

BAYVIEW POULTRY FARM

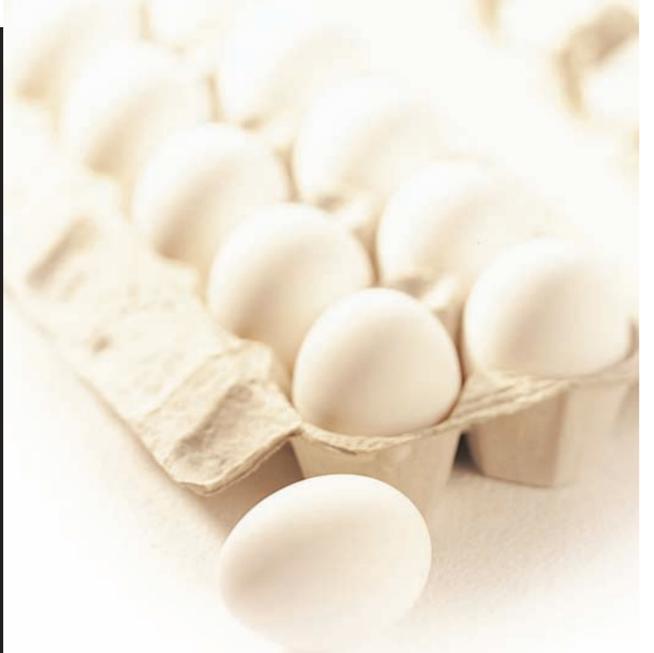


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Completes Most Modern Facility in Atlantic Canada



Family run business! Three generations of the Jennings family are involved with day to day operations at Bayview Poultry Farm Ltd. Left to right- Cecil, Glen and Blake Jennings. (submitted photo)



By Linda Harrington

Bayview Poultry Farms Ltd., in Masstown, celebrated the completion of their recent expansion with an open house on April 24th. The newly renovated 160 x 33 ft poultry barn features a state of the art enriched system, manufactured by Big Dutchman.

Seventy-six years ago Big Dutchman was founded in Holland, Michigan, and in the same city from which its North American headquarters still services all of the Canadian provinces.

The AVECH fully enriched colony system was first designed and perfected by Big Dutchman, and this system is the world standard in equipment which houses egg-laying hens. In North America alone there are over thirty million hens housed in this system, which is modern, innovative, and animal-care friendly.

The birds live in an environment that gives them more space to move around, perch, drink, eat, scratch, and allows them to lay their eggs in a nest box area. Manure is collected on a belt system where it can be dried and removed automatically, helping to

insure a cleaner environment for the hens. During the past four years the poultry industry has researched and evaluated several different types of hen housing systems, and since then over 95% of all equipment sold in the United States and Canada has been the enriched colony housing-type system.

Providing a cleaner and healthier environment for the hens has improved the longevity of the flock over traditional cage-type systems, and increased egg production numbers. This has proven to be a win-win situation for the laying hens as they live in a better housing environment with improved manure management methods. As a result we have a happier, healthier hen in a cleaner environment.

Big Dutchman's Terry Pollard says they are proud to have introduced the most modern methods used in the housing of egg laying hens throughout the world, and now with the Bayview Farms installation, in the beautiful Canadian province of Nova Scotia. *continued on page 18*



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