



Wisconsin Barn Raising Project

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Location: 1671 25th St., Rice Lake, WI, Barron County,
3/4 mile east of Co. Hwy M.

Constructed in 1911. Approximately 36' W x 100' L x
20' H (to eaves).

Christ Bandli, Jr., built the barn, the east 36' x 50' in 1911 and the west 50' in 1922. The one story 36' x 20' calf barn was added by James Bandli in 1993.

It is a well-preserved, useful icon of dairying in northwestern Wisconsin.

This barn is currently owned by Jim, Esther and David Bandli. We purchased this farm from Jim's uncle Christ Bandli, Jr., in 1963. The barn has housed purebred Guernseys except for a few years in the 50's when it was used for turkeys. The bank barn was built with elm joists from the farm and home mixed cement. The stalls and hardware have been replaced four times. The present silo replaced a 12' x 36' poured concrete and 12' x 36' tile silo in 1991.

