



## featured project **DAIRI-ACRES**

The Bryant family has lived and operated on their dairy farm in the Strathroy area since the early 1900's. Today Dean and Amy Bryant (dairy), and Ian and Emma Bryant (crops), run the farm along with parents, Ervin and Jeanette Bryant.

In 1977, their first free stall and parlour barn was built. They were milking 80 cows in a D-4 parlour, which served them for over 20 years. By 2000, they were milking 100 cows, and they renovated the parlour to a D-7. A year later, they had a barn fire, and they built a new sand bedded free stall barn.

In 2016, a new D-10 DLS/GEA parallel parlour with vertical lift and individual indexing was built complete with a Biolynt flush system to clean the parlour holding area and breezeway. The parlour is expandable to D-15 for future growth. Also, a barn addition for dry cows was built along with a connecting link to connect the parlour building to the existing barn. Dean says, "We felt DLS had more innovative and newer ideas than anyone else. Our confidence in DLS/GEA grew as we spoke to other producers, and found that they were all very happy with their completed project."

They currently milk 200 cows, and over the years the farm grew from 200 acres to 1,500 acres. They have reduced their milking time by 1 hour per milking. SCC has dropped by 50,000 since transitioning to the new parlour in 2016. Dean says that "The sort gate is my favorite part of the new set up. It's a huge time saver to automatically sort the cows to the appropriate pen rather than walking through the whole barn to do it manually."

Jumping into 2020, a 3 row DLS Structure was built for heifers, that replaced an old bank barn 3 kilometers down the road. Dean says "We have saved a lot of time and bedding with the new heifer barn...", and laughing, he says, "...plus it's been 4 years since we did the parlour, so we were excited to get new DLS hoodies out of the deal!"....**See more on page 4**



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## EMPLOYEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



**Jos Steenbergen**  
Milking Equipment  
Sales



**John McKenzie**  
Warehouses/Yard  
Attendant



**Dale Ford**  
Material Handler  
(Weld/Fab Shop)



**Keegan Pestana**  
Laser Cutter  
Operator

## The Eye in the Sky Looks at DLS Structures Across Ontario

Get set for some high flying showcasing a few of our DLS Structures with different ventilation styles over the past few years!



## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



**Mike Crabb**  
*Milking Equipment Installation  
& Service Technician*  
Joined DLS January 2019



Since starting with DLS, Mike has worked on the milking equipment installation side. Mike recalls coming in at the tail end of two large projects, the 50 stall rotaries at Stonecreek Farms and Ijsseldijk Dairy. He started pushing, milking and interacting with the farmers and their herds right from the start and says he was right where he wanted to be! Since that time, he has been involved with many of our milking projects and start-ups. Mike has recently been given his own truck and has been added to the on-call rotation, which he enjoys; he likes to get the farmers back up and running when they're in a pinch.

Learning is something Mike has always enjoyed. He first worked on his family dairy farm at a young age, and then he went on to work as a sheep milker on a 1,500 milking ewe farm. After this, he worked as a heavy equipment operator, carpenter and landscaper. He's come full circle and is now back in the dairy business! Mike's enjoyed the part he's played in some of the unique projects he's been involved in at DLS and the great opportunity he's been given to continue learning.

Mike's hobbies include breeding and raising ball python snakes and rats 🐭!!! The rat breeding started as buying them to feed his snakes became expensive. It's now become a side business, and he's become the supplier of feeder rats to a pet store near his home and the surrounding area.

Mike aspires to gain more experience on the service call side and one day lead his own parlour/rotary project. He still has a lot to learn, but he's got a goal set, and he says once he establishes a goal, it's only a matter of time!



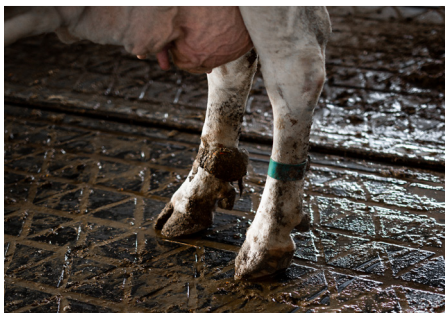
# SEPTEMBER'S product of the month



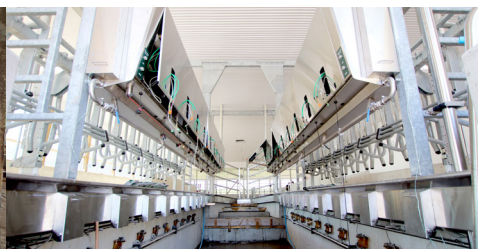
Legend DairyGrip significantly helps farmers with reducing slippage in alleyways, increasing cow comfort and the overall health of the animals. DairyGrip serves to reduce lameness and injury to the hooves while giving cows the confidence they need. Confident cows will show heats quicker and make frequent visits to the feed bunk or milking robots.

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## JOB PROGRESSION HIGHLIGHTS



1

**Central Dairy**  
Belmont, ON

DLS sort gates are in place for this renovated and expanded dairy barn that will feature a DLS/GEA parallel parlour, Jourdain stabling, DLS ventilation, and GEA manure equipment.

2

**Crossome Holsteins**  
Brunner, ON

This D-10 DLS parlour with used GEA equipment is coming together well! The new dairy barn will be tunnel ventilated and will have GEA manure equipment and Jourdain stabling. They will transition from a tie stall set-up.

3

**Concrete Holsteins**  
Kirkton, ON

The new DLS X-brace panel fans were recently installed at Concrete Holsteins! The cows moved into this new dairy barn last November, and they have been enjoying the extra comfort these fans have brought to combat the summer heat!



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DLS PARLOUR FACILITY - 2016



DLS STRUCTURE (HEIFERS) - 2020



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DEAN BRYANT