

The Lely Link



From Lely Center Woodstock

Hammond Farms



After installing four robotic milking units in 2015 we are pleased to announce Hammond Farms have expanded their existing operation to six A4 units. They also incorporated two Discovery Collectors in the heifer barn. We wish Glenn & Caryn and Dave & Kerstin great success in their dairy operation.

Evergreen Holsteins



Alfred & Marleen Wolf stand proudly between two of their three A5 units. The couple started off their technology journey with a Discovery in 2015. LCW is always glad to work with our customers for long term relationships.

Pieter Treur

We welcome Pieter to the Lely family of robot users. He has given new purpose to a refurbished A4 and is pleased with the results. The fetch list is very low, minimizing chore time.



New General Manager

We are pleased to announce that Lely Center Woodstock will be welcoming a new General Manager to our team in the new year. Please stay tuned for more details.

Staff Goodbye

We regret to inform you that John McKay has moved on to a new endeavour. We wish him all the best!

Pete Koot's advice for Minimizing Alarms

TTR Alarms: I know they can be annoying, but they are a good indication that the pipeline is not being cleaned properly. Please don't ignore alarms. Robot Cleaning alarms and any ongoing temperature, chemical, or water flow alarms should be looked after.

***Chemical Use:** The robot will be the most effective tool at identifying if there is no chemical, but it is wise to check the barrels to make sure they're going down at the regulated rate.

***Water:** Robots cannot wash correctly without clean water and enough water flow. External water supply filters should be looked at regularly, and those running a water softener should check to make sure they're working correctly. Harder water requires more chemical to clean the robot and pipeline.

***Temperature:** The robot does not sound an alarm for temperature, but the wash temperature can be double checked in the test menu. (Test>Milk Quality Control 2->Milk Temperature). Wash temperature should be 85-90+ degrees Fahrenheit.

***Pipeline Build-up:** If there is a cheesy build up somewhere, it usually starts around the milk filter or drain side of the 3-way valves. Check under the milk filter seals and in the filter housing, also check the 3-way drains at the robot and front of bulk tank.

***Twintubes and Seals:** The majority of our customers are using the twin tube covers that came out a few years ago. These are a great addition to any robot to prevent twintube damage from cows or the tubes from popping off. However, we have noticed that farmers are running their twintubes for much longer now. Since they are made out of rubber, the rubber cracks with age making it harder to clean. We recommend the twintubes be swapped annually.

***Buffer and Bulk Tank:** The buffer tank should also be checked periodically. It should be clean, shiny and have no standing water/milk in the bottom. The same applies to the bulk tank, if you think the bulk tank is not cleaning correctly please give your dealer a call.

***Cleanliness:** Keeping all surfaces clean is the best practice to ensure that a biofilm doesn't build up and cause milk quality issues. This advice and reminders are to help minimize alarms.

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