Heindels Ready New Dairy Facility

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Four Harvestore silos were moved from the Yorkana farm. one 25-footx90-foot and one 25-footx80-foot for haylage, and a 20-footx70-foot and 20-footx50-foot for high moisture grain. The 30-footx128-foot concrete stave unit for corn silage is believed to be the tallest of its kind cast of the Mississippi River. An 18-foot-wide concrete apron connects the silos and provides a solid, mud-free drive for unloading forage wagons.

Silos are located around the back and side of the 72-footx90-foot feed room adjoining the dairy barn. Feed from each can be unloaded separately or into a connecting elevator system running to a 300-bushel capacity Rissler weigher-mixer for blending total mixed rations. Five 25-ton bulk bins and a pair of roller-mixers handle dry ingredients. A hay storage pole barn of equal size is adjacent to the feed room and silos. Planned as part of the overall design is the eventual addition of a commodities structure with storage bins for bulk feedstuffs.

Shredded newspaper is planned for use as stall bedding. Two separate chain gutter cleaners will move dairy barn manure and soiled bedding to an underground holding tank. Ground into a slurry by a chopper, it will be pumped uphill

in an underground pipe to a poured concrete receiving tank for handling manure from the dry cow and young stock barns.

Combining of the dairy barn

'If people don't keep learning, they'd better quit.'

slurry with drier group-pen manure will help liquify the receiving tank's contents to gravity flow through a 24-inch PVC pipe into the 12-footx126-foot diameter concrete-stave storage pit. The manure system was designed with the capability of expansion to a methane digester, if that technology is ever wanted for energy recov-

Special efforts have been made throughout the building process to eliminate stray voltage problems, according to Tedd Rhodes, Gettysburg, who has served as a project consultant for the facility construc-

"We've grounded every possible way to eliminate potential stray voltage," said Rhodes. "Every inch of wire is in conduit. There are fire walls between all connecting sections for added safety."

Even before the Heindel's

doubled-size herd settles into its new home, plans are under way for another addition. Excavation is complete for a 72-footx300-foot clear-span exercise building with drive-thru feeding, where cows can be turned out for exercise and heat detection, while keeping them out of muddy pasture and feedlot conditions.

Several of the Heindel family members are involved in operating the various farming enterprises. Bill heads up the dairy side of the business, Michael operates the beef herd, Bob is responsible for field work, lime truck, and "all around" chores, while Donnie is in charge of the farm shop. Jeff, studying for an advanced counseling degree, is handling the accounting and computerization. Peggy Leber, the youngest, tends to home and housekeeping details for her dad.

Patsy Buser and her husband Bill operate a swine herd near the Yorkana home farm. Nancy Foust and her husband Ron are dairy producers in Perry County. Son Stanley is a minister in Florida and daughter Judy Hendrickson and her husband are in mission work with SEND, Int. Thelma Heindel passed away last fall, and a permanent memorial to her will be placed outside the complex.

A three-day open house and oxroast for the Heindel's Airville dairy facility is tentatively planned for late June. Prime suppliers for the construction include Morton Buildings, Sollenberger Silos and Witmer Equipment DeLaval.

Dairy Month Celebrated *Since* 1937

COLUMBUS, OH - June Dairy Month (JDM) has been celebrated since 1937 when it was launched with the theme, "Keep Young - Drink Milk." Every year this month-long salute to the dairy industry is observed in homes and restaurants, in supermarkets and stores and wherever dairy foods are sold. It has become the accepted time of the year to extend a special "thanks" to the dairy families of America who produce the milk we drink and consume in dairy products.

At a time when Americans are more concerned than ever about health and fitness, dairy foods are especially important to consumers. They fit well with today's busy lifestyles because they're

convenient, nutritious and a good buy, when the cost of other food items is considered.

Newspaper and magazine food editors help extend this message and join in the celebration each year by spotlighting dairy products. Recipe suggestions for using milk and milk products and stories about specific products fill newspaper food pages. Community celebrations also abound during June in the form of parades and celebrity "milk-offs," traveling exhibits and ice cream socials, farm tours and weekend brunches.

As the most productive part of agriculture, dairying deserves this annual salute. The most recent figures indicate, for example, that in 1988, 10.24 million cows produced 145.5 billion pounds of milk. That's 16.9 billion gallons of milk. Even more remarkable, the 10.24 million cows in 1988 outproduced the 17.5 million cows in 1960.

Since 1957, the American Dairy Association -- the advertising program of the United Dairy Industry Association -- has chosen June Dairy Month to kick off the summer season for dairy products with a variety of special advertising and promotion programs. In Ohio, western Pennsylvania, and parts of West Virginia and Kentucky, Mid East United Dairy Industry Association (UDIA) extends these advertising and promotional efforts to focus on both June Dairy Month and July Ice Cream Month. Point-of-Purchase materials which feature appetizing product photography and recipes encourage shoppers to stock up on dairy products for the summer. Foodservice promotions remind consumers that they can liven up their out-of-home dining experiences with real dairy products. And radio and television advertising highlights dairy products' nutritional and good-tasting benefits for consumers of all ages. So as we settle into the slow, hazy days of summer, it seems only right that we join in the June Dairy Month salute and toast the dairy industry...with a refreshing glass of milk, a generous scoop of ice cream or a serving of our own special dairy treat.

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