



Progressive Dairy Operators

Canada Outdoor Farms Show Activities and Mini Bus Tour Woodstock, Ontario September 16 & 17, 2010

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th

Canada's Outdoor Farm Show Complimentary Admission & Brunch Tickets (*included in Aug. PDO mailing for dairy producers only*) 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the events tent beside the Olympia Dairy Innovation Centre sponsored by **DELAVAL INC., FARM CREDIT CANADA, GENCOR, GRANDVIEW CONCRETE GROOVING, MYCOGEN SEEDS, NORWELL DAIRY SYSTEMS, ONTARIO DAIRY FARMER & BLYTH BRAE FARMS.**

This evening, enjoy a full course dinner and renew acquaintances at the **Quality Inn**, at highways 401 and 59 in Woodstock

5:30 p.m. – HAPPY HOUR (CASH BAR)
6:30 p.m. – BUFFET DINNER.

After dinner our guest speaker is Ian Cumming, an eastern Ontario dairy farmer for 29 years who moved his son to northern New York in April 2010, expanding from 65 milking on 200 acres, to 160 milking on 600 acres owned and 120 rented. Ian is a part time columnist / journalist for Ontario Farmer for 15 years. He is married to Dr Allison Taylor and father of five children, ranging from 28 to two years of age.

PDO & Grand Valley Fortifiers are pleased to announce the 3rd Annual Youth Innovation Challenge (see our website for details). The winners will be recognized at the Dinner and their innovations will be on display in the 4-H Pavilion at the show.



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th – BUS TOUR

Bus Departures: Route #1: **7:00 a.m.** Route #2: **8:00 a.m.** from the lower lot of the Quality Inn, at 401 and Highway 59, Woodstock. (Routes will be assigned on 1st come 1st serve basis – see registration form for boxes to tick indicating preference).

Thank you to **PFIZER**, Partners in Animal Nutrition, **FARM CREDIT CANADA**, **MASTERFEEDS / LAKE COUNTRY ANIMAL NUTRITION** & **MYCOGEN SEEDS** for their sponsorship of the Buffet and Bus Tour.



Salvue Holsteins, is owned and operated by Rick and Rob Van Leeuwen.

The Van Leeuwen's finished building a new barn in early 2010. Cattle are housed on a straw pack, with slatted floors at the feed bunk and for the crossover. The straw pack is occasionally cultivated. Barn has a centre drive through for feeding. There is a 4 channel raceway system under the drive through and slatted area. The new barn also has space for calves, young heifers and dry cows. They milk 60 cows using a Westfalia swing 10 parlour.

Ijsseldijk Dairy is owned and operated by Tino and Paul Ijsseldijk. A new 6-row sand bedded flush barn was built in 2009. They are currently milking 620 cows in a double 24 parallel Westfalia parlour. Production averages 10,500 kg. per cow. Farm includes an automatic foot bath, sort gate and Portal identification system with two hour interval leg activity tags. Three additional barns house calves, heifers, and dry and special needs cows near the new barn. The farm has installed a McLanahan sand separator in a separate building using a flush transfer channel and underground horizontal auger. Sand recovery is estimated at 85-90%.

Walker Farms

Walker Farms has been in the family name since 1962. Jon Walker Jr. took over the operation in 1996. In 2008 a new milking facility was added with capacity for 1000+ cattle. The new facility consists of a 6 row sand bedded free stall barn with a 50 stall rotary parlour. Sand laden manure is scraped to a flush flume and flushed to a sand settling lane and the liquid is transferred to an earthen storage. At the moment 850 cattle are milked at the new facility averaging 32 l/day and an additional 150 cows are milked at the home farm. Cows calve at the home farm and then go to the new barn to be milked. Only milking cows are housed at the new facility

Maple Keys Farms, operated by Paul Vis, his wife Mary Anne and two sons Jason and Kevin features simple and low cost production solutions. A 250 stall four row head-to-head sand bedded free stall barn also contains a 15 cow tie stall section. 240 cows averaging 34 litres are currently milked in a double 10 parallel parlour. Sand laden manure is scraped with a skid steer to a box scraper to a hydraulic pump to an earthen storage. A heifer and dry cow barn was added to the operation in 2005. Paul is the DFO board member for Elgin, Essex, Kent, Lambton and Middlesex.

The Gay Lea Dairy Heritage Museum is home to approximately 15,000 artefacts. It contains over 1000 milk bottles, 189 cream separators, milking machines, milk wagons & other dairy memorabilia. There are also tools and equipment from other trades such as agriculture & blacksmithing. Started by retired dairy farmers Andy and Lotty van Kasteren in the 1980s, the collection was bought in 2008 by Gay Lea in order to preserve these artefacts for future generations.

Lunch will be served at this location.

Buses will return to the hotel at approx.: Route #1 : 5:00 p.m. Route # 2: 5:45 p.m.

TO REGISTER:

Complete the information below and return by mail to:

**PDO, c/o Carol Anne Pinkney
62 Thomas Blvd Elora ON N0B 1S0**

I prefer Route #1 (7:00 am– 5:00 pm)

I prefer Route #2 (8:00 am – 5:45) pm

Either is Fine

OR FAX: 519-846-2016 WITH CREDIT CARD PAYMENT.

Name(s): 1. _____ 2. _____

Business Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ PC: _____ - _____

Phone:(_____) _____ Email: _____

If paying by Visa or M/C, please provide:

Card #: _____

Expiry date _____ / _____
Signature _____

REGISTRATION : (per person**prices include 13% HST)**

Thurs. Buffet Dinner & program **\$30** _____

Friday Bus Tour - **\$75** _____

Total \$ _____

Non PDO Members ADD 10%:
\$ _____

NEW THIS YEAR.....ARRANGE YOUR OWN ACCOMMODATIONS.

**** You can contact the PDO Office at 519-846-8756 if you are hoping to find a roommate to split costs. ****

Accommodation in Woodstock:

Quality Inn: 519-537-5586

Special PDO Rate - includes full buffet breakfast.

Microtel: 519-537-2320 - Includes continental breakfast.

Super 8: 519-421-4588 - includes buffet breakfast