# FutureCow<sup>®</sup> Prep System

The most consistent cow prep for any herd size



### MORE CONSISTENT MILKING WITH FUTURECOW®

Cows receive superior stimulation and a consistent prep procedure, no matter who is milking.

# Multiple pre-milking procedures in one easy step.

The FutureCow<sup>®</sup> Prep System features a mechanical brush unit that gently washes, disinfects, stimulates and dries all in one visit to the cow.

Dairy producers can potentially reduce labor costs and can certainly reduce operating costs by eliminating towels and laundry.

### Streamlined and consistent cow prep

Allows for a more efficient parlor and greater parlor labor productivity—even increasing the number of cows milked per hour. Consistent prep procedures optimize the milking process and oftentimes aid in increasing production and milk quality.

#### Superior udder stimulation

Can increase milk flow rates and decrease milking times, further improving parlor throughput. Faster milking times also benefits teat condition. Improved teat health and milk quality

The durable, yet soft, multi-layered brushes accommodate all teat lengths and ensure teat-ends are properly cleaned before the milking unit is applied.

#### A system for all herd sizes

Whether you milk 50, 500, or 5,000 cows or more, there is a FutureCow<sup>®</sup> Prep System to accommodate any herd size.

Installed and supported by GEA dealers A professional network with unsurpassed dairy equipment experience available 24/7.

# **A Brush with Greatness**

No other system compares to the ingenuity and quality found in the FutureCow<sup>®</sup> Prep System



dripping back on operator

LED light improves teat visibility

utureCow prep solution helps to reduce mastitis causing organisms

# FutureCow<sup>®</sup> Prep System — How it Works

#### FutureCow Control and Brush Unit

Controls the dispensing and use of the solution.

- The brush units are mounted to a cable (or drag line) in the parlor, allowing the unit to move from cow to cow. The operator pulls a trigger to start the rotating brushes and dispense solution. The operator cleans each teat then releases the trigger, to stop the flow of solution.
- The brushes continue rotating to wick moisture away from the teats. The operator then moves to the next cow and repeats the process. Your GEA dealer will discuss your parlor efficiency goals and customize the brush timing accordingly.

 The brush unit is connected to the control in the chemical room which delivers power and solution to the brush unit. Motor sensors protect the system and your cows from unexpected challenges, such as tails getting caught in the brushes.

> Professionally installed and serviced

No drive shaft means less maintenance for dairy and deale eavy Duty (HD) brushes availabl for increased soil loads

### FUTURECOW<sup>®</sup> PREP SYSTEM BENEFITS EVERYONE

Discover all the reasons why incorporating FutureCow<sup>®</sup> Prep System can help your bottom line, while helping your cows and employees.

# FutureCow<sup>®</sup> Prep System benefits cows, employees and the dairy's bottom line

#### Benefits for your cows

- · Improves teat-end health
- · Results in cleaner, healthier teats less prone to mastitis
- · Maximizes udder stimulation; improves milk flow rates

#### Benefits for employees

- Lightest brush on the market and ergonomically more pleasant than traditional udder prep methods
- · Easier on hands and back
- · Reduces footsteps in herringbone and parallel parlors
- Eases training for new milking operators and builds confidence in performance of existing employees
- Reduces labor needed for cow prep and simplifies pre-milking procedures into one, easy step

#### Benefits to the dairy's bottom line

- · Direct drive brush unit requires less maintenance
- Decreases milking times; increases the number of cows milked per hour
- Does away with the cost for towels, towel service, and laundry while also eliminating the need for maintaining laundry equipment
- Improves milk quality, often times reducing somatic cell counts
- Backed by GEA dealerships offering industryleading equipment expertise and customer service to support your purchase

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### CONSISTENCY AND LABOR EFFICIENCY

These are the keys to FutureCow<sup>®</sup> Prep System success stories

## **Success Stories**



RON GIBSON Gibson's Green Acres



JOE THOME Redtail Ridge Dairy



Badger Pride



BRADEN MUNK Munk Family Farms

The FutureCow<sup>®</sup> Prep System from GEA is doing exactly what Ron Gibson of Gibson's Green Acres wanted when he was searching for ways to improve milking consistency and udder prep on his Utah dairy. "With FutureCow every cow is prepped the same every time she comes in the barn," says Gibson, owner of this 1,250-cow herd. Plus, Gibson adds, "We are able to milk more cows in our existing parlor because it has made us more efficient."

Joe Thome has seen great gains in labor efficiency since he switched to using the FutureCow<sup>®</sup> Prep System from GEA at Redtail Ridge Dairy near Malone, Wis. "It freed up one person in the parlor," says Thome, who milks 1,200 cows and maintains a somatic cell count of 90,000. "We even added 150 cows, and milking isn't taking any longer. FutureCow is definitely more efficient than using towels."

Matt Berge chose the FutureCow<sup>®</sup> Prep System from GEA to improve teat health and cleanliness and improve consistency with milking prep procedures. "FutureCow has allowed us to achieve good teat end condition and consistent milk prep," says Berge of Badger Pride, a 840-cow dairy milking three times daily in a double eight parlor in Valders, Wis. "With FutureCow, we have consistently improved udder prep throughout every shift, every cow and every milker."

The FutureCow<sup>®</sup> Prep System from GEA has improved milking prep consistency on Munk Family Farms, an 800-cow herd in Amalga, Utah. Herd manager Braden Munk says this consistency has led to fewer cases of mastitis and a lower somatic cell count. "FutureCow is more consistent from employee to employee, shift to shift and cow to cow: it takes the human deviation out of it." Munk explains.



# Easily integrates into your prep routine

Create efficiency for the operator and the cow while eliminating the use of towels for drying.



### COMPATIBLE WITH ANY PARLOR TYPE

- Rotary
- Parallel
  - el Swing over
- Herringbone · Stanchion

#### Can be installed alongside any brand of milking equipment.

• Tandem

### **PARLOR PREP ROUTINE**

- Pass 1 (ideally 8–12 cows)
  - Strip to check for mastitis
  - Use FutureCow brush to clean, sanitize and stimulate & dry

### Pass 2

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Attach and align

### Pass 1 (ideally 6–8 cows)

· Strip to check for mastitis

### Pass 2

• Use FutureCow brush to clean, sanitize, stimulate & dry

#### Pass 3

Attach and align

Goal is to maintain 90–120 seconds of lag time for 3x dairies.



# FutureCow<sup>®</sup> models and options

Contact your GEA dealer to learn more about FutureCow products available for herds of any size with specific management goals:

### MODELS

FutureCow<sup>®</sup> Prep System LT, Elite and Elite<sup>2</sup> — can be installed on dairies of any size; the LT and Elite models power one single brush unit, while the Elite<sup>2</sup> model powers two brush units with one box. Each of these controls will run DairyAir<sup>®</sup> brush units.

FutureCow<sup>®</sup> Prep System 2 AM — recommended for dairies with less than 300 cows or as a back-up system for larger herds.

FutureCow<sup>®</sup> Prep System Mobile Cart — best for herds milking less than 200 cows in stanchion barns.

### OPTIONS

DairyAir<sup>®</sup> Brush Unit — high pressure jet of air aids the drying action of the brushes to shorten prep time even more.

**Dragline** — provide versatility for installations where nothing can be installed over head or in swing parlors.

**Rotary Blower** — heavy duty blower shortens teat drying time for rotary installations.









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