### **Cowhouse International**

# Improving the ergonomics of dairy cows for almost 20 years!

Cowhouse International is a Dutch multinational company that specializes in high performing products for housing dairy cows. It was founded in 2000 and has developed into one of the most innovative companies of the dairy industry in Europe.

Cowhouse International has positive relationships with universities and other research institutes in the field of animal welfare. In this way we are able to maintain our leading position in the sector.

Our products aim to optimize the health and living conditions of dairy cows which will strongly improve the milk production on a natural basis. Cows will live longer resulting in more lactations and a higher profit!



# Developed in collaboration with leading dairy farmers

The new cow mattresses are the result of nearly 20 years of experience and developed from the perspective of what a cow really needs. They were tested on several high-level dairy farms in Holland. We were surprised by the positive reactions of the farmers. They experienced supreme comfort for their cows and noticed behaviour they had never seen before. Besides, significant savings on labour were reported.

As we enjoyed all this overwhelming enthusiasm we are now pleased to share this with you. Who knows may these dreams come true for your cows and for you too!







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### **Dutch Mountain** mattress



The mat stays dry and is easy to keep clean

and air-permeable cover, which enables good flexibility.

"A rubber top cover becomes slippery. It's also rather

'sweaty'. This top cover ensures that the mat stays dry

dairy farmer. "At the front the mat is 14 centimeters (6")

thick, and at the back 10 centimeters (4"). So it tapers

"They lie comfortably and for longer," concludes Albert.

The Dutch Mountain increases your cows' rest

time and milk production. Every extra hour a

The Dutch Mountain mattress has been tested

extensively by the DLG test center in Germany.

The DLG-approved quality certificate has been

awarded, with an very high score.

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cow is lying down brings you 1.5 kg of milk.

"The cows almost fight to lie on the Dutch Mountain

mattresses. This must be just ideal for the cows."

**Dutch Mountain results** 

and is also easy to keep clean," explains Albert. "The huge body of the mattress also thrills me," says the

The top of the Dutch Mountain consists of an elastic

## 'A COW TELLS YOU WHERE SHE PREFERS TO LIE ON...'



Dutch dairy farmer Albert Folkertsma has three different types of cow mattresses in his barn. The cows are free to choose but one mattress has their strong preference: the Dutch Mountain. Albert: "The cows tell you which one they want; in fact they almost fight for it."

### Lying down and getting up easily

"The stalls with the Dutch Mountain mattresses are always occupied," notes Albert. "This does not surprise me," the dairy farmer explains. "The cows sink deep into the mattress, it's soft and has a great shock absorbing effect." So it's nice for the cows and what Albert notices is that they lie down and stand up quickly. "They can press the front of their hooves into the mat. That gives them traction, so they don't slip. They lie down and get up again in one smooth movement."



nicely."

Elastic and breathable

# Waterproof sealing

Made of 1 mm rubber

### Specially developed 'Milik foam'

The base of the Dutch Mountain with a thickness of 14 cm (6") sloping down to 10 cm (4")



## Friesian Island mattress

### '... ANOTHER INNOVATIVE NEW COW MATTRESS'





# Install Friesian Island in practice

Near Abbeville, France, the family Grancher Louchet build a new barn for 160 dairy cows. They converted their compost barn into a free stall barn with mattresses. "In order to offer our cows a high level of comfort in the future, we have chosen for the new Friesian Island cow mattress," says Grancher. "With a thickness of 6 cm and a non-rubber top cover, the mattress is soft and gives our cows good traction."

The Grancher Louchet farmers are enjoying their new barn and see that the cows are comfortable in their new home.

Holstein-Friesian cows have their origin in the province of Friesland, the dairy heart of Holland. The beautiful islands along the coast symbolize this new mattress of Cowhouse International. The top cover of the mattress is very strong. The foam consists of a shock absorbing base foam and a soft top foam. The Friesian Island is a durable mattress that gives your cows optimal comfort and traction.

The Friesian Island consists of two layers of foam with a new durable top cover. The bottom layer is made of a 3 cm thick shock absorbing foam. The top layer offers extra softness and is 3 cm thick. A durable top cover ensures a dry bed and makes it easy to clean. The mattress provides good traction and has a nice even surface.







Basefoam 3 cm Shock absorbent

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