

Mohrs Cut Milking Time with New Parlor



Roger and Scott Mohr
New Ulm, MN

The Mohrs, Roger, Anita and Scott, have an extra hour in their day now. That's because they recently remodeled their double 8 parabone parlor into a double 11 rapid exit parabone parlor that has cut 30 minutes or more off each milking.

Their old parlor, which had the capabilities to being a double 10 parlor, was rusting out and the Mohrs were spending five hours a day milking their 100 cows near New Ulm, MN.

They visited with Charlie Storms from Storms Welding and Manufacturing in Cologne, MN, just over a year ago to go over ideas to update their parlor and make it more efficient.

Storms came up with the idea to convert the parlor to a double 11 by using the existing space and straightening

out the cows. They also switched the way the cows exited the parlor. Previously, the cows walked in single file to the end, had to make a 180 degree turn and then could exit. Storms switched the parlor to a rapid exit with just a 90-degree turn to exit. One cylinder operates the front rails, one that rises from the floor and one that drops down.

"You can't believe the stuff Charlie can engineer. He designed the stuff himself. This is his own design," Scott said.

The parlor, which was installed in August, also has indexing which keeps the cows tight along the butt pan and doesn't allow a lot of movement inside the parlor.

"That was one of the nicest options we put in. It pushes cows back and speeds up the milking," Scott said.

The Mohrs were also pleased with the smooth installation process. After the Mohrs committed to the parlor renovation, the Storms staff measured everything and installed the parlor in just three days between the morning and night milkings.

"They were easy to work with. They would come right away in the morning and by the time we wanted to milk at night they were gone and we were ready to go," Scott said.

The parlor has allowed Scott and Roger, who do most of the milking, to spend less time in the parlor.

"The cows milk faster and move through faster. The main thing is the milking time is less," Scott said. "You can get quite a bit of stuff done in 365 hours."

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