

Fires ravage Ferme Janibert in Ange-Gardien and Pratiko factory in Danville



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An agricultural building fire was reported at 683 rang Casimir, near the intersection with chemin Magenta, in Ange-Gardien on Oct. 15. (Photo via Info incendie Rouville/Facebook)

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Separate fires ravaged an Ange-Gardien dairy farm and a Danville factory on Oct. 15 and Oct. 14, forcing the evacuation of cattle and destroying a plant that manufactured wheelchair safety equipment, according to local media reports.

Fire ravages Ferme Janibert

Several dozen cows were evacuated from Ferme Janibert on rang Casimir in Ange-Gardien on Thursday morning, Oct. 15, L'Avenir et des Rivières reported.

The outlet said the fire ravaged the main building before being brought under control after several hours. Farm officials told the publication that the damaged structure would need to be demolished.

Evacuated cattle were to be transported to other producers' farms, according to the report.

La Voix de l'Est reported, citing fire director Philippe Chartrand, that some animals had died but no people were injured. Its report did not establish a final animal death toll.

L'Avenir et des Rivières reported that Ange-Gardien firefighters received assistance from Farnham, Sainte-Brigide-d'Iberville/Mont-Saint-Grégoire, Saint-Paul-d'Abbotsford, Bromont, Saint-Césaire and Rougemont.

Local producers also helped farm employees, while Énergir workers cut the property's natural gas supply. The cause had not been determined, the publication reported.

The fire struck a farm recognized earlier this year for its animal care.

Agropur announced in February that Ferme Janibert had won the Animal Welfare Award in its 2025 Club of Excellence competition. The cooperative identified the family behind the operation as Maryse Forgues, Yves Robert and their children, Maxime, Xavier and Marjolaine Robert.

Agropur highlighted the farm's automated sorting system for personalized care, sand bedding for lactating cows and specialized calf nursery.

The farm had previously suffered a devastating fire. A La Terre de chez nous report published in December 2016 documented a blaze at the same address on Dec. 18 that year, killing 160 dairy cattle.

Pratiko factory destroyed in Danville

Firefighters were called shortly before 6 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, to Pratiko's factory in Danville, according to OUI 99.3.

The station reported that the factory was destroyed and no employees were on site when the fire broke out.

Crews from Val-des-Sources, Kingsey Falls, Richmond and Saint-Félix-de-Kingsey assisted Danville firefighters. The cause was undetermined at the time of the station's report.

Pratiko's website lists the factory's address as 20, rue Saffin. Its products include automatic wheelchair brakes designed to prevent falls, wheelchair propulsion rings and adapted utensils.

The company also lists custom manufacturing services, including plastic, rubber and silicone moulding, prototyping and machining.

Pratiko won ADRIQ's Occupational Health and Safety Innovation Award in 2015. The company's website links that recognition to its automatic wheelchair braking system.