



Melkveebedrijf R. Schellekens

Ronnie Schellekens

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The herd

- 123 milking cows and 81 young stock
- 6,6 young stock per 10 milking cows
- Holsteins
- 8.720 liter per cow per year
- 4,12 fat and protein 3,50
- Age at first calving: 23 months
- 18.636 liter per ha
- Calving year round
- Traditional cubicle stable
- Robots

The farm

- Ronnie is a young farmer how is running the farm by his own
- Working week is 70 hours
- 57,55 ha total
- 48,15 ha production grass
- 8,88 ha maize
- 0,52 ha arable land

Innovations

Ronnie has a very automated farm, there are 3 milking robots and he invested in a feeding robot. This allows to improve the feeding efficiency. The robot adds regularly small portions, thus fresh feed is available and stimulates the uptake. In the stable a manure cleaning robot is installed with disinfection, this enhances the hygiene in the stable.

The cows performance is monitored with an activity meter, allowing for better control of the cows health and performance. Especially during heat the farmer can take action immediately. On top of this the farmer is interested in biodiversity and landscape management. Therefore he is allowing higher plant biodiversity on field edges.

Theme(s) of interest:

Animal care