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Innovating Dairy Farming While Honoring Tradition

Hillmanor Holsteins, a family-operated dairy farm in Dublin, Ontario, has been in the Louwagie family since 1960. Founded by Joseph Louwagie and his brother Hector, who immigrated from Belgium with only \$100, the farm has grown into a leading operation in Perth County. Today, Joseph’s son, Frank Louwagie, and his wife Heather continue to build on that legacy, embracing innovation to meet the evolving demands of modern dairy farming.

In 2013, the Louwagies transitioned to Lely robotic milking systems, increasing efficiency and improving the farming lifestyle. This shift set the stage for further expansion, leading to the construction of a new, state-of-the-art cross-ventilated barn in 2020. Designed to house 250 cows, the barn features four Lely Astronaut A5 robotic milkers and an efficient layout to support the farm's growing operations.

Committed to sustainability, Hillmanor installed 100 kilowatts of solar panels, providing half of the barn’s energy needs, with plans for further expansion. The farm’s commitment to innovation also includes offering robot training for other local dairies, helping them transition to robotic milking.

For the Louwagie family, farming is both a tradition and a passion. Hillmanor Holsteins continues to thrive by blending time-honored values with cutting-edge technology, ensuring a sustainable future for the farm and the broader community.



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