

# Dairy HISTORY

**1903**

The first dairy specialist was brought to Oklahoma State University. The first dairy cattle were three Holsteins (2 cows, 1 bull).

**1904**

The first dairy building was constructed. The cost was \$7,900. It included a classroom, a small dairy processing plant and a milking room.

**1907**

The Department of Dairy Husbandry was established at Oklahoma State University.

**1910**

The Dairy Barn, a large frame building, was added to accommodate a new herd of Jersey cows.

**1923**

A new steel and brick barn was completed on the far west side of the farm.

**1925**

The dairy encouraged upper class students to own milk cows and keep them on the farm. Ten students purchased two cows from the farm at \$250 each.

**1928**

The new dairy building was constructed and housed the Departments of Dairy Science and Agricultural Economics until 1962. The current parlor was also built.

**2020**

The OSU Ferguson Family Dairy Visitor Center opened.

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