

Industry Donates to Ridgetown Campus Dairy Education Centre

Industry support and new initiatives in the dairy barn are helping to improve the quality of dairy education at Ridgetown Campus. The Dairy Education Centre at Ridgetown facilitates hands-on learning opportunities for many students. As dairy genetics improve and the dairy industry evolves, it is important to constantly look at new ways of increasing the genetic potential of the herd. A recent donation of embryos from Fradon Holsteins, with the possibility of future embryo donations, will help to improve the genetics in the dairy herd.

Another important contribution to the dairy barn to help improve the education that students receive is the donation of time from a variety of dairy industry professionals. Murray Reissner, Gencor, Genetic Development, has been involved in teaching part of the Dairy Management course. There are a number of other industry professionals that have assisted the class by lending their expertise.

Recently, Rob Reid, Dairy Barn Manager, received a donation of a laptop from CanWest DHI. The laptop will allow for better record keeping and more precise tracking systems to help monitor the herd and provide another teaching tool for the classroom. The software on the laptop allows Rob to view graphs and data about each individual cow in the herd to evaluate performance. This software is an excellent tool for the Ridgetown Dairy Education Centre.

The Dairy Education Centre provides a unique hands-on facility for hundreds of students to apply the dairy knowledge that they are learning in classes to a real-life setting. The on-going support and commitment from the dairy industry to continue enhancing the facilities will allow for an exciting learning environment for Ridgetown Campus students.



Rob Reid, instructor, with senior agriculture students in the Dairy Management class examining milk production records.

Dairy education courses are very popular at Ridgetown.

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