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Ontario Harvestore Systems In-Kind Donation Supports Dairy Education Centre at Ridgetown Campus

The Dairy Education Centre at University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus is an important place for learning, and Ontario Harvestore Systems President, Glen Gregory, Class of 1965, wants to make sure students can keep learning in this unique classroom. “I want students to learn about farm safety, feed quality in relation to milk production, precision feeding and all aspects of dairy production during their studies at Ridgetown.” says Gregory. “We’re very pleased to help post-secondary education in this capacity.”

“Previous silo storage units on campus did not provide enough capacity to meet the campus’ feed storage needs. The new silo and silo unloader will improve feed storage, enhance feed quality, and improve feeding efficiency at the Ridgetown Dairy Education Centre,” says, Art Schaafsma, Campus Director.

Ridgetown campus attracts a large number of Agriculture diploma program students from Ontario dairy farms, and the Education Centre is an important place for the delivery of several livestock and veterinary technology courses.

The silo project is the first significant step in working with producers and industry to ensure a top-notch teaching herd and facility for current and future agriculture students interested in pursuing careers in the dairy industry. The Ridgetown Agri-Food Foundation will be seeking other partners to get involved in supporting this valuable learning facility.

Two Images attached: Ontario Harvestore Systems employees building the new silo at the Ridgetown Campus Dairy Education Centre on May 6 & 7, 2009.

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