Genex Signs Agreement with Dansire

SHAWANO, Wis. — Genex Cooperative has reached an agreement with Dansire of Denmark to be the exclusive marketing agent of Danish Jersey semen in the U.S. and Canada. Dansire is responsible for all international marketing of Danish genetics. Their top proven bulls are very comparable to U.S. genetics on Lifetime Net Merit or Cheese Merit.

By adding Danish Jersey genetics to its sire offering, Genex will make available to Jersey breeders in the U.S. and Canada outcross pedigrees (some Danish bulls have little or no U.S. bloodlines), higher percent



fat and protein, and evaluations on health traits and fertility.

According to Steve Schnell, vice president of Dairy Genetics for Genex, "the addition of Danish genetics to the Genex Jersey lineup will add additional diversity and strength to the already powerful Genex Jersey sire lineup.



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"The answer to the most common question is No, there is no build-up."

"We would use

slats again if

doing it all over!"

day; and I was tired of it, not to mention the danger to the cows if a cable snapped. I

thought I would not be able to justify the additional cost until my builder suggested a design change which brought the cost down relatively close to the original design.

The biggest benefit to me is the labor savings. Two people can handle all the chores for our herd. I save

money not only on labor but also on repairs. The cows' hooves are healthier, and they show heat better because

are not afraid of slipping. During the five years with slats, I have not lost a single heifer from slipping. The cows stay much cleaner, even with my misting system for cooling them. The water has a place to escape."

> - Raymond Good Good's Dairy Farm

n my previous barn, I scraped two times a (ur original plan was to install scrapers. But after 10 minutes in a slatted barn in Somerset County, we changed our minds.

Some people stay away from slats because of the initial cost, but that extra cost is made up for in the first couple vears.

The one thing I like the most about slats is that there is no expense. I don't have any

scrapers or drive units to maintain. I don't have to run scrapers every day or haul manure like we did in our previous tie stall barn. The cows' foot health has been a lot better, and the cows stay much cleaner. Our milk production is up and the somatic cell count has gone down. I give at least some of the credit to the slats because with less moisture on the floor, there is less bacteria."

- David Wolfskill