

‘Mooving’ Day

M & C Dairy Expands

Mark Reis and his son Charlie recently expanded their dairy operation, M & C Dairy near Lime



Springs. Like many farmers, their ten-year dream of expanding their dairy herd started to become a reality in August 2005. Construction of the new parlor and open bedding pack barn began and with a lot of cooperation from area businesses, the first milking in the new parlor took place on February 6, 2006.

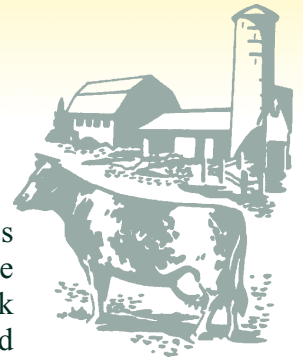
The Reis' increased their Holstein and Brown Swiss dairy herd from 60 to 200. They milk two times per day and now have the capabilities to milk 16 cows at one time. With the



new parlor and milking equipment, it takes two hours to milk their new herd, the same amount of time it took with 60 cows. Mark and Charlie also farm 680 acres of corn and beans. They buy their hay from South Dakota to feed their herd.

Mark's wife Winky works at the FSA office and Charlie's wife Shannon is employed at C US Bank. Winky does all the bookwork for the farm, but both wives commented that they are glad they don't have to help with the daily milking and chores.

M & C Dairy purchased the water heaters and mini-boiler from Hawkeye and take part in Hawkeye's load control program.



Hawkeye employee Wayne Kirkeby checks on the 9kW mini-boiler.



There was an open house at M & C Dairy on Friday, February 3rd to showcase the expansion before the first milking took place.