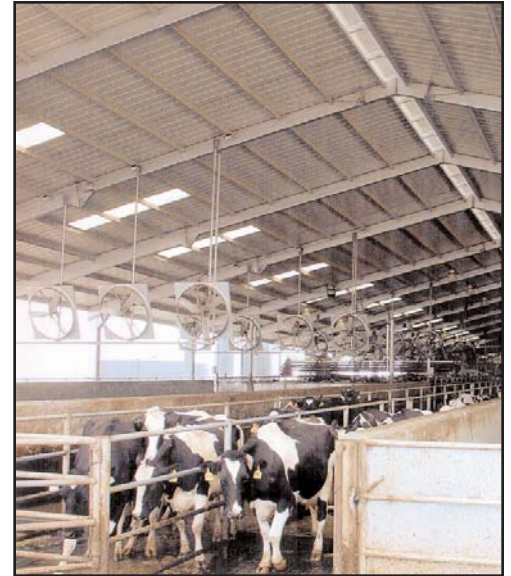




Bidart Dairy Milking Facility

Bakersfield, California



With the construction of over 500 dairies across the western U.S. on its résumé, Structures Plus again selected hot-dip galvanizing as the corrosion protection system for the state-of-the-art Bidart Dairy. Utilizing heavy tubular steel for the columns, beams, and roof trusses, and traditional structural members for the perlin, handrail, milking stalls, and gates, Structures Plus and Bidart count on hot-dip galvanized steel to meet the USDA's tough regulations and California's rigid laws for safe waste disposal and environmental care.

Hot-dip galvanizing plays an important role in dairy operations by providing a cost-effective, low maintenance, and durable coating to the steel comprising the complex. The zinc coating is safe for the milking cows and easily handles abrasions caused by loading and unloading cattle.

Each day, the Bidart Dairy has the capacity to accommodate 12,000 cows and store 84,000 gallons of milk. The dairy is also capable of milking 280 cows simultaneously, shipping 15 truckloads of milk daily. As a result, dairymen around the world acknowledge the Bidart Dairy as the standard for design . . . to which hot-dip galvanizing is integral.

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