

Is Your Tie-Stall Barn in Need of Remodeling?



In 2006 Jerry and Chris Buetow's barn needed remodeling. After 40 years, their old comfort stalls were wearing out in their 65-cow tiestall barn. They were hoping to take out the posts behind the cows to allow for easier access backing out.

They visited with Charlie at Storms Welding and Manufacturing and six months later they had a completely overhauled tiestall barn.

Storms Welding took out 29 posts and used steel beams in their place to support the hay mow. "No other stall company would have done the beams without the posts," Jerry Buetow said.

"Only Storms would have put the beams in." Without the posts, the cows weren't backing into them as they exited the barn.

Storms also installed a modified tiestall loop that has extra bars on the loop to prevent cows from taking feed from and harassing each other. The new tiestalls were bolted into the existing curb and the rail has the water line inside of it. The drinking cups face the cows. The new layout also allowed for a full mat with no cut-outs.

It's been 2-1/2 years since installation and the Buetows have no complaints about their renovated barn. "The stepped on

teats are less. The cows have an easier time backing out," Buetow said. "We're very happy with it."



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