

Brussels Livestock

Location: R.R. #3, Brussels, Ontario
Year begun: 1958

BRUSSELS LIVESTOCK was started in 1958 when Jack Bryans and Hugh Pearson purchased a parcel of land, Lot 3 Concession 10 of Grey Township in Huron County. With a few renovations to the existing barn started a Community Livestock Auction. The business was named Brussels Livestock with sales held once a week. As the years passed and the business thrived several additions were added for the volume of cattle was increasing.



The green barns of Brussels Livestock dominate the local landscape.



A sale in progress.

cows and bulls starting at 9 a.m. Thursdays at 8 a.m. are drop calves, veal, swine, lambs, goats and sheep. Friday is stockers (calves and yearlings) at 10 a.m. Each year extra stocker sales are added to the sale days, vaccinated calf and yearling sales are held in the spring and fall, and special lamb and goat sales are held at Easter and Christmas.

Len has widened the area in which people ship to Brussels Livestock. We have many customers who ship to us from P.E.I., New Brunswick, Quebec and all parts of Ontario. Brussels Livestock employs 31 people.

Len, with his knowledge of 52 years in this industry, has developed this business to the largest in Ontario and has brought many people to this town.

In 1970 the business was sold to Bruce McCall, Leonard Bauman, Aden Bauman, Urias Weber and Robert Mader, the name was changed to Brussels Stockyards. Ross McCall bought into the business and managed it along with Bruce McCall. The McCall's soon bought out their silent partners and continued to expand and increase the business.

Klaus Henschel purchased the business in 1987 and ran it for one year at which time it was sold to Gordon Brindley. The name was changed to Brussels Livestock Inc. Brindley continued to run the business to 1990.

In that year Leonard Gamble, operator of Gamble & Rogers Ltd. of Toronto purchased the business and is still the owner. The name was changed to Brussels Livestock.

Len brought with him 38 years knowledge and experience in this business. Len has made several additions to the building and has increased the volume many times. We now have three sales a week, Tuesday sales are Fed cattle, slaughter