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Mission Statement:
At FGC Limited service is our watchword. We are dedicated to our customers by providing value through attention to workmanship, response time, on-time delivery of state-of-the-art buildings and after-sale follow-up.

FGC LIMITED

“Building For Your Future”



Employee Profile: Joe O'Rourke

Grinning Joe says
“Work hard and have fun”

“Grinning Joe”, as he is known around the shop, has been with us since April 1997.

Fresh off the farm with great work ethics and lots of smiles he began as a construction labourer. Joe caught on quick

and continued to improve his skills and knowledge. Over time he moved to right hand man and finally supervisor running his own crew for the last 5 years.

That charming smile made him a favorite with the girls in Ontario. However, his days as a bachelor are over. He is engaged to be married August 4, 2007 to Wendy. Although Joe and Wendy have known each other for the past 15 years they have only been dating for the last 2. They currently live in Dublin with Wendy's two little girls. Courtney, 9, and Kylie, 5 are always with Joe and have managed to tame his wild streak. After asking for permission to marry their mom, Joe and the girls all went together to pick out a ring.

When Joe gets out he enjoys hunting, snowmobiling and driving his Ford pick-up. Congratulations Joe!



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Out With The Old and In With The New

On December 1st, 2006, Fred Groenestege Construction Limited changed to FGC LIMITED. We have not changed our logo or our philosophy on quality of

workmanship, customer service and satisfaction. We are still dedicated to building state-of-the-art buildings in the light industrial, commercial and agri-

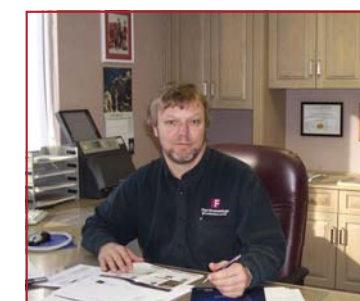
cultural markets. We just felt that it was time for a sleeker version of our name.

Business Outlook By Fred Groenestege

I'm going to venture somewhere, I haven't really gone before, and that is to give you some of my thoughts on the overall agricultural situation from my perspective.

Firstly, one of the things we are desperately lacking these days in this country is “Political Will” on agricultural and environmental issues. From an agricultural stand point, this has happened because over the years more and more rural people migrate to cities. We end up with elected officials that are farther removed from the farm all the time. This just can't help but to negatively influence the kind of support agriculture is going to get from our current governments. If the people making the decisions have less of a connection to the rural

community, they will make decisions that more directly effect the lives of the majority of their constituents, and of course their lives and the lives of their loved ones.



A point to highlight this; a month ago I was in Russia on business and there were two trade delegations that were there to try and develop business for agriculture; a Federal and Provincial

mission. The problem being, after months of planning for the provincial mission by our government, it was cancelled just two days before the trip because someone forgot to get the final requisition for funding approved for the participating government officials to travel. This left all of the business people, who had their flights, hotel accommodations and all the other necessary travel arrangements in order, to fend for themselves. You can imagine this had a fairly negative effect on the trip if for no other reason the receiving parties must have thought that we are just not serious about doing business with them. Now I would bet that if this mission had something to do with let's say, build-

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- Providing our Agricultural Clients with Minimum Distance Calculations, Animal Flow, Waste Handling/ Storage and Building Permit Requirements
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Business Outlook continued

ing cars, this small oversight would have been addressed immediately and the mission would have proceeded just fine. After all, this was just a bunch of agricultural equipment manufacturers and agricultural business people looking for new opportunities to keep their businesses viable. They make up such a small part of the overall population.

Something else to consider; it's been a long time since anybody in this country has had to go hungry. An over supply of high quality, healthy food has always been available, all be it, not always distributed to everybody. Now, if you were in government, and had to decide where you were going to make funding available to support an industry, and remember you are fairly removed from any rural roots, what would you do? Would you provide this support to an industry that has to export over 50% of its production because there are just too many producers for domestic supplies, or would you support an industry that is going to keep more of your constituent's happy with let's say, jobs building cars. I think it is pretty safe to say what the likely outcome would be. I'm also fairly sure this thinking would be a whole lot different if like 50 years ago, food used up a lot more of their income, and wasn't so abundantly and cheaply available. This situation is not going to change in the near future and will not change at all, unless consumers see a threat to their abundant and cheap food supply. This is where the lack of political will comes in, even if government today is aware of a pending crisis. They don't have the will to act because it might not win political favour or they are influenced by too many special interest groups. They will not act until they have to react to a crisis. The Hydro situation speaks very clearly to this point. When they finally react, just like the Hydro situation, it is then going to be very expensive to reconcile. I think the same thing is going to hold true to agriculture (our food supply) and the environment.

When you assess some of these situations, such as in agriculture and the environment, you have to put time into perspective. Intensive farming as we know it has only really been such for the past

75 years, very little time in the grand scheme of things. The world population is growing and as nations become wealthier they are going to demand more, and better quality food. As I stated earlier it is not that the world produces too much food, it's that it just doesn't get distributed to everyone who needs it. I can't recall who had quoted this statistic, but apparently this is the first time in recent history that the world consumed more food than it produced, two years in a row. All we did to meet this demand was to deplete carry over from the previous years, but eventually there are going to

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be shortages. There was a very interesting article in a recent Time news magazine that claims at the current rates of fishing, there will be no fish stocks left to fish in 50 years, another indicator about the demand for food. North American pork consumption was down in the past year, but this was more than offset by an increase in exports, because of an increase in world consumption.

The environment is changing due to global warming which is going to be devastating for some of us, but will produce opportunities for others. The effect will be that some nations might lose large tracts of existing agricultural land, and others might be able to cultivate land that was not feasible to cultivate earlier. Who knows, maybe in Ontario we will get two crops from the same land every year.

What do I think this all means? To follow are some likely possibilities:

1. It will be very difficult to get any government support in the short term, it's considerably less expensive to support one farm family who own multiple farms than one farm family on every farm. Add to this

the lack of political will and foresight, and unfortunately the majority of the current politicians don't care if half the farmers disappear.

2. The future government's that come to power will be the parties that develop sustainable environmental policies.

3. The demand for organic foods will far out strip supply for the foreseeable future. Animal welfare issues will develop along with this demand. As societies become wealthier people become much more aware of what they are consuming. They will also become more demanding in having food that is produced as they define it, naturally and humanely.

4. There will be more and more food shortages around the world and costs will rise accordingly.

5. Ethanol is going to have a huge effect on corn prices after 2007.

6. The average age of farmers is rising to historic highs. More farmers would probably exit the business today if they thought they could do so and retain most of their equity. The next generation is having difficulty entering the business.

All of the preceding is just my opinion. It's an opinion that I developed by analyzing all the little things developing immediately around us and by looking at trends and events around the world. I firmly believe that there will be lots of new opportunities for everyone. This will be highly dependent on how we grasp and adjust to change. As of lately, and into the future, I can safely guarantee change will always be upon us.

To close I just want to say that we are doing our best to adapt to change and to best assist our customers in their business. We fully understand that our success is only guaranteed by your success. We are in this together!



New Dairy Facility Profile: Mount Kolb Farms By Ken Vander Eyk



FGC LIMITED recently completed a new 200 head Free Stall and Parlour for Mount Kolb Farms, near Bolton, Ontario. We would like to thank Paul and Marion Kolb for selecting us to be a part of this exciting project.

The 103' 4" wide x 322' 0" long free stall barn has a 13' 0" sidewall with an 11' 0" split curtain. This area uses sand bedding in the free stalls, maternity and special needs pens. Alley scrapers move manure to the rear of the barn into a deeper gutter which then flows to an outside storage tank. Fresh sand is stored, under roof, at the rear of the barn.

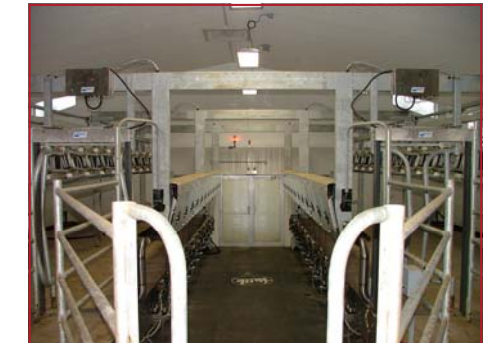
The 44' 0" x 116' 0" parlour and entrance area contains extensive use of the Royal Building Systems (RBS) wall system.

This system has many benefits, some of which are: Ease of washing
Bright and "clean-looking"
R22 (minimum) insulation value
Moisture resistant (unlike poured or pre-cast concrete, or concrete block)
Bacteria and rodent resistant

The parlour area has a double 12 Excalibur 2890LX parallel stall with a basement underneath the work area. Ontario's 1st Step Matrix Lameness Detection System allows the owners to detect lameness in individual cows as they leave the milking area and re-enter the free-stall barn.



An Open House is scheduled for Friday, January 26, 2007. Look for details in the Ontario Farmer. If you are thinking of building a new facility in the upcoming years plan to attend and get a better look at these features.



Customer Profile: Lejen Lands Inc. By Murray Elliott



Recently we completed a 2000 head swine finishing barn for Leroy and Jenny Lou Martin. Leroy and Jenny Lou are a young couple with one small child. They both come from farming backgrounds but are new to the pig industry. They are allied with Affinity Pork which builds strength through larger relationships. They are a very thoughtful pair with strong family values and a commitment to their community. They requested that we use local sub-trades whenever possible. Leroy also spent a lot of time and

energy along side our workers to see the completion of his new barn. They are a great example of what our industry needs the most young energetic farmers. Congratulations and all the best in the year to come.

This facility features sandwich wall construction that is durable and affordable. The 2 - 1000 head room layout with separate loading areas for each half of the barn for easy flow of pigs and provides options for filling and shipping. The swing gate pen design allows use of sorter, and provides separation of pigs for easy handling, creating less stress for the animals. The automatic dry feeding system that is simplistic, manageable and effective with low maintenance. Our precast penning is strong and durable with a smooth finish that is easy to clean. Pit ventilation improves the quality of air for animals and humans. Manure

flow system requires no agitation and substantially reduces the danger of manure gas production. We used Norsol controls with state-of-the-art technology that are user friendly. Exacon ventilation equipment is reliable and energy efficient with low maintenance. Presoak was utilized with emitters to reduce wash time. Valco HeatR propane unit heaters provide supplementary heat requirements.

