



An Invitation to Invest In Your Ridgetown Campus Dairy Education Centre

What's Our Goal?

Our goal is to continue to develop excellent hands-on experiential learning to provide educational and leadership opportunities in a modern teaching dairy facility. This can only be achieved through on-going investment in the many production systems such as; feeding, milking, ventilation, records, etc. that will allow future dairy producers to have the best possible teaching classroom available. Recent industry investments in our feed storage and animal genetics are helping us to build a unique, practical and applied teaching facility that allows students to grow in their understanding of Ontario's dairy industry.

We need your support to continue to develop this important training facility. Currently the Centre is looking for support for the new silo project as well as a needed robotic feeding and record keeping system. In spring 2009 the barn received a generous gift toward the new silo and silo unloader, and imported embryos; all intended to help assist the campus to build a first-class teaching centre.

The Ridgetown Agri-Food Foundation is seeking \$150,000 in private support for these initiatives.



Utilization of the Dairy Education Centre for Teaching

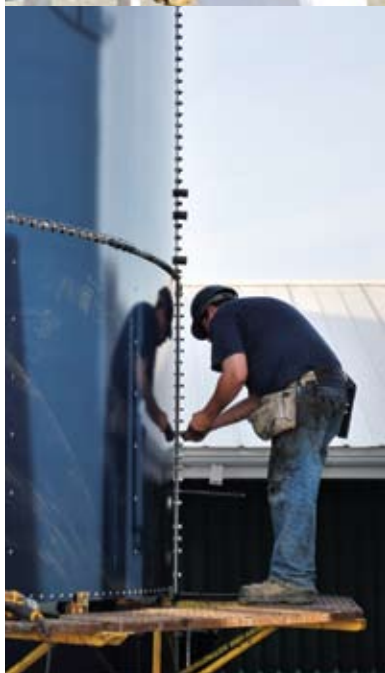
The Dairy Education Centre is an important teaching classroom for numerous courses at Ridgetown Campus.

Students in the Agriculture Diploma can apply what they learn in the classroom in the dairy barn. Agricultural courses that utilize the Dairy Education Centre for part or all of a course include:

- Livestock Systems
- Dairy Barn Management
- Animal Science
- Dairy Cattle Nutrition and Selection
- Dairy Production

Students in the Veterinary Technology Diploma programs also utilize the barn animals for parts of the following courses:

- Animal Nursing
- Medical Exercises and Diagnostics



Devin O'Hara
Agriculture Diploma, Class of 2009

"The applied learning opportunities I had in the Dairy Education Centre allowed me to experience many aspects of dairy farming. It was a great way to really put my education to work in a practical way! Meeting and learning from instructors and industry professionals was a key component of the Dairy Barn Management course. I am now working in the dairy industry as a Dairy Classifier for Holstein Canada."

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About the Dairy Education Centre

The Centre is home to a teaching herd of 30 Holstein cows, plus heifers and calves. Milk production and quality in the barn is above average. Ridgetown students are constantly learning and working in the dairy barn.

Leadership Development through Spring Expo Showmanship for Students and 4-H Clubs

Leadership and showmanship training is another benefit of the dairy facility on campus. Students utilize the barn to train, prepare and practice showing their selected animal. Ridgetown's dairy animals are also used by local 4-H dairy clubs at the campus' annual Spring Expo 4-H Dairy Show.

Agriculture Diploma Enrollment Up

Agriculture Diploma program enrollment is the highest it has been in over two decades and many of the Agriculture Diploma students have a keen interest in livestock as well and dairy production and management courses.

Please consider how you can make a difference!

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All charitable gifts to the Ridgetown Dairy Education Centre will be 100% committed to the needs of this teaching facility.

The Ridgetown Agri-Food Foundation is a volunteer organization committed to further development of programs and services at Ridgetown Campus.



“Ontario’s dairy industry needs young, vibrant, educated minds, and Ridgetown Campus is a great learning centre for these students. The Dairy Education Centre is a place to broaden one’s ideas while applying classroom theory in a dairy teaching facility.”

Murray Reissner
Ridgetown Agri-Food Foundation,
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