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PLATINUM



PRODUCER EXPERIENCE

Not all research and development goes on in the laboratory. The all important step of applying technology to commercial farm situations is critical to successful innovation and progress in the industry. On farm innovation can at times be costly and nerve-racking but provides immense insight into what is needed to make technology really work in practice.

The opening night Producer Panel of innovative dairy producers will tell us about making technology work on the farm and what they see as priorities for the future.

Thomas Wynker, Artique Farms Ltd., Chilliwack, BC Canada, 250 milking cows and makes extensive use of cow management technology, RFID and DairyComp305 and Feedwatch electronic monitoring of feed ingredients.

Poul DeGier, Pilgrim Dairy, Ponoka, AB Canada, milking 110 cows with two DeLaval VMS in a feed first application. Production averages 1.4 Kg of butterfat per cow per day (4.1% in 33 litres).

Dale Hemminger, Hemdale Farms Inc., of Seneca Castle, NY, USA, started with 4 milking robots in a 240 freestall barn in 2007. By 2009 he has converted all of the 800 cow dairy herd to robotic milking with 12 Lely Astronaut milking robots.

Watch for further information as we develop this program.

FARM TOUR

View "Technology in its Working Clothes". On March 5, at 7:30 am, the buses will take you on a day long tour to check out 4 area dairy farms that have embraced the latest technology:

Summitholme Farms owned by the Loewith family is consistently among the highest production per cow and highest herd management score DHI herds in Ontario. The 300 cow dairy features sand bedded freestalls, and the new Pedometer Plus activity monitor system from Afimilk. Catch the interview with Ben Loewith on Youtube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dyMBei5hCaY>

Hoehorst Farms owned by Gerrit and Margriet Wensink in 2008 expanded into a 360 cow, slatted floor freestall barn featuring 6 Lely robotic milking stalls, robotic slat scraping, dual chamber waterbeds and perimeter feeding. They have Heatime estrus monitoring in the heifer barn and robotic calf feeding.

10 REASONS TO ATTEND PRECISION DAIRY 2010
Reason #5 : Technology In Its Working Clothes Farm Tour March 5

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Donkelman Farms operate a 4 row freestall barn naturally ventilated in winter, and tunnel ventilation in summer. Cows are milked in a Westfalia Surge 28 stall internal rotary parlour. Features: pedometry, two sets of sort gates, and an automated footbath. Calves are fed with a robotic feeder and the herd TMR is prepared with an automated batching system

The fourth farm on the tour will be a DeLaval VMS feed first robotic milking system. Watch for details of this visit. Buses will return to the Doubletree by Hilton at 6:00pm

PRECISION DAIRY MANAGEMENT ON YOUTUBE

University of Guelph "SPARK" reporters talk to producers and Conference organizers about the first North American Conference on Precision Dairy Management. Go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dyMBei5hCaY>

SUBMISSIONS OF ORAL PRESENTATIONS & POSTERS

The Call for papers is now closed. Thank you to all who have participated. If you have a poster that you want to submit, email tom.wright@ontario.ca directly as there are a few spaces still available.

The program committee is now reviewing all materials and you will be hearing back from them soon. By giving the maximum time possible for authors to submit their papers, we are now working under very tight time constraints to give feedback before the holiday season.

We are truly impressed by the quality and the variety of papers submitted. The program will be an exciting event.

HIGHLIGHTING GOLD SPONSORS

Our GOLD SPONSORS are enthusiastic supporters of the development of new technology to improve dairy management and continue to support educational events for dairy producers.

Their support has contributed greatly to making this Conference possible: Farm Credit Canada, Ontario Harvestore Systems, Coverall Building Systems, Advanced Comfort Technology Inc, and Agribands Purina. Links to these sponsors are on the Sponsors page <http://www.precisiondairy2010.com/sponsors.html>

FLASH! Due to the support of our sponsors we are now offering the "Pre-Conference" Tuesday Program as part of the Conference registration at no extra charge. On-line registration has been changed. If you are using a printed registration form, enter \$0 for the Pre-Conference. For those already paid, that portion will be refunded!

IMPORTANT DATES

- January 8, 2010 Last date for early bird registration
- January 30, 2010 Last date for discount room reservations