



HILLMANOR HOLSTEINS
Innovating Dairy Farming While Honoring Tradition

Hillmanor Holsteins, a family-operated dairy farm in Dublin, Ontario, has been in the Louwage family since 1960. Founded by Joseph Louwage and his brother Hector, who immigrated from Belgium with only \$700, the farm has grown into a leading operation in Perth County. Today, Joseph's son, Frank Louwage, and his wife Heather continue to build on that legacy, embracing innovation to meet the evolving demands of modern dairy farming.

In 2013, the Louwages 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 Alparesse 40 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 robotic training for other local dairies, helping them transition to robotic milking.

For the Louwage 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.

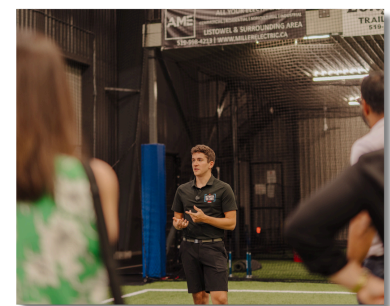
Facebook: Hillmanor.Farms
West Perth Perth County

Prosper in Perth County

Ready to showcase your business or celebrate someone on your team? Reach out for more information on our Planted in Perth County & People of Perth County program!

Our most recent Planted in Perth County feature takes you on a tour of Hillmanor Holsteins.

<https://www.perthcounty.ca/en/doing-business/prosper-in-perth-county.aspx>



Host a business tour or networking event in 2025 and let your success take center stage!

Thank-you to the 51 respondents of our most recent Business Check-In survey! We appreciate your thoughts and feedback regarding upcoming programming for 2025.

Perth County
BUSINESSES
We want to hear from you!

As a valued member of Perth County's business community, your insights are essential in helping us support your growth and success. We're conducting a confidential and anonymous survey to reflect on the programs we offered in 2024 and to plan effectively for 2025.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Checkin2025>

READY TO PARTICIPATE IN JANUARY 16, 2025

TARIFFS & PERTH COUNTY BUSINESS IMPACT SURVEY

Perth County
Cultivating Opportunity

Our Prosper in Perth County "DID YOU KNOW" campaign has reached great heights!

To date our posts have reached 26,163 Facebook accounts, received 109 Facebook Likes, and have been shared 33 times.

facebook.com/perthcounty

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ANNA MAE'S BAKERY & RESTAURANT
Did YOU KNOW? Anna Mae's Bakery & Restaurant bakes over 75,000 pies annually!

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Gray Ridge Egg Farms
Did YOU KNOW? Gray Ridge Eggs ships almost 12 million eggs per week!

SCAN HERE

Our current Business Impact Survey has served as a template for the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus (WOWC) survey on how possible Tariffs might affect our local businesses.

Scan QR Code for Tariff survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PerthCountyTariffImpact>

People & Workforce Development

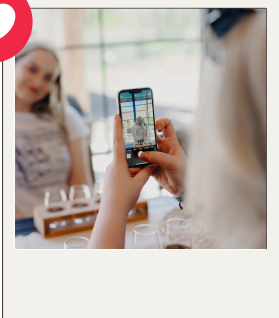


Looking to strengthen your workforce? Let us connect you with tools and strategies to attract top talent!

We encourage you to take advantage of our FREE 'Welcoming Communities' training! Digital online courses that you can take at your own pace.

<https://forms.perthcounty.ca/CAO/Ecdev-and-Tourism/Employer-Portal-Registration>

Tourism and Destination Development



Want to be featured in an upcoming social media influencer visit?

This campaign has helped to reach over 250K social media accounts!



We are often looking for inspiring stories when creating content for our marketing outlets. We offer the tools to support you in creating memorable experiences. Reach out today by scanning the QR Code or following the link!

<https://www.perthcounty.ca/en/discover/discover-more-adventures.aspx>



Join our Discover More Flavour program today!

We have over 90 participants showcasing our diverse agricultural offerings, even unique farm-to-table experiences!

Want more info? Send us an email or give us a call!

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EXPERIENTIAL TOURISM WORKSHOP

A big thank you to everyone who participated in the Experiential Tourism workshop! We hope you found the session valuable and are excited to apply some of the concepts we discussed.

This exclusive initiative is designed to help local businesses transform their existing offerings into standout experiences that captivate visitors, boost visibility, and enhance the local tourism scene.

If you're interested in learning more or joining the Discover More Adventures (DMA) program, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at tourism@perthcounty.ca. We'd love to continue the conversation and help you take the next step in your tourism journey!

Want to participate in our Experiential Tourism Program?

Scan the QR code to download our Program Guide and Experience Planning Template.



<https://forms.perthcounty.ca/CAO/Ecdev-and-Tourism/Discover-More-Adventures-Business-Sign-Up-Form>



Mobility 2.0

Enjoy the PC Connect Rural Route Service

As the service winds down, you still have time to utilize the PC Connect Rural Route! Scan the QR code, or visit our website for bus routes & schedules.

<https://www.perthcounty.ca/en/living-here/schedules-and-maps.aspx>



Partner Resources



"Discover Top Talent in the Stratford-Bruce Peninsula Area"



DIGITAL MATCH-MAKING FOR EMPLOYERS AND JOB SEEKERS!

Employment Services Bruce Grey Huron Perth offers a fantastic new tool that matches qualified candidates with your employment needs. It's simple to use for both employers and job seekers alike. Please visit their website for more information or click here for a downloadable brochure!

<https://employmentbghs.ca/digital-service-delivery/>



Scan the QR code to apply!

Are you a student and aspiring entrepreneur? If so, **Our Summer Company Program is for you!**

Funded by the government of Ontario, this program helps young people between 15 and 29 years old start and run their own summer business by providing a potential grant, mentorship and training.

APPLY TODAY!

www.stratfordperthbusiness.ca



Foodpreneur Advantage



Foodpreneur Advantage is a regional collaboration of Small Business Enterprise Centres. Whether you are starting your food venture, or ready to expand and scale your operation, this is the place to start.

Upcoming Seminars

- SELLING TO FOOD RETAILERS - Feb 20, 2025
- PACKAGING & LABELLING - Feb 27, 2025
- STARTING A FOOD BUSINESS & REGULATORY COMPLIANCE - April 24, 2025
- HOW TO SELL YOUR FOOD PRODUCT - May 1, 2025

visit foodpreneuradvantage.ca for more details!

Invest Stratford is now accepting applications for the Summer Company Program! Summer Company is a program for students between the ages of 15 and 29 that helps them to start their own summer business. Funded by the Ontario Government and Ontario Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade and with mentorship at the Stratford Perth Centre For Business, the program helps students start their entrepreneurial business dreams. The program will provide hands-on training, mentorship, and financial grants of up to \$3,000.

Our office is always open! The Economic Development & Tourism team is here to support businesses, residents, and visitors with a range of programs to help Perth County grow & thrive.

