

A Tradition of Structural Integrity

**Farm & Ranch
and
Shop Buildings**



86511
54' x 100' x 14'
Northfield, MN
Mansard, wainscot

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A Tradition as Tough as Nails

Lester® buildings have been a vital, enduring part of the American landscape since 1947. From the early traditional post-frame days to today's most advanced building systems, Lester's legacy has been one of uncompromising quality and structural integrity.

While the physical evidence of the Lester building tradition is easy to see, it's what you hear from satisfied customers that counts most. And what you hear most often is appreciation for a company committed to quality and customer-focused flexibility.

Simply put, Lester, and its broad network of independent dealers and factory representatives, is in a unique position to provide the building solution that best fits your needs.

Like thousands of others since 1947, you owe it to yourself to check out Lester and its remarkable tradition of flexibility and dependability, backed by a comprehensive manufacturer's warranty.



114673
60' x 140' x 16'
Lined and insulated shop
Waconia, MN

Since its inception as Lester's Inc. in 1947, a regional direct builder, to the progressive leader it is today, Lester Buildings has always provided unmatched flexibility and structural integrity.

Confidence: The Extra Value of Lester

Fact is, nothing breeds confidence as much as the sight of a professionally engineered Lester building going up, ready to protect the valuable tools of your trade in the most efficient manner possible.

And while Lester buildings have the trimmed-out curb appeal that today's discriminating customer demands, the real benefits of a Lester are found in the framework of the building. This is where, to borrow a phrase, Lester leaves the pack behind!

Lester is committed to providing superior building performance and

affordable good looks. In meeting this commitment, Lester will continue its 'no short-cut' engineering and manufacturing philosophy. It's a philosophy that continues to provide Lester building owners an unrivaled level of confidence.

It's why Lester Buildings is known as the company that takes reliability to the extreme!

Functionality and Affordable Good Looks



115167
42' x 80' x 14'
Sister Bay, WI



"Since I have been farming, I have always dreamed of owning my own farm shop. As my business expanded, I realized that I needed more than just a farm shop; I needed a place I could also house my growing cattle order buying business. My dreams came true as we designed and built a multipurpose facility complete with a shop, office, and conference room. The people at Lester Buildings were very helpful in planning and completing a farm shop to meet my unique needs. I would like to thank Lester Buildings and our local Lester dealer for their hard work, expertise, and detail in design."

— BRYCE HEINRICHS
DESHLER, NE

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Lester buildings are protected from the elements by full-hard steel – 82,000 psi tensile strength minimum – available in many traditional colors, plus, many other contemporary color combinations.

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From small hobby structures to full-service repair facilities, Lester has a building solution for you.

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Historical performance records indicate Lester structures simply perform more dependably than others when it really counts – under extreme weather conditions like heavy snow loads.

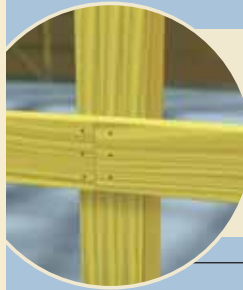
The Benefits of a Lester Building...

No other company in the post-frame building industry provides the kind of customer-friendly tools to demystify the building buying process like Lester Buildings. For example, at the front-end of your building buying experience, Lester and our independent Lester dealers offer *eBuildings*, the industry's first online building pricing website.

Lester eBuildings is a one-of-a-kind site that effectively puts YOU in the driver's seat, allowing you to conveniently browse hundreds of different buildings — ranging from simple machine storage sheds and shops to stables and arenas.

Then, once you have found a building that best suits your needs, you can add any number of accessories, apply your desired color combination and view the building's erected price! The service is available 24/7, 365 days a year from the comfort of your home, office or wherever you access the internet!

eBuildings is a whole new way for you to get a head start in designing and pricing a building on your own!



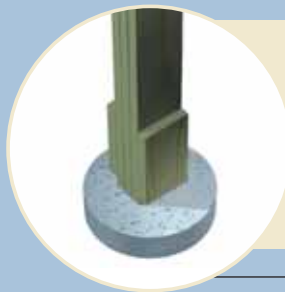
Interlocking Wall Systems

Lester Buildings have always featured time-tested interlocking framing systems that are second to none in structural integrity. Custom to every situation, *Improv*® suggests the most cost-effective framing system for your particular need. *Improv* might specify a continuous girt system (left) or flush-frame system (top — typically used for insulated and lined shop buildings).



Interlocking Truss-to-Column Connection

The saddled truss connection has long been the centerpiece of Lester's wall systems. Unique in the industry, this beefy connection allows for secure fastening from both sides of the column, effectively more than doubling the strength of the connection. This design also allows for a more efficient load transfer from roof to wall.



Uni-Frame® I Footing*

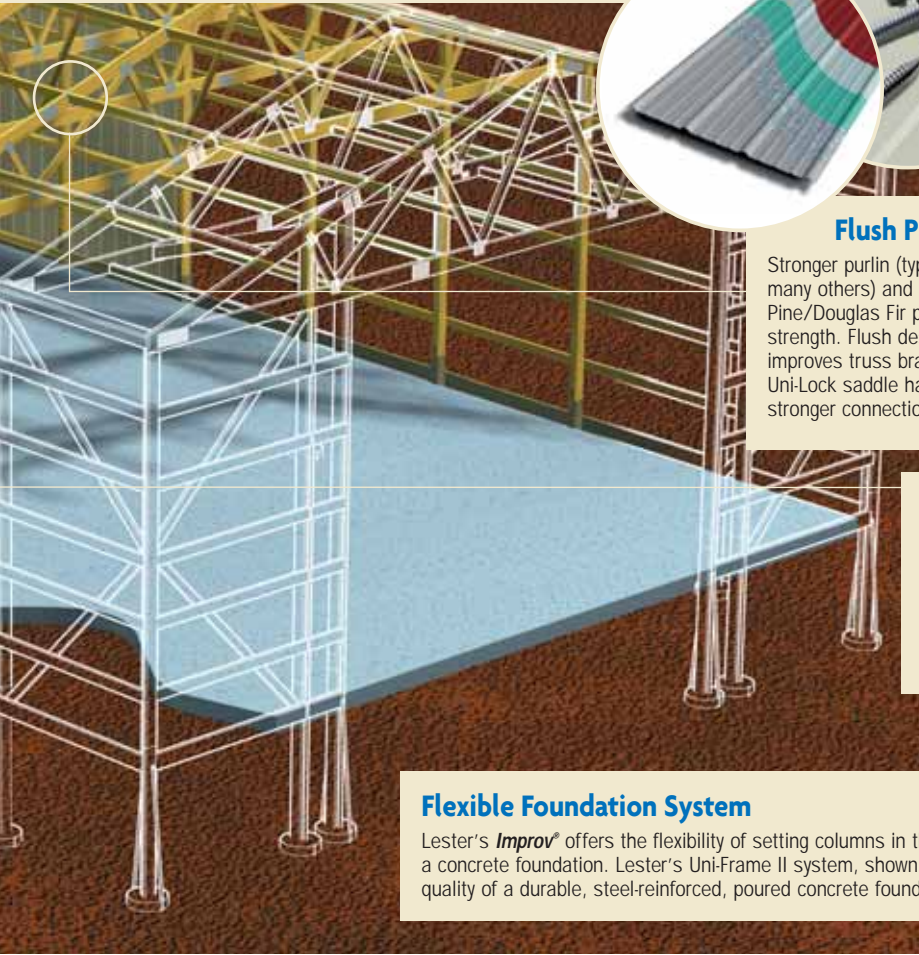
Provides a consistent, high-quality foundation, straighter eave line and makes your building less susceptible to wind damage. Unlike others, Lester's pre-cast footings don't rely on variable moisture found in the soil to ensure its integrity! The factory-adhered anchor blocks provide proven, consistent uplift resistance. Note: the footings shown here are typical. However, *Improv*®, Lester's building design and pricing program, will properly design a footing and anchoring system needed to meet the your building's specific design loads!

For illustrative purposes only. Actual Lester building details may vary.

- Variable column-spacing for complete design flexibility.
- Strong and uniform multi-ply, laminated #1 stress-rated Southern Yellow Pine/ Douglas Fir – or better – columns.
- 0.6 pcf CCA-treated column material used below finished grade.
- Columns are anchored with pre-cast footings to protect against potential settling and wind uplift.
- 0.075 pcf copper naphthenate (CuNAP) treated splashplank.
- Optimum use of longer-length lumber reduces the number of splices, adding strength.
- Trusses are manufactured using the highest lumber grades, as specified by *Improv*, to meet your building's special requirements.
- Lester gusset plates are heavy duty G-60 truss plates for added strength and corrosion protection.
- A custom-engineered purlin framing system to fit your specific requirements.
- A strong, smooth-operating and warp-free steel-framed sliding door system.

Total Building Design Superiority

The Uni-Frame® System provides superior structural integrity through one source. Trusses, roof purlins, bracing, columns and wall girts are engineered as a complete package. You avoid the anxiety of having multiple-component suppliers concerned only with their parts of the building. You can even benefit from lower insurance rates in some instances.



The Strongest Steel Panel in the Industry

The Uni-Rib™ panel is Lester's exclusive steel roof and wall panel. It features a unique design combination of superior steel tensile strength, an advanced corrugation pattern and optimum thickness to create the strongest 29 gage panel available today. Plus, only the highest quality exterior screw fasteners are used for strength and corrosion resistance and are backed by the company's rigid testing program.



Improv®, Lester's industry-leading design and pricing software program, further separates the Lester building experience from all others. *Improv* is unique technology that gives your Lester dealer or rep the powerful ability to integrate design, pricing and drawings in a professional presentation at your home, office or "in the field."

Flush Purlin Roof System

Stronger purlin (typically 2' x 6' versus 2' x 4' used by many others) and less deflection. Southern Yellow Pine/Douglas Fir provides better fastener holding strength. Flush design greatly reduces bird nesting, improves truss bracing and increases diaphragm strength. Uni-Lock saddle hangers eliminate purlin roll and provide a stronger connection while increasing resistance to wind uplift.

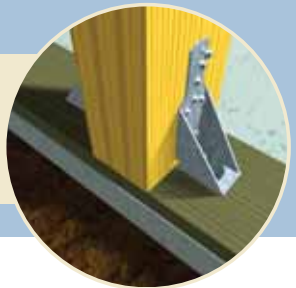


Uni-Frame Columns

Lester's multi-ply Uni-Frame columns have a bending capacity up to 60% greater than solid 6" X 6" posts and allow for more uniform penetration of CCA treatment. Factory-assembled, laminated columns feature a mechanically controlled nailing pattern assuring consistency; thus, overall structural integrity is improved especially if wood knots are present.

Flexible Foundation System

Lester's *Improv*® offers the flexibility of setting columns in the ground or on a concrete foundation. Lester's Uni-Frame II system, shown here, offers the quality of a durable, steel-reinforced, poured concrete foundation.



It is the ultimate customer service tool in that, with your direct input, it can bring your dream building to life on-screen before your very eyes!

Featuring computer-accurate views such as full-building isometric, elevation and floor plan drawings, *Improv* lets you visualize your building "on the fly," before committing to an order. Don't like the location you've chosen for certain doors and windows? No problem, ask your Lester dealer to relocate them with a few clicks of the mouse and take another look!

Meanwhile, behind the scenes, *Improv* is busy engineering and pricing your new Lester building!

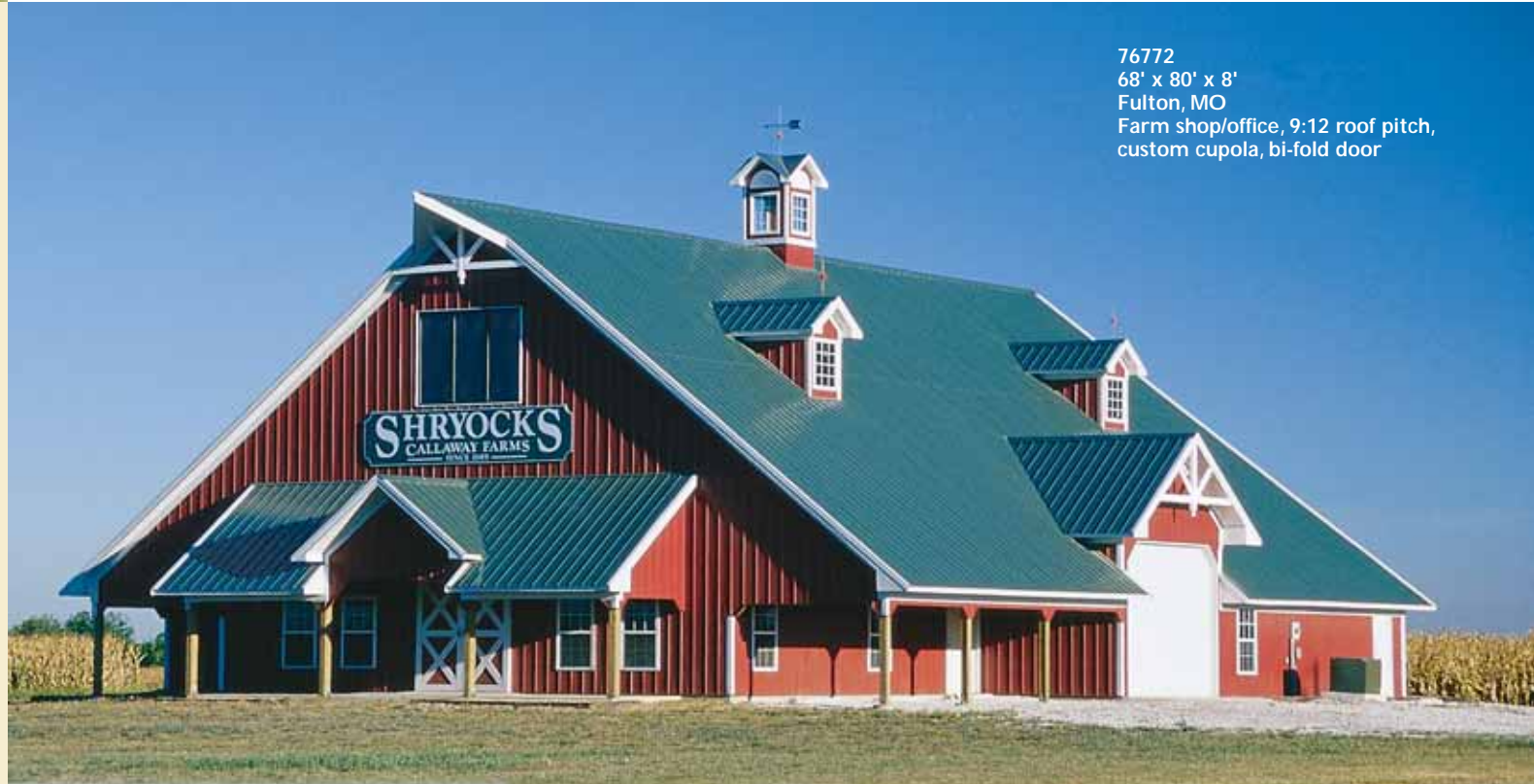
...are Built into Every Detail

- To meet your personal and local requirements, all purlins, girts, nailers and bracing are individually engineered to assure maximum strength and rigidity.
- A 30-year paint warranty protects the steel wall and roof systems.
- While a variety of standard widths are available, each Lester building is individually designed to meet your needs, providing industry-leading flexibility.
- Service provided by independent, locally-owned Lester dealers brings knowledge of local conditions/codes, more dependable crew accessibility and greater confidence in buying from someone you know.
- Lester's leadership is supported by on-going product development, quality control and testing programs.

Trimming Options that Add Value to Your Design

"We were looking for a building that provided structural integrity and first class energy concepts but didn't sacrifice curb appeal. We looked at several other building manufacturers, but always came back to Lester Building Systems' Uni-Frame™ II Building System. We are very happy with our Lester building and could not be more satisfied with the overall energy efficiency of the product."

— KIM PETERSON
BERESFORD, SD



76772
68' x 80' x 8'
Fulton, MO
Farm shop/office, 9:12 roof pitch,
custom cupola, bi-fold door



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An attached office gets you closer to the action and integrates your entire operation to run more efficiently.



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The gambrel roof option combined with a shady porch adds aesthetic and functional value to your Lester building.



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Lester also has a full range of commodity storage buildings to suit your specific production needs.



91907
40' x 40' x 8' living quarters
and 40' x 100' x 14' storage
Schuyler, NE



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"When I decided to build my storage barn with Lester Buildings, it was only after extensive comparative shopping. Once I was convinced of the quality of materials, I had the pleasure of working with the Lester factory representative, who helped me with various options and provided practical suggestions I had not considered. Once construction began, I quickly saw why Lester and their customers were so proud of their buildings. The project was completed on schedule under difficult weather conditions. Needless to say, I could not be more pleased with the experience I have had in working with Lester Buildings and my new building is the envy of the neighborhood."

— STAN ERICKSON
BRAINERD, MN

Lester offers a long list of accessories – cupolas, vented overhangs, ridge vents, gutters and downspouts to name just a few – to enhance the look and utility of your building.



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Lester buildings come in all shapes and sizes, roof designs and interior layouts. Dormers on even the most basic building add simple but enduring appeal. Wood interior paneling adds a rustic touch.

Insulated Shops to Fit Your Needs!

A comfortable, spacious and well-lit shop building can be the very heart of your operation. Especially during those snowy or rainy days when working inside is the only option! Proper planning and design is absolutely critical in order to create the most effective work environment. Whatever your needs might be, from a basic, unlined storage center to a lined and insulated profit center, your Lester independent dealer or factory representative can help!

Over time, you can be sure that the renowned flexibility and energy-efficiency of your own Lester structure will accommodate your growing operation. For shop buildings that provide the best in year-round productivity, look to Lester and your local Lester dealer for a flexible, economical solution designed just for you!



Lester shop buildings can be a cost-effective center of activity — all year long — and protect you and your investments from nature's harsh extremes.



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