**Family Farm Expansion Possible with Ready-mix Concrete from County Materials**

**Solutions:** Durable, versatile long-lasting solution that offers water conservation benefits.

Spring Breeze Dairy in Bryant, WI is the latest and largest addition to Breeze Dairy Group of Family Farms. The partnership consists of five Wisconsin farming families who, together, operate three dairy farms: Spring Breeze Dairy, Lake Breeze Dairy, and Pine Breeze Dairy. Purchased in 2015, the Spring Breeze farm was more than 20 years old and in desperate need of modernization to meet Breeze Dairy Group’s commitment to the environment, the care of their cows, and the conservation of water. Ready-mix concrete is a reliable solution for farm structures because of its durability and ability to withstand the demanding work environment.

The project entailed the construction of a six-row barn, a 72-stall rotary milking parlor, a storage shed, and a manure pit with pathways connecting the buildings. With these upgrades, the farm could expand its capacity to 3,400 cows. This large-scale project necessitated four contractors: Milis Flatwork, Spiegelberg Implement, Keller, and Everlasting Concrete, all of which relied on County Materials Corporation to supply ready-mix. Detailed coordination was needed to ensure the ready-mix trucks were delivering the specified mix-designs to the correct contractor when needed. The project took more than 20 different mix-designs and 11,000 cubic yards of ready-mix to complete.

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County Materials’ mix-designs were the optimal choice for this project because the company’s mixes are approved by the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), and the mix designs meet all specifications set forth in the Midwest Plan Services Farm & Home Concrete Handbook and the American Concrete Institute’s Guidelines on Durable Concrete.

Construction at Spring Breeze Dairy concluded in 2018. One year later, in 2019, the project’s display of excellent coordination and the commitment to meeting the farm’s goals of sustainability and care led Milis Flatwork, Spiegelberg Implement, and Everlasting Concrete to receive an award in the Agricultural Category in the 2019 Design Awards from the Wisconsin Ready Mixed Concrete Association.

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