

Jurian Kusters

Dairy farming
Selsingen, Lower Saxony
Germany



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New efficient barn for Jurian Kusters

After a long run-up with various renovations of the old barn and outbuildings, the plan for a new barn was created in 2009. *“The global crisis and the poor milk price caused the plans to be put on hold,”* Kusters explains. The application for a building permit was not submitted until 2014. *“Landholding security was another reason for putting the plans on hold. In order to be able to build a financially healthy business, it is important to have sufficient land at your disposal”.* The opportunity to buy land from a neighbour accelerated the process and provided the final nudge for building the new barn in 2018.

“ Expensive labour demands efficiency and that is reflected in Dutch farms. That is why, also because of my economic background, I opted for a “straightforward barn” with lots of light, air and short walking distances. ”

Jurian Kusters, dairy farmer and agricultural emigration agent

The Benefits of Comfort

- Comfort for the cow
- Comfort for the farmer
- Made in Holland
- Customisation
- Nearby & fast service

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- 176 Freestall dividers, model Profit, wave neck bars and knee bars
- 28 Feed fronts, model Highline
- 184 Dual waterbeds
- 4 Drinking troughs model Classic 200

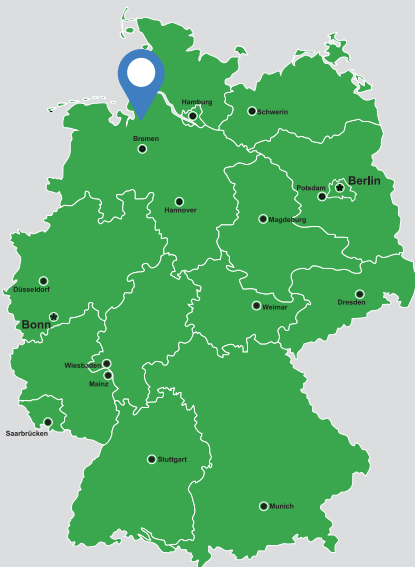
Ease of work determines choices for barn interior

The barn was built in a 0-6-0 layout with three DeLaval milking robots. *“I think it’s important that the cows stay in one group with several robots. If a robot fails, the cows can still be milked. That’s efficiency.”* For the cubicle bedding, convenience was also a consideration. Dual waterbeds were the best choice. *“Deep litter would involve a large amount of labour or machine costs on a daily basis”,* explains Kusters. *“For the farmer, the strategy is to achieve his results with the minimum possible amount of work.”*



When planning the interior of the barn, we consciously looked at the jobs that recur on a daily basis. *“Every part of the barn is clearly visible because there are few columns throughout the area. We use a simple feeding system with a maximum of 3 rations and the Highline feed front gives us adequate possibilities to secure the herd or just to separate a single cow. Using a robot for milking gives us quiet in the barn and the cows end up suffering fewer injuries. With robot milking we do run a slightly higher risk of incomplete milking and milk leakage, but the milk that has leaked out runs nicely from the waterbed.”*

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Company information

	Land surface	110 ha
	Milk yield per cow	9300 kg
	Fat content	4,2 %
	Protein content	3,55 %
	Dairy cows	175 no.
	Young cattle	100 no.

Dairy farmer and agricultural emigration agent

The originally Dutch farmer Jurian Kusters, who emigrated to Germany from the Dutch city of Lochem in 1999, not only works as a dairy farmer but is also an agricultural emigration agent. He assists Dutch farmers with purchasing a business in Germany, something that takes him to many a farmyard. When building his own barn, he took both his Dutch background and his new German homeland into consideration.

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Reliable advise

Kusters has had a good relationship with Spinder dealer Taute GmbH in Papenburg for at least twenty years. *"It was logical therefore for us to cooperate with them for the interior of the new barn. If the product and the contact are good, they will keep my loyalty."* The quality and finish of the Spinder products were the deciding factors. *"The feed front does not have any protruding parts. It's easy to jump over it without getting caught on anything painfully,"* he chuckles. *"And then there's the operating handle; you won't find this quality and ease of operation in other brands."*

Kusters has every reason to be satisfied with the project. He has a beautiful Hörmann barn with two open sides, lots of light and air. In addition to the two feed alleys and six rows of cubicles, the barn contains two straw pens and a separation area. Almost all the necessary machines are located above the indoor office, so that the yard remains spacious and uncluttered. The successful construction translates into quiet, healthy cows and an increase in milk yield.

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