



# HERD MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

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**January 19, 2010**

Legion Hall  
Chesterville, ON

**January 20, 2010**

Memorial Hall  
Tavistock, ON

**January 21, 2010**

PMD Complex  
Drayton, ON

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AND SAVE!**

## SPEAKERS FOR THIS CONFERENCE INCLUDE:

**Dr. Nigel Cook** *Farm Animal Production Medicine, University of Wisconsin-Madison*

Dr. Cook manages the Cow Comfort and Well-being Program with interests in a variety of subject areas related to the impact of the environment in which we keep our dairy cows on it's effect on their health and behavior. Current projects include the effect of stall design on lame cow behavior, the effect of heat stress on stall use and lameness, interrelationships between hoof lesions, air quality in livestock buildings, the effect of pen moves on transition cow health, and the development of a variety of transition cow health monitors.

Dr. Cook's primary clinical interests are focused on the impact of the environment on the well-being of the dairy cow. He provides a troubleshooting service to the dairy farms of Wisconsin for problems related to milk quality, clinical mastitis, lameness, and poor reproductive performance. He is also involved in appraising dairy facilities and offering advice on remodelling barns and building new barns to improve cow comfort and the care of dairy cattle.

**Harold House** *Engineer, Dairy and Beef Housing and Equipment, OMAFRA*

Harold has been very involved in functional and useful design of dairy housing for the past 20 years. Experience has allowed him to identify systems that provide cow health and productivity, as well as keeping labor efficiency a high priority. In addition to consulting directly with dairymen regarding expansion, Harold has been involved as part of the executive of LHO/PDO for many years, as well as conducting dairy building design courses held each winter.

Harold's interest goes beyond the actual structure to how the structure and environment interact with the animal to provide a comfortable setting for maximum production. His topic is based on years of experience and he condenses this knowledge into the five key areas that make or break a dairy facility.

**Paul Crozier & Ron Bolton (retired)** *Agricultural Specialists, CIBC*

Both Ron and Paul have many years of experience working with dairy farms from a financial consultation perspective. Experience has allowed them to view the business side, as well as the production side of dairying. They will share their knowledge in the key items that lead to profitability, and the areas that are 'time and money wasters'. One of the items that is identified in profitable dairymen is their perspective towards planning for the future and in carrying out their plans

Paul and Ron will share their perspective on the need for, and what to consider, in putting together a long-term strategic plan that works.

- 10:00 REGISTRATION**
- 10:30 The Five Key Comfort Zones of the Dairy Cow**
- 11:15 Practical Approach to Managing Transition Cows**  
Dr. Nigel Cook
- 12:15 Trends identified from the Profit Profiler Program**
- 12:30 LUNCH**
- 1:30 Herd Level Risk Factors for Poor Reproductive Performance**  
Dr. Nigel Cook
- 2:30 Long-Term Strategic Planning of the Dairy Business**  
Paul Crozier & Ron Bolton
- 3:15 ADJOURNMENT**

**REGULAR PRICE: \$45.00 EARLY BIRD: \$37.00** (INCLUDES GST)

Price includes conference and lunch. Pre-registration required by January 12, 2010.

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