



GUNTENSBERGER DAIRY | OPEN HOUSE TOUR AUGUST 16

In October 1989, Karl and Astrid Guntensperger, along with children Adrian (4), Lukas (2) and Lorenz (3 months) immigrated to Quebec from Switzerland. The family farmed in Quebec for 6.5 years before moving to their current farm in Seaforth in May 1996. They bought 200 acres of land and built a new free stall barn for 100 cows and heifers. They started milking in a double 8 with 50 cows and slowly grew.

Over the years, they built a barn addition, calf barn and a hay shed. In 2007 when the quota cap was announced they bought 40kg of quota right away. To make room for the extra cows, they renovated the barn to house milking cows, dry cows and some pregnant heifers. The rest of the heifers moved out of the barn to a custom raiser to make room for the new milking cows. Their plan was to eventually build a new milking cow barn and use the existing barn for heifers when that time came.

As time continued, the cows slowly filled the free stall barn, and all 4-21 month old heifers continued to be custom raised off the farm. It was now time to build a new barn. During this time the family also bought additional land, and Adrian and Lorenz joined into the family farm. Lorenz oversees the cows, and Adrian looks after crops. Adrian also has a side business of dry manure spreading and hauling silage. Lorenz got married in 2013 to Katherine and has two kids, Levi (4.5) and Stella (3). Adrian is engaged to Kristena and they are planning to get married in 2020. Check them out at their open house on the DLS Open House Tour coming up on Friday, August 16! Visit the Facebook event link @ www.go.dairylane.ca/DLStour19.

Congratulations to the Guntensperger Family!



Parlour Building & Holding Area:

- D-12 DLS / GEA parallel parlour c/w subway and expandable to D-20
- ACME ventilation
- DLS stainless steel sort gate
- DLS high lift crowd gate
- GEA Compass Plus control unit
- DLS plumbing
- Daritech BacTrol milking unit backflush system
- Daritech Biolynk flush system

Tunnel Ventilated Barn:

- 480' long x 105' wide tunnel ventilated DLS Structure
- ACME DXP 60" composite fans, ACME ridge fans & ACME panel fans at the inlet
- GEA 16oz. high plains inlet curtains
- JOZ Moov Pro feed pusher
- 4 row barn c/w Jourdain headlocks and gates
- DLS rollover gates
- DLS stainless steel tip troughs



ROLLING LANDS FARMS | OPEN HOUSE TOUR AUGUST 16

Tonnie and Anita van Hittersum immigrated from Holland in January 1999 with their three children, Frank, Maaïke and Joost. Their fourth child, Sven was born in Canada. They purchased an existing tie stall barn with 44 milking cows in Blyth Ontario. The following year they built a free stall barn with a Surge D-6 herringbone parlour. Barn additions to the free stall barn occurred in 2003 and 2011. Through the years the van Hittersum family has grown their herd to 160 milking cows.

In September 2015 they visited the tunnel ventilated open house at New Morning Holsteins (Dennis and Nicole Noom). Prior to this they had not considered tunnel ventilation, but they were impressed with what they saw at New Morning Holsteins tunnel barn, and they started looking into it as an option for their future build.

In December 2018, the cows moved into their new DLS Structures dairy facility. It is a tunnel ventilated steel structure, 4 row tail to tail dairy barn with a D-10 parallel milking parlour. The barn is deep bedded with a mixture of chopped straw and lime. With more space, wide alley's, comfortable stalls and tunnel ventilation the cows have adjusted well to their new home. The new dairy facility features are listed below. Check them out at their open house on the DLS Open House Tour coming up on Friday, August 16! Visit the Facebook event link @ www.go.dairylane.ca/DLStour19.

Congratulations to the Van Hittersum Family!



Parlour Building & Holding Area:

- D-10 DLS galvanized parlour frame & stalls
- D-10 DLS stainless steel cabinets
- ACME ventilation
- DLS stainless steel sort gate
- DLS high lift crowd gate
- Daritech BacTrol milking unit backflush system
- Daritech Biolyнк flush system

Tunnel Ventilated Barn:

- 364' long x 105' wide tunnel ventilated DLS Structure
- ACME DXP 60" composite fans
- ACME ridge fans
- GE A 16oz. high plains inlet curtains
- 4 row barn c/w Jourdain stabling
- DLS rollover gates
- LaBuvette water troughs



EAGLE LEE FARM | OPEN HOUSE AUGUST 31

Joel Stam is a first-generation dairy farmer who began his life in dairy farming as an employee for Alvin and Elsie Wiens of Cedarmere Farm in Chilliwack B.C. Joel grew to be close to the Wiens family after working for them for 13 years, and with no children or other family members interested in the farm, the Wiens provided Joel with the opportunity to purchase the farm which had 100 milking cows. Prior to taking over the farm, Joel met his wife, Mandy, who was from Ontario. After getting married in 1999, Mandy moved to B.C. where they began their family which now consists of six kids ranging from 8 to 19 years old.

In 2010, the family began a transition to Ontario. While they enjoyed their farm in B.C. they felt limited. "I had my eye on moving to Ontario to enjoy the space and the fact that you can produce nearly all the feed you need on the farm, versus in B.C. where you need to import over half of the feed ingredients." Joel managed his farm in B.C. over the internet and with monthly visits until 2012, when he sold the B.C. farm and purchased a tie stall dairy from John Palmer.

In September 2017, the tie stall barn and all but four cows were lost in a barn fire. "I decided at 1:50am the next day that I was going to rebuild," Joel says. "I like a challenge." In December 2018, the cows moved into a new perimeter feed robotic dairy farm with automated milking, feeding and manure collection. The barn office has a rustic look with some of the wooden beams recovered from the tie stall barn. See DLS features below and be sure to check out this open house on Saturday, August 31. Visit the Facebook event link @ www.go.dairylane.ca/eaglelee.

Congratulations to the Stam Family on their new dairy facility!



DLS Key Features

Jourdain Headlocks & Stabling
Jourdain Auto Lock Gates

DLS Robot Panel Sets & Sort Gates
DLS Specialty Gates