

Welcome to Kingslake Colony!

Have you ever been to a Hutterite Colony?

About 25%, or 200 million litres of milk, come from hutterite colonies from across the province. Hutterite colonies are where groups of families live together and work towards a common goal. Faith and working together is a fundamental part of their daily life. From decision making to getting the hands-on work done, Kingslake Colony makes everything a group effort, or one big family.

Joe Waldner is the dairy boss. He manages all things dairy and works with his son to ensure everything goes smoothly and they produce high quality, Canadian milk. He and his wife have five children and many grandkids. Although his one son Jesse primarily helps in the dairy, the others all still help where they can. They milk about 160 cows, which is the average in Alberta, and the cows enjoy a free stall barn where they roam freely.

The design of the barn isn't the only thing Kingslake Colony does to ensure animal care is top priority. It's critical to the farm to make sure the cows are healthy, happy, and well cared for. They spend a lot of time analyzing their diet to ensure it's the right balance of nutrients, as well as focus on maintaining a high standard of cleanliness in the barn by having fresh bedding and clean stalls.

Beyond Dairy

In addition to dairy, Kingslake Colony also have chickens for laying eggs and grow a variety of crops like barley, peas and lentils. Their craftsmanship is also exemplified in their business of constructing plastic liquid tanks and building walls for houses and schools.

They also operate as a local volunteer fire department for their area and many of the colony members are trained firefighters, so when they aren't helping out where they can on the farm, they are helping put out fires in the community.

Joe and his family look forward to welcoming you to Kingslake Colony.