

TECHFORAG LLC

PRESENTS:

'READY-TO-MILK'

MODULAR PARLORS

(BUILT FROM RECYCLED MATERIALS)

PROJECT # 18

ALLEN & BONNIE KRACHT

NELSON, WI

FEBRUARY 2005



WORKS LIKE NEW

LOOKS LIKE NEW

GUARANTEED FOR 15 MONTHS

AVAILABLE AT A REASONABLE PRICE....

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Allen & Bonnie Kracht, Nelson, WI

Allen and Bonnie milk 350 Jerseys, growing all along one conservative step at a time. This time around Allen would have liked to go for the big one—an all-new parlor complex. But sound financial thinking prevailed. “Let’s take one more in-between step and keep building cow numbers.” On March 8 and 9, 2005 we exchanged Allen’s 30-year old dbl. 6 HerringBone for a dbl. 8 all-stainless Germania ParaBone.



Auto-Indexing Brisket Bar, Grates, Gutter & Curbing, Slanted Splash Shields—everything 304 stainless

How Long to Change Parlors?

We delivered the parlor ‘Ready-To-Milk’ - two pre-assembled Modules, which we unloaded late Tuesday night. Starting at 6:00AM Wednesday morning removing the first side of the old parlor, they milked on *both* sides of the *new* parlor by 4:00PM Thursday - (22) working hours to change old for new with (2) milkings along the way.

What We Installed

- Dbl. 8 all-stainless Germania ParaBone with Automatic Indexing
- Germania Legacy 7000 all-stainless Chain TakeOffs with counterweighted hose supports
- Stainless Grates, stainless Gutters and stainless Curbing—all new
- A single loop 3” Lo-Line and 2” CIP Line
- Automated Cow Traffic System with all-new Cylinders

Where Did the Equipment Come From?

The RumpRails came out of a dbl. 26 ParaBone in Central California. The stainless Brisket Bar from Tillamook, OR. The Legacy 7000 Chain TakeOffs from Idaho. We manufactured the Grate-Gutter-Curbing Combination at TechForAg.



The parlor at 6:00 PM Wednesday Evening...



...at 8:00 AM Thursday morning...



...and at 4:00 PM Thursday afternoon

How To Fit 16 Cows Into a Space Originally Designed for Only 12?

Four more Jerseys need roughly 50 additional square feet. Where did we find them? We squeezed the cross-over alley in front by maybe 2 1/2 ft and narrowed the pit by moving the stalls toward the center of the parlor. Not perfect—but OK for an increase from 50 to 68 cows/hr!

At What Cost?

Roughly \$70,000 for the TechForAg Parlor plus another \$15,000 for work done by the local Dealer and improvements Allen made on his own.

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