

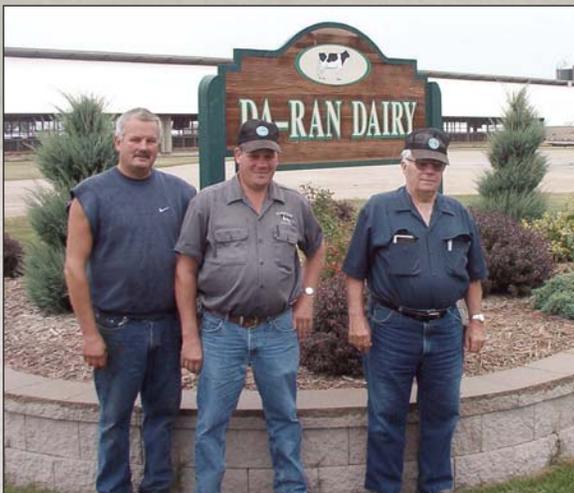


Da-Ran Dairy counts on Patz for over 20,000,000 gallons per year!



Gerald Stahl and his sons Dave & Randy operate Da-Ran Dairy in Luxemburg, WI. The 1400 cow dairy operation has plans to expand to 1800 this fall. It takes a lot of equipment to keep a farm this size running and if you take a look around, you'll see quite a bit of Patz equipment.

As a matter of fact, Da-Ran Dairy currently owns six Model 400 Barn Cleaners, four surface drive silo unloaders, two ring drive silo unloaders, one Model 400 Material Mover, six Model 8916 and Model 162A Conveyors, four Model 1500 Alley Scrapers, one Model 6000E Vertical Pit Pump and one Model 4444 Vertical Pit Pump. An additional Model 6000E pump and two additional Model 1500 alley scraper units will be installed this fall in a new barn.



Randy (left) and Dave Stahl operate Da-Ran Dairy with dad Gerald Stahl (right) in Luxemburg, WI.

Gerald began dairying on his own in 1954 and purchased his first Patz Barn Cleaner in 1956 from his local Patz dealer Hank Vanden Plas. Even after 50 years, that original barn cleaner drive unit is still in operation today. "Jerry" chose Patz because of the simple hook and eye chain design. He purchased his first Patz silo unloader a few years later and many additional Patz units over the past 50 years.

In 1996, the Stahls purchased a 200 cow dairy. In 2001, Da-Ran Dairy was formed and the farm they purchased five years earlier was expanded with a new parlor and free stall barns, bringing cow numbers up to 1400. These barns became home to the first four Model 1500 alley scraper units and their first 6000E pump.

They recently installed a Model 4444 Vertical Pit Pump to replace another brand pump that had continuous failures. The 4444 is used to pump manure and wastewater from the milking parlor and holding area to the reception pit. The 6000E agitates and pumps all waste from the reception pit to storage. At Da-Ran Dairy, they depend on the performance of their

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6000E pump to handle in excess of 20,000,000 gallons of manure and wastewater per year.

The Stahls say they continue to choose Patz equipment because it is durable and provides reliable performance, resulting in less downtime.

"The alley scrapers don't require much maintenance," says Dave, "and the cows are cleaner because of the cleaner alleys."

An additional benefit is less damage to the building structure, as skid steer use can sometimes result in damage to gates, doors, etc.

Jerry also comments that he had been very pleased with the good service from all of their Patz dealers over the past 50 years, including Hank Vanden Plas, Dorner Equipment in New Franken and Schmidt Buildings & Equipment, Inc., Kaukauna, WI.

As Da-Ran Dairy continues with their expansion plans, Schmidt Buildings & Equipment, Inc. is working with them on the construction of their new barn.

"We're happy with Dennis Welhouse and the Schmidt Buildings & Equipment, Inc. team because of their good and dependable service," states Jerry, adding "They're there when you need them." Recently when Da-Ran's self-loading mixer broke down, Schmidt provided a Patz vertical mixer to use – an invaluable service when you have approximately 3000 animals to feed!

Da-Ran Dairy currently owns 1,250 acres and rents 2,750 acres. They plant and harvest 2,000 acres of corn, 1,700 acres of alfalfa, 260 acres of winter wheat and 20 acres of soybeans. They have 18 full-time employees and 8 part-time employees.

The Stahls plan to grow cow numbers to 2000, add a new heifer facility and a manure processing system in the future. You can also be sure that the proven performance of their Patz equipment and excellent service from their Patz dealers will continue on at Da-Ran Dairy for years to come.

Expanding your operation soon? Your local Patz dealer can help you plan for your manure and feed handling needs and offer flexible financing options that fit your budget.

Over 5,000,000 gallons -- no problem for the Patz Model 3333 Multi-Use Vertical Pump!



Ryzebol Dairy farm manager Ryan Buchanan with Patz dealer Dan Wylie.

When Brian Ryzebol and his family moved their 3000-head dairy operation from California to Bailey, MI, he installed at least one piece of equipment that was definitely worth the investment – a Patz Model 3333 Multi-Use Vertical Pump.

"It does the job we need," says Ryan Buchanan, farm manager.

And that's a big job; Ryzebol Dairy milks three times per day and

keeps their Model 3333 pump running 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year to pump out wastewater from the milking parlor.

According to Ryan, their first Model 3333 pumped over 1,000,000 gallons per year and ran very well for five years with only basic maintenance needed. When it was time to replace the old pump, they knew they could count on their next Patz pump for at least another 5,000,000 gallons.

They also know they can count on their local Patz dealer Dan Wylie, of Wylie Implement, Inc., in Kent City, MI., for reliable, dependable service. "He's always very helpful," says Ryan. "When we need Dan, he's always on time."

The high-performance Model 3333 Multi-Use Vertical Pump provides quick transfer with output capacity range up to 510 gallons (1,930 liters) per minute at 15 foot (4.6 meters) head for a variety of waste liquids, such as milking parlor waste water, liquid manure reception pits, manure separator liquid residues, hog manure and flood waters.

Contact your local Patz dealer to discuss your pumping needs. Check out our complete line of pumps at www.patzsales.com.

A Patz Barn Cleaner in Bronx, New York?

When you think of Patz barn cleaners, you will most likely picture a dairy farm in the country. But 10 years ago, Patz dealer Ron Rutledge of Rutledge Repairs in Damascus, PA, made a very unique installation in Bronx, NY.

Ron installed a Patz Model 400 Barn Cleaner in the James Carter Giraffe Facility at the Bronx Zoo. In addition to giraffes, this facility houses zebras, mongoose, lovebirds, ostriches, wild dogs, cheetahs and duikers. Zookeepers say that the Patz barn cleaner is a "labor saving asset" to their facility.

When cleaning stalls, zookeepers deposit waste material into a gutter that winds around in front of all the pens. The barn cleaner takes the waste out to a collection point outside the facility, saving time and labor for staff.

Ron provides regular service and maintenance to three barn cleaners at the Bronx Zoo. This provides peace of mind to the zoo, knowing that they can depend on their Patz dealer for his expertise and great service.

The Bronx Zoo is host to two million visitors each year.



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Give your neighbors a break with a shelterbelt

The practice of establishing windbreaks or shelterbelts has proven to be helpful in reducing odor complaints from neighbors. A recent article in the Michigan Dairy Review (January 2006) discussed the benefits of using trees and shrubs as an effective way to manage farm odors and provide attractive landscaping to project a positive image in the community.

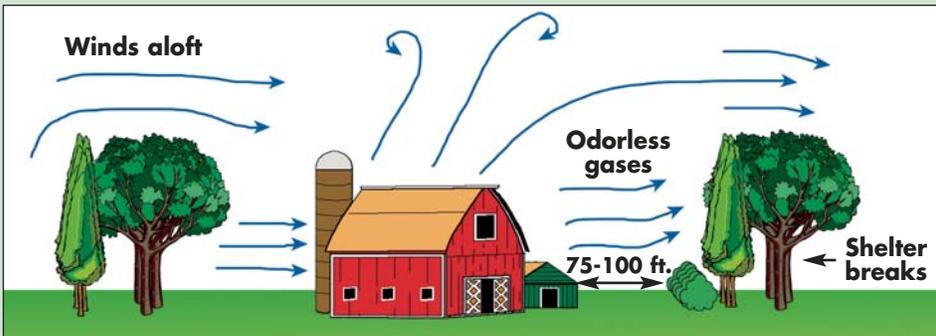
Shelterbelts work by creating turbulence on windy or breezy days, forcing air movement up and mixing odorous air with fresh air. On calm days, the shelterbelt can help to slow air movement, reducing the amount of dust particles and odorous compounds that are carried in the wind current.

Additionally, the shelterbelts act as a filter, capturing dust particles and odorous compounds on leaf surfaces. Microorganisms on the plant surfaces help to break down the odor compounds, reducing the odor offensiveness. Pine and spruce trees are considered excellent filters due to their greater total leaf surfaces and year round vegetation.

A 3-row shelterbelt using three different tree species is most effective. Shrubs should be the first row nearest the odor source. Shrubs will divert airflow upward and will filter air near the ground surface. Next, a middle row of tall growing conifers (pine, spruce, northern white cedar) will provide a year-round windbreak and filter. The third row should consist of tall, fast growing deciduous trees (hybrid poplar) to help control odor while the middle row of conifers matures.

It is recommended that shelterbelts be located 75 to 100 feet upwind and downwind from the odor source. This should prevent the possibility of roots penetrating the liner of earthen manure storages. A minimum of 100 feet distance will allow sufficient airflow for naturally ventilated buildings.

Studies suggest that the height of a shelterbelt must reach 20 to 30 feet in order to become fully effective. Contact your local Natural Resource Conservation Service or Conservation District office for specific recommendations for your geographic location.



Shelterbreaks help manipulate airflow to dilute and disperse odors. In addition, odorous compounds attach to leaf surfaces, further filtering the odors before they can reach neighboring homes.

A well-planned shelterbelt is a worthwhile investment that is effective controlling odor, while also projecting an image of good environmental stewardship.

A detailed description of use of windbreaks as an odor control tool for livestock farms was published in the January, 2006 issue (pages 19-21) of the Michigan Dairy Review, Michigan State University Extension. It can be found at: <http://www.mdr.msu.edu> under Archives.



The Patz Barn Cleaner winds around in front of all the pens for easy disposal of waste materials.

☛ **Contact your Patz dealer to find out how easy a Patz Barn Cleaner can make manure handling for you.**



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Would you put a new barn cleaner chain on this worn sprocket?

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If you do, your new chain will be forced to conform to the wear pattern of an old sprocket and other worn components, causing premature wear of your new chain.

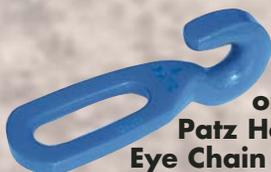
Patz chain is now manufactured using the most advanced closed-die forging methods for maximum strength, uniformity and consistency throughout every link. This results in more consistent pitch length so Patz chain and components fit together better for smoother operation - meaning, less maintenance for you and longer service life for your chain!

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- Drive sprocket
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Patz chain is backed by a 15-year (5-year full) extended written warranty. Compare our chain's warranty with any other hook-and-eye chain warranty and you'll see why Patz chain is your best investment.

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Ryan Ingersoll, Cuba City, WI, (shown on right with Patz dealer Tony Steinhart) depends on his Patz Model 9427 Bale Chopper for time, labor and bedding material savings.
 "I wasn't going to shake another bale by hand again after having my motorized Patz 9427 Bale Chopper," says Ryan.
 Read the full story of Ingersoll Dairy by visiting www.patzsales.com and clicking on "Success Stories."

From the Kitchen of:

Rose Marie Zetah, Cushing, MN

Thank you, Rose Marie for this month's recipe and thanks also to runner up Ilene Peterson, Barron, WI, for submitting a recipe as well.

A retired dairy farm wife, Rose Marie states this tasty beef stew was a family favorite and filled her family of 8 children up on those cold wintry days.

Send your favorite holiday recipe for publication in our Nov. '06 issue. Please send it along with your name, mailing address and why it's your favorite to: Patz Sales, Inc., LINK Editor, POB 7, Pound, WI 54161.



Beef Stew

- ½ large round steak, cut into pieces
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 stalks celery, sliced
- 3 or 4 carrots, sliced
- 5 to 8 medium potatoes, cut in pieces (depending on number of people served)
- 1 T. beef bouillon



Cut round steak into 1" pieces and brown in 2 T. bacon grease or shortening in a dutch oven. Add 1½ C. water and simmer 1½ to 2 hours on medium low heat; add more water when needed.

Add vegetables and cook 25 to 30 minutes more. Add 1 more cup of water and beef bouillon. Thicken liquid for gravy. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

