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## Charles Hill Farm has 4 GEA Monobox Robots

By Maurice Rees

As farmers strive to become more efficient, automation is becoming more prevalent in all aspects of agriculture. The dairy industry is no exception and the Charles Hill Farm, Onslow is a prime example. The MacMillan's had the foresight to implement as much technology, as possible, into their new 330 x 145 square-foot state-of-the-art dairy barn.

No more getting up in the middle of the night to go start milking at 3:30 am and again at 3:30 pm. Cows get milked whenever they want to... three to four times a day, without the touch of a human hand. Dairy farmers can check the status of the dairy barn and milking parlour from the computer or smart phone to ensure the barn is problem free.

The MacMillan's installed four GEA Monobox robots. The milk-

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ing system delivers the ultimate in automated milking efficiency and performance, the Monobox ensures optimal milk harvesting in a stall designed for comfort.

With innovative in-liner cow prep and milking procedures, and the fastest attachment in the industry, the Monobox Automated Milking System features the latest in automated milking technology.

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Feed Nova Scotia Executive Director, Nick Jennery, left accepts a \$1,500 cheque from Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture President, Victor Oulton. (Submitted)



## NSFA Continues to be the Voice of Nova Scotia's Farmers

By: Maxine MacLean

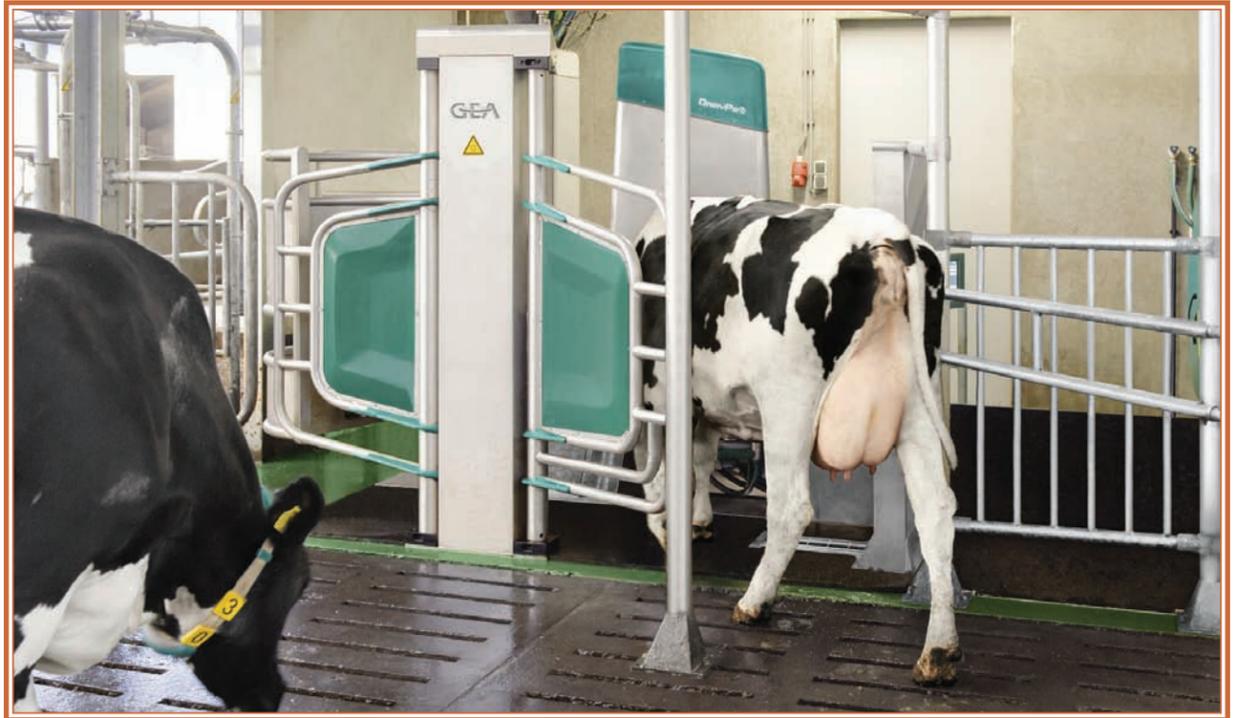
Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture (NSFA) has made progress on key issues that have been impacting farm operations and the agriculture industry as a whole. Firstly, we worked with Nova Scotia Power on alternatives to 3-phase power for those farms that have access to single-phase power. NSP explored phase converter options and are now able to support farms and other small business that are investing in converter technologies.

Last year we also gained progress on financing options for small scale farms - the Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board recently announced a Microloan Program designed to meet the needs of farms looking for a small loan. NSFA advocated collaboratively on emerging issues such as the proposed changes to taxation of private corporations, Safe Food for Canadians Act proposed regulations and a Food Policy for Canada.

While progress can still be made in areas such as protecting agricultural land, eliminating the labour gap and increasing the public's trust in our industry, we are gaining ground and there is evidence to suggest that the industry is moving forward.

NSFA has been active on the land file for many years now. Over the last 12 months or so, significant traction has been made on the efforts to protect agricultural land - the Agriculture Land Inventory Project has been updated. A resolution was passed at the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities annual con-

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Cows enter the GEA monobox for one of their two to four milkings per day in this photo supplied by GEA Farm Technologies Canada Inc.. The MacMillan's at Charles Hill Farm, Onslow, have four GEA milking robots and The Shoreline Journal joined many farmers and others interested in the growth of the farming industry for a tour of MacMillan's new facility. The full story appears on page 7 and 8 of this exclusive 'Section C' of the Shoreline Journal. (GEA Photo)

## Trouw Nutrition Expands Feed Additive Portfolio with Selko IntelliBond

Following the acquisition of U.S. based company Micronutrients by global animal feed company Nutreco, which has a store in Truro, its animal nutrition company Trouw Nutrition announced the global integration of the Selko IntelliBond product range. The world's first hydroxy trace minerals for animal nutrition are

now incorporated into Trouw Nutrition's feed additive portfolio, marketed under the brand Selko IntelliBond.

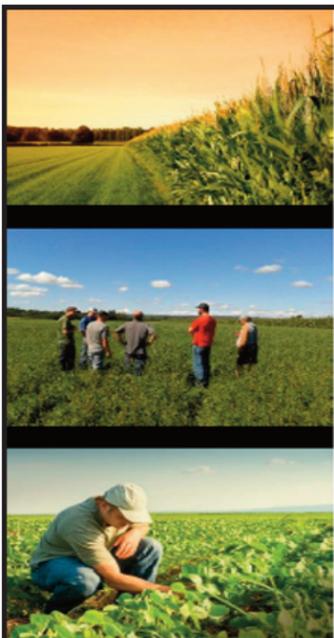
Nutreco's animal nutrition company, Trouw Nutrition, now sells and distributes hydroxy trace minerals globally under the brand name Selko IntelliBond. With proven sales success in the U.S., the company is excited to

make these products available worldwide.

Jeff Cohen, Vice President of Sales and Marketing at Micronutrients stated, "Launching Selko IntelliBond worldwide is an opportunity we have been looking forward to for a while. When you consider the current success of these trace minerals, their potential in a large

er market looks very promising."

Selko IntelliBond are hydroxy trace minerals, the most technologically advanced form of trace minerals designed for animal feeds. Selko IntelliBond products have high bioavailability, leading to increased animal performance and lower environmental impact.



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