

# Dairy Education and Innovation Centre

## *Dairy Education and Innovation Construction*

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With construction well underway University of Guelph Kemptville Campus is looking forward to opening its leading-edge dairy barn the first week of May.

This new facility will position Kemptville Campus to deliver industry-driven, quality education by demonstrating modern dairy technology and management. Becoming the only institute of its kind in Canada to have a robotic milking system will also enable relevant applied dairy research. The design of the facility will surpass current industry standards, be adaptable to future developments in dairy production and

herd management technology, and allow us to demonstrate best practices in animal care.



Some of the key features of the Dairy Education and Innovation Centre are the arrival and placement of the new Lely robotic milking unit in late November 2010, water beds for the cows to relieve pressure points, curtains that mechanically open and close and are thermostatically controlled. The barn has a gate system to direct cow traffic.

February work will be done on the milk house, the equipment room, the cross gutter and the manure alleys. The Dairy Education and Innovation Centre will also feature three calving pens and an area for herd health that has self-locking head locks to enable easier handling.

In January they finished positioning the automatic milker and installing curtains. In



## Cows



With its new Dairy Education and Innovation Centre near completion, University of Guelph Kemptville Campus plans to move new cattle in within the next few months.

The herd is currently at 35 cows but the capacity with the new dairy barn is 60 head and Kemptville staff needs at least 50 head to run a productive operation. All our cows are registered (purebred) Holsteins because of the breed's unsurpassed milk production and ability to adapt to many environmental situations.

Kemptville Campus would welcome the donation of cows to assist with herd expansion. The guidelines

for cow donations specify registered Holsteins.

Bred heifers are preferred. The heifer index must show lifetime deviation of +20 or better; dam conformation 6+ or better and sire conformation 10+ or better. There must also be predominately + ratings over 3 to 4 generations.

Lactating cows must be at least two years old. Conformation must be Good + or better, with +ve deviations for milk, fat and protein.

Each animal must be accompanied by a letter from the donor's veterinarian certifying that the animal is in good health. On arrival, donated cows

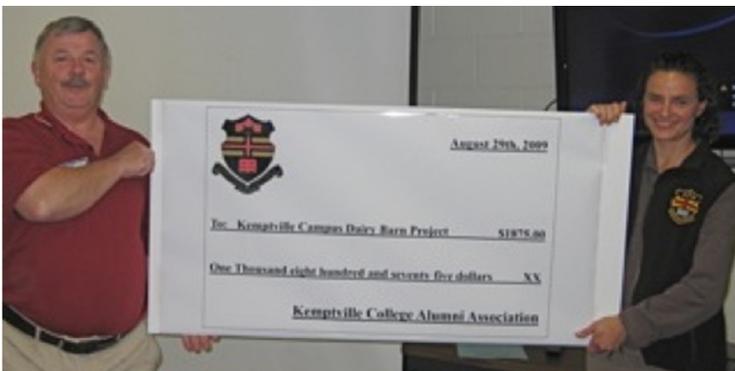
will be inspected by a veterinarian representing Kemptville Campus to confirm general good health and review medical records.

Of course, contribution of a cow qualifies as a charitable donation for tax purposes. The value of a donated animal for tax purposes will be determined by two qualified, independent appraisers (e.g. an auctioneer) who review the appearance, pedigree and performance of the cow and provide a current market value.

If you would like to donate a cow or obtain more information, please contact Albert Koekkoek at 613-258-8336 ext 61209.

## Fundraising

The fundraising campaign for the new Dairy Education and Innovation Centre at University of Guelph Kemptville campus has been



declared a success! Director Claude Naud noted that Kemptville College Foundation, Kemptville College Alumni Association and the campus raised a total of \$380 000. This sum has allowed the purchase of a Lely robotic milking system, as well as the acquisition of related equipment to ensure the new Dairy Education and Innovation Centre will be able to fulfill its mandate as a dairy education,

research and demonstration facility.

The foundation and alumni association raised more than \$160,000 each. The foundation secured a whopping \$100,000 donation from the Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association, raised further funds through its annual Harvest Fest and a tractor raffle, and conducted a canvass of members and producer

groups for donations. The alumni effort focused on obtaining donations of \$1,000 or more and targeted successful dairy farmers in Eastern Ontario, as well as businesses serving the agricultural community and producer groups. The \$380,000 campaign total also includes a \$20,000 commitment from Ontario Agricultural College Dean Rob Gordon, which was offered as a matching incentive to the

alumni association as it embarked on its first large fundraising effort. With the total cost of the project exceeding \$1 million, it must be noted that the largest contributor overall was ARIO, the Agricultural Research

Institute of Ontario, which funded the conversion of the former bull-test station into a modern dairy barn. All of this good stuff will culminate with the official opening, tentatively expected in early May, and an open house,

"I would like to thank all those who have supported this project, and hope that you can join us to see this marvellous new facility," Dr. Naud said.



## *College Royal*

The Kemptville College Royal welcomes you to its 82nd year with "Growing the Tradition" as our theme for 2011.

Enjoy the wide variety of activities and opportunities to participate in or relax and enjoy the shows and competitions put on by the students on the campus.

The Royal runs for the week of March 7th-12th, with the doors open to the public on the Friday and Saturday (11th & 12th). The weekend of the royal includes events such as a Hockey Tourna-

ment, Pancake Breakfast, Horse Shows, Farmers Olympics, Student & 4-H livestock shows, Horse Demonstrations, Student and Celebrity Milking, and much more.

There are the Kids Activities with a live petting zoo along with Maple the Cow where kids can get up close with agriculture. Also there are the many demonstrations around the campus happening for you to look on and be apart of.

"As president I would like to thank the executive, volunteers and staff

that make the College Royal a continue success." Cassandra Hollingsworth

Come out and see what the Kemptville College

agriculture running in this country. It's also a great event to bring out the family and meet up with some friends to enjoy a fun-filled day. See you at the Royal.



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