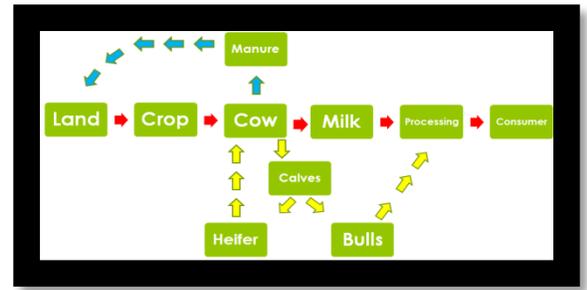


# Oakridge Times



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## **NEW DAIRY ON TRACK**

What a great winter we have had so far! Over the past month things have been progressing very fast. In the parlor building, we have finished all the concrete work and are waiting for the DeLaval Rotary deck team to come the first week of March to start the install of the parlor deck. The electricians have been wiring, the carpenters have been framing, the plumbers have been piping, and the list goes on. Some days we have over 40 guys on site. The free stall barn is going great as well. Bayland Builders from Greenbay Wisconsin are about halfway done with framing. The crews started roofing this past week and the goal is to get around 14,000 square feet of roofing done per day. The guys have been working long hours, 6 days a week, and in all weather conditions. As we continue to aim for a June 1<sup>st</sup> milk date, we often say “We are only as good as our contractors”. So far, they have all been outstanding, and they make us look good. We hope to continue to have good conditions and great people to make it happen.

# The past 5 months...



September



October



November



December



January



February



### **Heifers off site:**

In 2016 we started sending our heifers down to the rolling hills of Kentucky to be raised by a custom heifer grower. This is a positive step environmentally so we can clean up our current outdoor heifer sites, and it allows us to use the feed we were feeding them to our growing milking herd. This area of the country is ideal because the heifers can be raised outside year-round at a reasonable price. We have around 600 heifers at a few different farms and Gabe Sickels from Sickels Farms oversees all of them. We send the heifers south around the age of 5 to 6 months old and they will return before they have their first calf. Just last week Glenn Bahler who oversees animal health went down to take a look. He really liked what he saw with healthy animals, beautiful county, nice weather, and good people. We hope to continue to send heifers and grow a long-term relationship with the grower. March 1st we have 100+ additional headed for the south.

### Today on the Farm

Over the past month, milk production has been averaging around 82 pounds per cow. Our butterfat is around 3.73 and our protein is around 3.11. Our milk price has jumped \$.39 CWT which puts us at \$19.85 per CWT. We shipped 4,180,811 pounds of milk in January. Cows are enjoying the mild winter as well.

### Employee

#### **Employee of the Month for February:**

We would like you to join us in congratulating Macario Reyes Cruz as our employee of the month. Macario is currently our lead night milker at Oak Ridge Dairy and has been with us since last March. During this time, he has displayed all of our core values. He is punctual, has a strong work ethic, and has the ability to report to his supervisor timely on anything he thinks important to keep the operation running efficiently. These are the things that make us appreciate his work. Thanks for being a good example!

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