

Dairy Tour

On August 30 the Treynor Optimist Club toured a dairy owned by Bruce Campbell that does all the milking with robots. 17 members and 4 guests went on the tour.

The cow barn was built by Mennonites from Winterset. It took them two weeks to build the building, including the cement. The building is 240 feet by 83 feet and holds 120 cattle. The cement has a 1% slope.

The cattle have headlocks for eating to prevent them from bullying. The ceiling is 16 foot high with 4 foot rafter spacing.

There are 18 high pressure sodium lights to light the building. It would have taken 110 LEDs to do the same job.

Outside there is an 880 gallon pit. It is 9 feet deep.

Mr. Campbell has milked since 1970. The new building was completed and put in use in November 2013.



