums, blogs, and even Netflix documentaries.

Unfortunately, there is a lot of misinformation about dairy farming that has changed the public's perception of dairy farmers and the agriculture business as a whole.

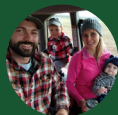
Dairy Farmers of Ontario has released a new campaign that shows how dairy farms in Ontario are mostly family owned farms that are passed down from generation to generation.

"Our intent with this campaign is to reinforce and celebrate the values of hard-work, compassion and dedication true to both Ontario dairy farmers and the people who consume their product daily." Sean Brett, chief marketing officer of Dairy Farmers of Ontario, stated.

It is time the public sees what dairy farming is really all about - not what the activists try to portray farmers as. Watch the videos produced as part of this campaign at milk.org/dairydoneright!



FEATURED TWEET



Erik Kennes

May 4, 2019 at 7:37 PM

Lots of Jourdain headlocks going in today from @dairylaneystem special thanks to @bkennes for bringing the extra 🙌 #ontag #dairy



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