**Welcome to VandenBroek Dairy!**

The VandenBroek’s moved to Olds from the Netherlands in 2000. The farm was originally beef and grain, but over the years they transitioned it into dairy. It has been certified organic since 2009 and they milk 410 cows. Last year, they produced over 4.7 million litres of milk! That’s over a million 4L jugs that end up at local Canadian grocery stores.

The cows are milked 3 times a day, every day, at 4 AM, 12 PM and 8 PM by 3 people. Each milking takes about 4 hours.

*“We feel a great responsibility in what we do and how we treat our animals and our land. We would not want to be doing anything else.”*

**A Family of 24**

VandenBroek Dairy is a family affair. Arie and Anita have five children, Meike, Lieke, Gijs, Teun, and Geertje. In June of 2000, the group of seven settled in Olds because they wanted a town comparable in size and amenities to Boekel, the town they came from in the Netherlands. The family of seven quickly grew to much more than that.

Today, their family has 24 members, including 12 grandkids.

**Beyond dairy**

The family also farms 2,500 acres. They grow crops such as barley, peas, silage mix and alfalfa. As well, they have 950 acres of pasture, which all livestock over the age of eight months graze during the summer. All crops they grow are used to feed their livestock.

The have employees that they are thankful for. If it were not for them and their hard work, the family and their farm would not be where they are today.

The farm always welcomes the ag business class from Olds College, the dairy class from Lakeland College, 4-H clubs, summer camp students, and other visitors for tours.