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College and friends dedicate new Teaching Dairy Barn



The dairy industry in the State of New York got a big boost with the opening of the University's new Teaching Dairy Barn this summer. The facility was dedicated at a ceremony held during the fifth annual New York State Veterinary Conference on September 28. This new facility, located at 225 Tulip Tree Road in the Town of Ithaca, will help prepare veterinarians to serve the needs of New York's dairy industry.

As a joint project between Cornell's veterinary college and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the teaching dairy barn was designed by the architectural firm of Erdy McHenry and is the first building planned for the Large Animal Teaching

Complex, which eventually will include a multipurpose teaching arena, an equine metabolism unit, and pasture areas. Currently, approximately 90 cows reside at the facility, with the initial herd supplied by Sunnyside Farm and the Rejman family of Genoa, NY.

"For more than a century, the College of Veterinary Medicine and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences have helped the state's dairy industry produce nutritious, high quality dairy products. This new facility will help to ensure that this legacy continues and greatly enhances our ability to prepare students for dairy practice," said Michael I. Kotlikoff, dean of the veterinary college.

The ceremony included remarks by Dean Michael Kotlikoff, Cornell Provost Kent Fuchs, Matt Morgan, deputy commissioner of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, Dr. Chuck Guard of the veterinary college, and Dr. Ron Butler of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Following the ceremony, Cornell officials led guests on 20-minute tours of the new facility.

For more information about the Teaching Dairy Barn at Cornell, visit www.vet.cornell.edu/education/DVMProgram/TDB/

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