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HOW EZ ANIMAL PRODUCTS REVOLUTIONIZES DAIRYING

By Leroy Martin



Across the sweeping plains of North Dakota's Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation, to the arid Saudi Arabian deserts, to central Nepal's mountainous peaks, Mr. Buck Wheeler and his company, EZ Animal Products have left an indelible mark on dairy industries. For the past few decades, countless homesteaders throughout the world have reaped the benefits of the company's products in exceptional ways.

As a Sioux Tribal Member, Wheeler enjoyed the freedoms the Reservation provided. Wrangling with pastured cows provided him with a strong foundation and expanded his overall dairy knowledge at a young age.

Back then already, young Buck recognized opportunity when he saw it. Milking the herds of mixed-breed cows on the Reservation posed problematic at times, and he was eager to invent a simple yet revolutionary method that facilitated the ease of milking the bovines.

His family's mixed-breed cows were harder to milk than their full-bred counterparts. Holsteins and other breeds release their milk more readily than mixed breeds do. Armed with ambition and ideas, Buck founded his company, EZ Animal Products, in 1995. A few years later, in 1998, the business was incorporated.

Since the very first day, Buck and his business were dedicated and committed to providing an ever-growing list of high-quality dairy products for homesteaders across the globe. Today these homesteaders say they no longer could do without these products.

John Byler, an Amish man from Kentucky, is one such homesteader. On his family farm, Byler milks two dozen Guernsey cows twice a day. Hours before the morning sun emerges along the fringes of the wintry horizon, Byler bundles up in layers as he heads out in the cold. High above, the Milky Way twinkles and dances as he trudges to the dairy barn where his herd awaits.

Byler dipped his feet in the water a few years ago when he first tested the new 2.6-gallon bucket that EZ Animal Products sold. Back then, his herd was much smaller and consisted of only five head. By integrating the highly versatile Ultimate EZ portable milking system, Byler was able to expand and grow his dairy.

For many years, Byler had been frustrated with the typical-sized milker systems on the market. Many didn't fit perfectly on the teats of various cows. When he explored Wheeler's Ultimate EZ milking applications, everything made sense. "It was a game changer," Byler says from his Kentucky farm. The milking cups addressed the needs of his herd much better than he had dared hope.

But there was still one problem that nagged at many small dairy operators. Cleaning the milking systems and tanks effectively remained too much of a chore. Many folks were convinced that a more ambitiously scrubbing and disinfecting their equipment, it should sparkle more and look cleaner throughout.



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This is where Buck Wheeler once again entered the scene. "Necessity is the mother of all inventions," he quips with a smile.

And if anyone would know, it is Wheeler. After listening to scores of dairy farmers, whether it be camel farmers in Saudi Arabia and Oman, or goat herders in Nepal and Kazakhstan, or shepherds in Switzerland or the Balkans, he is committed to making their lives easier and enhancing their overall milking experience.



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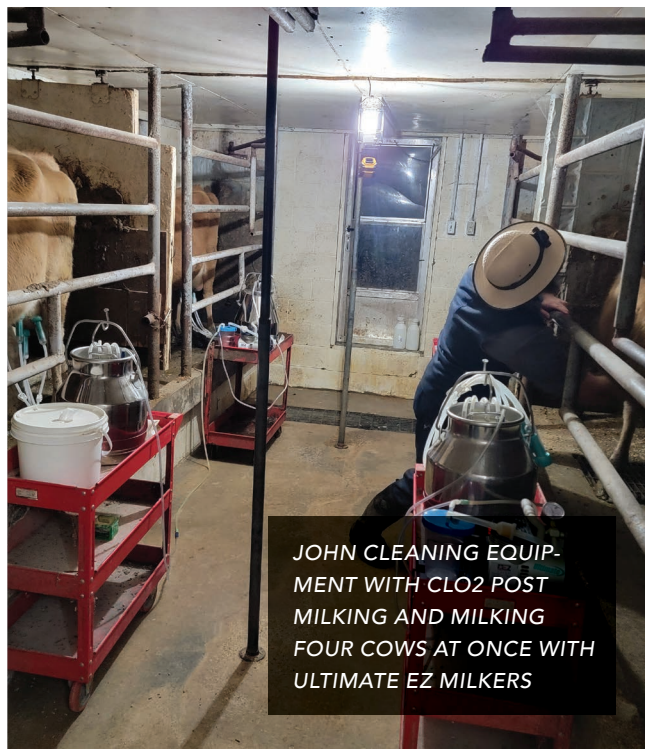
Together with Safrax, a global leader in instant Chlorine Dioxide tablet technology since 2011, the two industry giants solved the cleaning dilemma that Byler and thousands of other dairy homesteaders were facing.

Now, by dropping one of their CLO2 Chlorine Dioxide Effervescent tablets in a five-gallon bucket of water, the cleaning process begins in earnest. “In the past two months, we have had numerous clients using our tablets and they have not found any problems with the hoses forming any of the black spots as previously encountered,” Wheeler says. “Not only does it save time on cleanup, but it leaves a better and cleaner result than before.”



John Byler agrees. He is happy with the results of the tablets and wouldn't want to be without them. “They get things a lot cleaner,” he says. “No buildup occurs on the equipment or inside the hoses when I use these tablets, and it's cheaper than replacing hoses all the time.”

As a busy farmer with a growing herd as well as an expanding clientele, Byler says the chlorine dioxide tablets save him both time and money. Using two Ultimate EZ portable setups from EZ Animal Product's five, Byler milks four cows at once and relies on a one-hundred-gallon milk cooler which is cleaned with the tablets.



This chlorine dioxide treatment removes all pathogens and is safe enough to use in food service sanitation with no rinse required. The agent sanitizes both hard and smooth surfaces, serves as a mold and mildew remover, and is certified for use by the OMRI.

When cleaning your EZ Animal Products cream separators, or washing your Ultimate EZ or Udderly EZ milkers and milk coolers, you may first use their Power Wash soap along with hot water before rinsing with the CLO2 tablet application.

A brush, once considered an invaluable tool when deep cleaning dairy equipment, has now been rendered useless. The tablets, being far more effective, have replaced them. Upon research, brushes are now known to have been part of the problem when cleaning silicone tubing, the company notes. (The brushes scoured the interior walls of the tubing, leading to the formation of those unsightly black spots).

The response from folks using these tablets has been so satisfactory that Wheeler's company is planning to include brochures and instructional packets with every milking system they sell. (CLO2 is not the same as using chlorine as a sanitizer).

Since 1995, releasing a new product each year has been EZ Animal Products' model. Through thick and thin, they have remained committed to listening to the varied needs of their customers. Recently, their focus was placed on cream separators and milk cooling units. Due to customer feedback, these new products were greatly needed for homesteaders as well as larger business applications.

Buck, his wife Karen, and son John have forged strong business connections with Katya Luniova. Born in Ukraine, Katya comes from a community that is very familiarized with dairying. Currently living in Germany, the entrepreneur has business connections with manufacturing companies in several countries, including Greece. The electric and hand-cranked cream separators which EZ Animal Products sells has been made possible by Katya.

In 2024, EZ Animal Products added the Slavic Beauty and Milky cream separators to their product line. Various sizes and models are available, with capacities ranging from 26 and 92 gallons per hour. The 26-gallon model is perfect for small family farm projects where the herd size comprises a few cows. This model is made of materials from anodized aluminum. Various parts are made in Ukraine and Germany, with assembly taking place in Austria.

Meanwhile, the larger capacity models fit the bill for small creameries and can sufficiently accommodate herds of twelve or more. The electric models operate very quietly. Some models feature spinning disks made of stainless steel, while others are made of anodized aluminum. Most models feature milk and cream spouts comprised of food grade poly. The electric and hand-cranked versions are compatible with milk from cows, goats, sheep, and even camels.

Separating cream can be a tricky enterprise. For optimal results, it is essential that milk is separated while it is still warm. “Milk is around 98 degrees while it’s extracted from the cows,” Wheeler says. The sooner the separation process begins, the better. Waiting until the milk has cooled can result in undesirable outcomes.

Due to necessity within the industry, EZ Animal Products invested in importing portable milk cooling units in 2025. Ranging from five different sizes, these



units have helped small farms and creameries cool their milk efficiently with cost-effective measures. Instead of investing in large bulk tanks which will never be used to capacity, folks are happy that an alternative meets their smaller needs.

The milk cooling units provide attractive insulation ratings. Sizes range widely and feature capacities of 15, 30, 60, 90, and 115 gallons (about 435.32 L). Any larger cooling units above 90 gallons are available in (220 V/60 Hz three phase) four sizes up to 264 gallons by special request.

“These units keep the milk chilled at 37-38 degrees,” Wheeler states. “An agitator runs every fifteen minutes, for the duration of two minutes. This consistently keeps milk stirred and avoids freezing from occurring at the bottom of the tank.”

The faster milk is chilled, the longer it remains fresh. Adaptive measures were implemented in the design promoting the fast chilling of milk to ensure farmers gain longevity of their dairy products.

EZ Animal Products has become the exclusive US distributor for Inox Steel Technical’s portable stainless steel milk cooling units. Customers appreciate the attention-to-detail design, enhanced safety features, and product boosting components.

An outlet elbow eliminates foaming of milk during the extraction process, and a reducer tube is included with each cooler for filling bottles and jars at no cost to the customer. Regarding safety, the agitator automatically stops when the lid is opened, protecting the operator. All cooling units operate at a standard voltage of 110-120, at 60 (Hz).

As a company, continued innovations and product improvements are central to EZ Animal Products. Their research and manufacturing operations are always looking to introduce practical new products, as well as being cognizant of ways to upgrade existing products which meet the expectations and demands of their varied clientele spread across 74 countries.

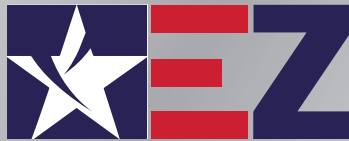
While their global reach is undeniable, EZ Animal Products are family oriented. They remain dedicated to providing even the smallest community with products that can improve the livelihoods of farmers whether they milk horses, sheep, goats, camels, water buffaloes, etc. The company also places priority on customer service. As a result, since they recognize the value of hearing a human voice when calling a company, they ensure their customers will always interact with a person.

Whether you are operating from a small dairy barn in Kentucky, managing a mountaintop goat range in the Himalayas, working on a camel dairy in the Arabian desert, or any other dairy around the world, the Wheelers and their team stand ready to assist with any of your specialized dairy needs. Try their products today.



EZ Animal Products is owned by the Wheeler family. For additional information regarding their products, you may contact them at: **800.287.4791** Their mailing address is: **1301 9th Avenue N, Humboldt, IA 50548**. They can also be reached via email at info@udderlyez.com. Or visit the company website: www.udderlyez.com to view available products or request a catalog.

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