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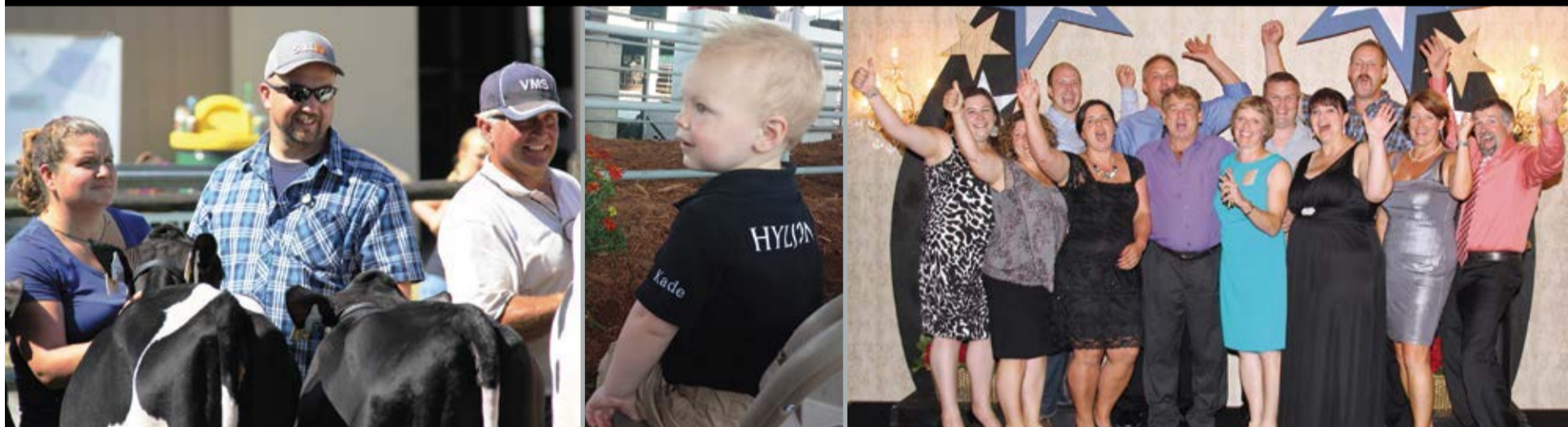
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| 9 | Vancouver Island Holstein Club Sale Thursday 11am, Willswikk Farms, Cobble Hill. Contact Cindy Wikkerink 250-701-2862 for more info. |
| 10 | Vancouver Island Holstein Club AGM Friday 6:30pm, Cowichan Golf and Country Club. Contact Cindy Wikkerink 250-701-2862 for more info. |
| 15 | Fall Harvest Sale Wednesday 11am, Abbotsford Exhibition Grounds. Coffee social starts at 10:30am. Contact Jared DeJong, Michael Barnum, or Kelwyn Hoepfner for more details. |
| 15 | Fall Harvest Show Youth Program Wednesday evening. Call Greta DeJong for more details (604-826-1822). |
| 16 | Fall Harvest Show Thursday 9am, Abbotsford Exhibition Grounds. Judge Mike Heath. Contact Matt Langelaan (604-349-7252), Jill Hoepfner (604-302-0989), or Nicole Tuytel (604-854-0669) for more info. |
| 20 | Deadline Nominations for BC Dairy Industry Achievement Award Monday. Contact curator@bcdairyhistory.ca for more info. |

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| 21 | MMPA Fall Producer Meeting Tuesday 7:30pm, Ramada Plaza and Conference Centre, Abbotsford. Contact koch.c@telus.net for more info. |
| 25 | Mainland Young Milk Producers Harvest Party Saturday, Rancho in Abbotsford. Doors open at 6:30pm, dinner at 7:30. Contact Christine Koch at koch.c@telus.net for more info and to RSVP. |
| 31 | BC Holstein News Publication Deadline Friday, Christmas issue in mail December 2. |
| NOVEMBER | |
| 7-16 | Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Exhibition Place, Toronto, ON. See www.royalfair.org for event details. |
| 15 | Application deadline for BC Branch Post Secondary Bursary Saturday. See www.bcholsteins.com/youth.html for application and more info. |
| 22 | North Okanagan Holstein Club AGM Saturday 6:30pm, Anchor Inn, Armstrong. |
| DECEMBER | |
| 2 | BC Holstein Branch AGM Tuesday 2-4pm, Vancouver Convention Centre West Room 209. E-mail bcbranch@telus.net for more info. |
| 2-4 | BC Dairy Industry Conference Tuesday-Thursday, Fairmont Pacific Rim Hotel and Vancouver Convention Centre. For details and to register, go to www.bcdairyconference.ca. |

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- 5. Start saving money on cellular plans, fuel, farm insurance, etc.**



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Gary's Gossip

By Gary Booy

Did You Know?

Fall is in full swing and the workable hours in a dairy farmer's day appear to be diminishing with darkness arriving earlier, shortening the workable hours of the day. The intensity and anticipation of the approaching harvest is kicking in. Crops off, crops in, winter crops seeded, manure pits emptied out. Yes, a very intense, short season this fall time, but a very rewarding one once everything is done, especially if you can avoid too many stressful moments during this period. Yes, it's wind-down time in a farmer's year, and hopefully if you're reading this, you'll have had time to grab a coffee, put your feet up, and learn something you didn't know by reading my annual "Did You Know?" column about wacky and interesting happenings in a farmer's world. Here goes!

Did you know a European farm has secured much needed funding to build the world's largest fly farm? The farm is to be built in South Africa, will house over 8.5 billion flies that will produce tonnes of protein-rich larvae which will be dried and processed into animal feed. Scientists and researchers the world over are searching for protein alternatives and this could fit the bill. The farm would be capable of producing 20 tonnes of larvae a day, plus 3.5 tonnes of larvae high in fatty acids, and 50 tonnes of organic fertilizer. The farm, being built by AgriProtein, will use a combination of the common housefly, the blowfly, and the black soldier fly, which will be kept in cages and fed a mix of spoiled leftover food, manure, and abattoir waste. I wonder how the animal rights activists will deal with this one?!

Did you know that the saying, "Production is vanity, profit is sanity," really does seem to apply to our dairy world?

Did you know that a study done by Cambridge University and the Medical Research Council, and funded by the European Commission, has found out that the saturated fat in dairy products is now said to be not bad for health, and may even protect against Type 2 diabetes? The research found that while red meat, fried food, alcohol, and carbohydrates appeared to have an impact on the development of Type 2 diabetes, dairy foods seemed to protect against the disease. Who would have thought?!

Did you know that this scribe (myself) still writes his articles, including this one, the old-fashioned way? Yes, by pen to paper, and then leaving it up to the very knowledgeable girls in the office to decipher my scribble and type it up into

a readable column. Amazing they really are!

Did you know that leading doctors are saying that Canada needs to close "loopholes" that permit Canadian farmers to import antibiotics by the truckloads to feed to their animals? They say this promotes the production of breed resistant microbes – or "superbugs". The drugs are added to food and water to try boosting growth of chickens, pigs, and cattle. Resistant organisms now cause about 2000 deaths a year in Canada and also sicken tonnes of thousands of Canadians each year. They say the lack of a Canadian action plan is "an international embarrassment." They say a new breed of microbe, so-called "nightmare" bacteria, have the bio-chemical machinery to withstand nearly all antibiotics on the shelf. Scary.

Did you know that there is only one way to achieve happiness on this terrestrial ball we call earth? This is to have either a clean conscience or none at all.

Did you know that 20 years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the things you did?

Did you know that this joke really makes me laugh? Well, here goes: "If there are any idiots in the room, please stand up," said the sarcastic lecturer. After a long silence, one freshman rose to his feet. "Well mister, why do you consider yourself an idiot?" inquired the lecturer with a sneer. "Well, actually I don't," said the student, "but I hate to see you standing up there all by yourself!" Haha!

Did you know that a neuroscientist at Aston University nixed the idea that male and female brains are wired differently, that this is a myth which has no basis in science? The scientist said that saying there are differences in male and female brains is just not true, and that there is pretty compelling evidence that any differences are tiny and are the result of environment, not biology. Wow! I see strong debates popping up in kitchens and coffee shops everywhere.

Did you know that one-third of all food for human consumption, around 1.3 billion tonnes, is wasted every year? That doesn't even account for all the energy, water, and chemicals that are needed to produce and dispose of it! Because of that, almost 30% of farmland around the world is being used in vain. Much of the waste in the industrialized world comes from consumers buying too much and throwing it away. This wasted food is a major world carbon emitter, and if the

world could reduce this wastage, it might also decrease the need to raise food production by 60% in order to meet the 2050 population demand. What a waste! And they say farmers need to become more efficient.

Did you know that just over 1% of land in BC is prime agricultural land, and that less than 5% is good for agriculture? Yet BC is the only western province that has no restrictions on the foreign ownership of farmland. Apparently people from China and India view this land as a bargain; and after two years of insignificant gains, BC farmland rose by 3% in value in the last year. Just a thought, but don't our leaders think it is imperative to have control of what's happening to one of our most precious assets? Shouldn't protocols be put in place to protect it? What could be of more value than some of the top food-producing land in the world? Not to mention plenty of cheap water that makes that land so productive. Not gold or money, because what are you going to buy with that when you have no food? Actually, you might need a lot of that to buy back food from foreign ownership at a price they dictate. It's happening folks!

Did you know that hamburger is now the rich man's steak? Ground beef has gone up 70% in the last five years and a lot of those roasts and better cuts are being ground up to meet that demand. I think our cull cow prices reflect that very well, and that's a good thing.

Did you know that diamonds are chunks of coal that stuck to their jobs –

under a lot of pressure?

Did you know that you can satisfy your "want" and "wish" power by overcoming your "can't" and "won't" power with a "can" and "will" power?

Did you know that we could all follow the lead of Thomas Edison, who said, "I never did a day's work in my life - it was all fun!"

Did you know that you can never make your dreams come true by oversleeping?

Did you know that us conservative Canadians suffer from "Vacation Deprivation"? Apparently nearly one in five Canadians do not take all of the vacation days that they are entitled to? One in three said they "have cancelled or postponed vacation plans because of work." This after all evidence says that taking vacations is key to having a happy life. Vacations may also save lives, according to an article in National Geographic, because an annual holiday can cut the risk of heart attack in men by 30% and in women by 50%. They have also been shown to cure burnout, the last stage of chronic stress. So come on you farmers! Plan that vacation now, so that when the final crops are off and in, you too can grab that "key" and turn it into a little bit of happiness, which may add to a higher quality of life. Having a happy and rewarding life usually beats the alternative!

Finally, did you know that this is the final "Did you know?" for this 2014 edition of "Did You Know?" Well it is! Happy Vacations! □

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| DECEMBER Continued from previous page | |
| 9 | Mainland Young Milk Producers Winter Gala Tuesday, Coast Hotel, Chilliwack. Doors open at 6:30, dinner at 7:45. Trevor Hargreaves, BCDA, key note speaker. Contact Christine Koch at koch.c@telus.net for more info and to RSVP. |
| JANUARY 2015 | |
| 9 | BC Holstein News Publishing Deadline for Winter 2015 issue Friday, in mail February 10 |
| 13 | Mainland Milk Producers AGM Tuesday 10am, Ramada Plaza and Conference Centre, Abbotsford. Contact koch.c@telus.net for more info. |
| 28 | BC Dairy Expo Farm Tours Wednesday. More details coming soon! |
| 29-31 | Pacific Agriculture Show Thursday-Saturday 9am-4:30pm, Tradex, Abbotsford. |
| FEBRUARY | |
| 4-5 | Canadian Dairy XPO (CDX) Wednesday-Thursday. See www.dairyxpo.ca for more details. |
| APRIL | |
| 8-11 | Holstein Canada National Convention Wednesday-Saturday, Moncton and Fredericton, NB. See http://www.holstein.ca/Public/en/News-Events/National_Holstein_Convention for more info. |
| JULY | |
| 2 | RockyMountain High Sale Thursday, RockyMountain Holsteins, Cochrane, AB. See www.rockymountainholsteins.com for more details. □ |

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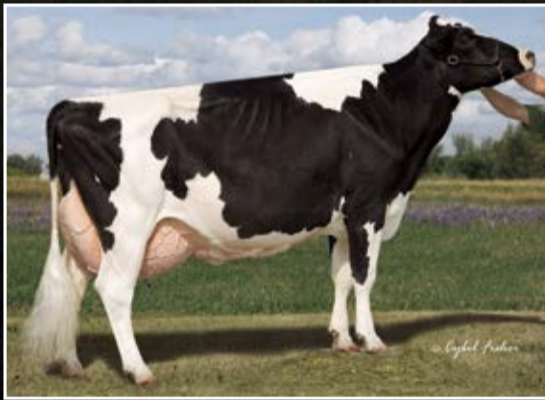
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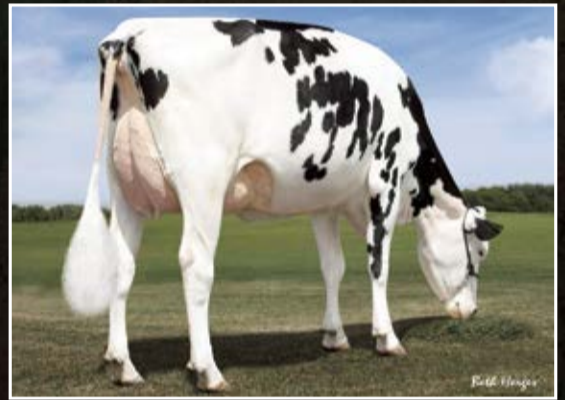
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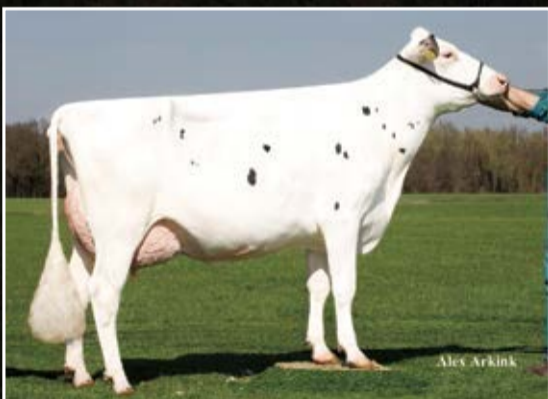
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It's Gold for RF GOLDWYN JERRICA

IPE 2014 Open Show Results

Results provided by IPE office



In the large Junior show, the Hamming family of Vernon had a grand day, as they claimed the Grand, Reserve, and Honourable Mention calves in a clean sweep of the championship class. (L-R) Judge Lee Simanton, Cayden Hamming, Carl Barclay on the halter of Reserve Champion HAMMING JASPER SQUIRT, Dave Hamming with Champion HAMMING ENFORCER DARLING, Zoey and Carson Hamming with banner, and BC Holstein Princess Vanessa Romeyn.



The stately Mature cow class winner GOLDWYN JERRICA was named Grand Champion cow of the day for owners Shadynook Farms and Marvle Holsteins of Enderby. (L-R) Judge Lee Simanton, Dave Hamming with Reserve Champion HAMMING WINDBROOK DARLINA, Ruud VanVlerken with Grand cow RF GOLDWYN JERRICA, and Vanessa Romeyn.



Supreme Overall Champion of the 2014 IPE dairy show was RF GOLDWYN JERRICA, who placed above the Grand Champion Jersey for the final honour of the day. Shown here with the banner is Jerrica with Ruud VanVlerken on the halter, presenter Thys Haambuckers, and Judge Lee Simanton.



Banner time at the 2014 IPE Holstein show. From left, receiving the Premier Exhibitor banner are Dave VanderSpoel (Shadynook Farms) and Mark and Ruud VanVlerken (Marvle Holsteins), presenter Thys Haambuckers, and Brian Hamming receiving the Premier Breeder banner on behalf of Hamming Holsteins of Vernon.



Junior champions of the 2014 IPE Jersey show are: (L-R) Judge Lee Simanton, Skye Hamming with daughters Taya and Zoey, breeders of Reserve Junior Champion TAZO TEQUILA ELLYANNA, Jim McAvoy with Junior Champion LAMPADA TEQUILA SUPER BEE, owned by Jon and Christina Fornwald, Albert Streutker (Select Sires GenerVations – sponsor), and Holstein Princess Vanessa Romeyn.



Grand Champion cows of the IPE Jersey show are: (L-R) Judge Lee Simanton, Allison, Ashlee and Jim McAvoy with Reserve Champion cow STARCREST DUAISEOIR ALLYSON, Travis Haambuckers on the halter of Grand Champion Jersey TRIPLE S DIAMOND JAMAL, Holstein Princess Vanessa Romeyn, and Hal Muxlow of Valley Genetics, sponsor of the class.



Good to see Don Hendrickson, respected breeder of Gaymar Jerseys, at the 2014 IPE Jersey show to receive the Premier Breeder banner from Thys Haambuckers.



Judge Lee Simanton taps STARCREST DUAISEOIR ALLYSON with breeder Jim McAvoy on the halter for Reserve Grand Champion cow of the Jersey show.

The 115th Interior Provincial Exhibition and Stampede (IPE) in Armstrong held a combined Holstein and Jersey show when it put on its annual Open Dairy competition on August 30, with Judge Lee Simanton of Alberta entrusted with official duties for the day. Class after class of quality calves and cows entered the ring for his observation and placing of both breeds throughout the day. The ringside crowd of dairymen and interested onlookers were duly impressed by the quality and presentation of the cattle brought out by the hard-working exhibitors.

Holstein Show

Junior Calf

1. GLORYBOUND BLAIR GILLESPIE
Exhibitor: Glorybound Holsteins
2. HAMMING NUMERO UNO DARLA
Exhibitor: Hamming Holsteins
3. STARCREST DESTINYS DETOX
Exhibitor: Starcrest Holsteins

Intermediate Calf

1. HAMMING ENFORCER DARLING
Exhibitor: Hamming Holsteins
2. GOLDENSET KHALEES LAWTHORITY
Exhibitor: Goldenset Holsteins
3. STARCREST ALEXANDER RAEANNE
Exhibitor: Sunninghill Holsteins

Senior Calf

1. HAMMING JASPER SQUIRT
Exhibitor: Hamming Holsteins
2. GAYMAR SAMMY COSMO
Exhibitor: Don Hendrickson
3. HADDINGTON GLAUCO JOYFUL
Exhibitor: Haddington Holsteins

Summer Yearling

1. HAMMING DEMPSEY TERRY
Exhibitor: Hamming Holsteins
2. SKYCREST HEZTRY PAINKILLER
Exhibitor: Springbend Farms
3. NICREST PATRICK ACE TASSLE RED
Exhibitor:
Elmbridge Farms Nicole Tuytel

Junior Yearling

1. WEDGEWOOD ALCHEMY MOLLY
Exhibitor: Hamming Holsteins
2. ELMBRIDGE LKOUT BURST OF RAIN
Exhibitor: Elmbridge Farms
3. SHADYNOOK WINDY
Exhibitor:
Shadynook Farms/Marvle Holsteins

Intermediate Yearling

1. DEWITTS TENACIOUS SHELLEY
Exhibitor: Goldenset Holsteins
2. HAMMING DUDE VICTORIA
Exhibitor: Hamming Holsteins

Senior Yearling

1. BLACK FOREST BROKAW MACKAYL
Exhibitor:
Shadynook Farms/Marvle Holsteins
2. GLORYBOUND BUNNY BLITZ
Exhibitor: Glorybound Holsteins

Junior Champion

HAMMING ENFORCER DARLING
Exhibitor: Hamming Holsteins

Reserve Junior Champion

HAMMING JASPER SQUIRT
Exhibitor: Hamming Holsteins

Junior Group of 3

Hamming Holsteins

Junior 2 Year Old

1. TOLAMIKA SID TAMMARA
Exhibitor: Hamming Holsteins
2. SPRINGBEND DUDE HADLEY
Exhibitor: Springbend Farms
3. LOOKOUT PESCE LYRIC
Exhibitor:
Shadynook Farms/Marvle Holsteins

Senior 2 Year Old

1. HAMMING WINDBROOK DARLINA
Exhibitor: Hamming Holsteins
2. CALORI-D SM ATWOOD EMMIE
Exhibitor: Goldenset Holsteins
3. HAMMING WINDBROOK DARLING
Exhibitor: Hamming Holsteins

Junior 3 Year Old

1. STARCREST ATWOOD ALOHA
Exhibitor: Starcrest Farms
2. HAMMING ATWOOD CLAIRA
Exhibitor: Hamming Holsteins
3. GOLDENSET LUCKY FEVER
Exhibitor: Goldenset Holsteins

Senior 3 Year Old

1. LYBA ATWOOD ABEL
Exhibitor: Shadynook/Marvle Holsteins
2. SUNNYHOME BURNS PETRA RED
Exhibitor: Hamming Holsteins
3. ROCKYMOUNTAIN SANCHEZ DOLLY
Exhibitor: Shadynook/Marvle Holsteins

4 Year Old

1. ROCKLEDGE SASSY DAMION
Exhibitor: Rockledge Farms
2. HAMMING SIMMS ABBEY
Exhibitor: Hamming Holsteins
3. RF SANCHEZ BALLERINA
Exhibitor: Shadynook/Marvle Holsteins

5 Year Old

1. ROCKLEDGE CINDY ATLAS
Exhibitor: Rockledge Farms
2. RINSMA SHOTTLE SAVANA
Exhibitor: Rockledge Farms
3. LA-DEE SURPRISE PIXIE
Exhibitor: Haddington Holsteins

Mature Cow

1. RF GOLDWYN JERRICA
Exhibitor: Shadynook/Marvle Holsteins
2. DARIDELITE GOLDWYN DEENA
Exhibitor: Hamming Holsteins

Grand Champion

RF GOLDWYN JERRICA
Exhibitor: Shadynook/Marvle Holsteins

Reserve Grand Champion

HAMMING WINDBROOK DARLINA
Exhibitor: Hamming Holsteins

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Hamming Holsteins

Scotia Super Cow

ROCKLEDGE CINDY ATLAS
Exhibitor: Rockledge Farms

Best Udder

RF GOLDWYN JERRICA
Exhibitor: Shadynook/Marvle Holsteins

Premier Exhibitor

Shadynook/Marvle Holsteins

Premier Breeder

Hamming Holsteins

Supreme Champion of Both Dairy Breeds

RF GOLDWYN JERRICA
Exhibitor: Shadynook/Marvle Holsteins

Jersey Show

Junior Calf

1. LAMPADA TEQUILA BOBBY JESS
Exhibitor: J&C Fornwald
2. LAMPADA TEQUILA BOBBY JILL
Exhibitor: J&C Fornwald
3. SUNNY HILL ON TIME DEACON
Exhibitor: Thys Haambuckers,
Glorybound Holsteins /Triple S Jerseys

Intermediate Calf

1. LAMPADA TEQUILA SUPER BEE
Exhibitor: J&C Fornwald
2. ELMCREST TEQUILA MOOLA
Exhibitor:
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3. ELMCREST TEQUILA KITKAT
Exhibitor:
Nicole Tuytel, Elmbridge Farms

Senior Calf

1. TAZO TEQUILA ELLYANNA
Exhibitor: Hamming Holsteins
2. CBS I C CURLY LOCKS
Exhibitor: Charlie & Lorraine
Thomson, CBS Jerseys
3. BLUE BELL IMPACT PIPPA
Exhibitor:
Shane Thomson, Blue Bell Dairy

Summer Yearling

1. STARCREST LH MINISTER JWOWW
Exhibitor:
McAvoy/Fornwald, Starcrest Farm
2. BLUE BELL BUTTERCUP
Exhibitor:
Shane Thomson, Blue Bell Dairy
3. TRIPLE S PRECIOUS MINISTER
Exhibitor: Thys Haambuckers,
Glorybound Holsteins /Triple S Jerseys

Junior Yearling

1. BIRDSONG PRINCESS GRACE
Exhibitor: Naomi Fournier,
Birdsong Farms
2. PREVIEW TEQUILA TINY TINKER
Exhibitor: Ted & Greta DeJong
3. GLORYBOUND APPLE COMERICA
Exhibitor: Thys Haambuckers,
Glorybound Holsteins /Triple S Jerseys

Intermediate Yearling

1. AVONLEW GUAPO KYLIE
Exhibitor: Ted & Greta DeJong
2. DIVINE ON TIME SKETCH
Exhibitor: Ian & Caryl Lennox,
Divine Jerseys
3. BLUE BELL JAZZY BEAUTY
Exhibitor:
Shane Thomson, Blue Bell Dairy

Senior Yearling

1. CBS BOMBER TIPPY
Exhibitor: Charlie & Lorraine
Thomson, CBS Jerseys
2. BIRDSONG SHIRLEY ROSE
Exhibitor:
Naomi Fournier, Birdsong Farms
3. BIRDSONG PRINCESS DIANA
Exhibitor:
Naomi Fournier, Birdsong Farms

Junior Champion

LAMPADA TEQUILA SUPER BEE
Exhibitor:
McAvoy /Fornwald /Starcrest Farms

Reserve Junior Champion

TAZO TEQUILA ELLYANNA
Exhibitor: Hamming Holsteins

Junior Group of 3

1. Lampada, J&C Fornwald
2. Shane Thomson, Blue Bell Dairy
3. Thys Haambuckers,
Glorybound /Triple S

2 Year Old

1. FAMILY HILL TEQUILA MANDI
Exhibitor: Herbada Farms
2. CHIMEWOOD MOONLIGHT
Exhibitor: Thys Haambuckers,
Glorybound Holsteins /Triple S Jerseys
3. GAYMAR MINISTER GLITTER
Exhibitor: Don Hendrickson

3 Year Old

1. GLORYBOUND ANNIE JAMAL
Exhibitor: Thys Haambuckers,
Glorybound Holsteins /Triple S Jerseys
2. GAYMAR MINISTER TWINKLE
Exhibitor: Don Hendrickson
3. STARCREST VINDICATION AYSIA
Exhibitor: J&K McAvoy / J&C Fornwald

4 Year Old

1. GAYMAR JAMAL EVENING
Exhibitor: Don Hendrickson
2. BUTTERKUP DUDES HAMYA
Exhibitor: Melanie Guttner
3. BIRDSONG PRINCESS SONJA
Exhibitor:
Naomi Fournier, Birdsong Farms

5 Year Old

1. TRIPLE S DIAMOND JAMAL
Exhibitor: Thys Haambuckers,
Glorybound Holsteins /Triple S Jerseys
2. LAMPADA SULTAN FERGI
Exhibitor: J&C Fornwald
3. LAMPADA SULTAN FERARRI
Exhibitor: J&C Fornwald

Mature Cow

1. STARCREST DUAISEOIR ALLYSON
Exhibitor: J&K McAvoy /J&C Fornwald
2. ROSEWITHA FUROR ASHLEE
Exhibitor: J&K McAvoy /J&C Fornwald
3. GLENHOLME CONNECTION TRACE
Exhibitor:
Ian & Caryl Lennox, Divine Jerseys

Grand Champion

TRIPLE S DIAMOND JAMAL
Exhibitor: Thys Haambuckers, Glorybound
Holsteins /Triple S Jerseys

Reserve Grand Champion

STARCREST DUAISEOIR ALLYSON
Exhibitor: J&K McAvoy /J&C Fornwald

Breeders Herd

1. Don Hendrickson
2. Melanie Guttner
3. Naomi Fournier, Birdsong Farms

BMO Super Cow Jersey

TRIPLE S DIAMOND JAMAL
Exhibitor: Thys Haambuckers, Glorybound
Holsteins /Triple S Jerseys

Premier Breeder

Don Hendrickson

Premier Exhibitor

Glorybound /Triple S Jerseys

SS D BAILEY Sails to a Win on the Island

Vancouver Island Holstein Show & 4-H Competition

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Cowichan 4-H Holstein Showmanship 2014

Juniors:

1. Jaymie Brandsma
2. Olivia Jacobsen
3. Graham Nugent

Intermediates:

1. Matthew Brandsma
2. Danielle Groenendijk
3. Christian Taylor

Seniors:

1. Ellen Porcher

Champion Showman:

Grand – Matthew Brandsma
Reserve – Danielle Groenendijk
Honorable Mention – Jaymie Brandsma
and Olivia Jacobsen

CALF PLACINGS

Winter Calf:

1. WEDGWOOD ABSOLUTE HOPE
Logan Jacobsen
2. SAANWOOD MCCUTCHEON JILL
Annemarie Taylor
3. VANVALLEY JETTAIR HOPE
Graham Nugent
4. WEDGWOOD GOLDSUN BUTTERCUP
Olivia Jacobsen

Fall Calf:

1. WILLSWIKK BROKAW RHEA
Matthew Brandsma
2. WILLSWIKK BROKAW CAROLINE
Jaymie Brandsma
3. BALME AYR LANDSCAPE OLYMPIA
Colin Balme
4. BALME AYR MANDARIN COLLETTE I
Ellen Porcher

Summer Yearling:

1. WEDGWOOD GOLDSUN DORINDA
Danielle Groenendijk
2. SAANWOOD BRAXTON PRISS
Christian Taylor
3. JAGER WINDBROOK EASTER
Jake Judge
4. FRUEH GOLD SUBLIME
Michael Brandsma

Spring Yearling:

1. POELMAN GOLD CHIP RAVE
Jenna Bakker
2. BALME AYR POKER POSEY
Katie Balme
3. BALME AYRE MOZART BEATZ
Brittany Jarvis

Champion Calf:

WILLSWIKK BROKAW RHEA
Matthew Brandsma

Reserve Champion Calf:

WEDGWOOD ABSOLUTE HOPE
Logan Jacobsen

Honorable Mention Calf:

WILLSWIKK BROKAW CAROLINE
Jaymie Brandsma

Vancouver Island Holstein Show

Winter Calf

- Sponsored by: Island Dairy Services**
1. WESTCOAST DOORMAN AMBER
Exhibitor: Westcoast Holsteins
 2. WEDGWOOD ABSOLUTE HOPE
Exhibitor: Stanhope-Wedgwood,
Beemer Holsteins
 3. SAANWOOD MCCUTCHEON JILL
Exhibitor: Viewfield Farms

Fall Calf

- Sponsored by: Vanjaarsveld Holdings**
1. WILLSWIKK BROKAW RHEA
Exhibitor: Willswikk Holsteins
 2. WEDGWOOD BROKAW GEM
Exhibitor: Stanhope-Wedgwood
 3. WILLSWIKK BROKAW CAROLINE
Exhibitor: Willswikk Holsteins

Summer Yearling

- Sponsored by Wedgwood Holsteins**
1. WEDGWOOD GOLDSUN DORINDA
Exhibitor: Chris Groenendijk
 2. SAANWOOD BRAXTON PRISS
Exhibitor: Viewfield Farms
 3. JAGER WINDBROOK EASTER
Exhibitor: Jager Farm Holsteins

Spring Yearling

- Sponsored by: Sunny Vale Farms Ltd.**
1. MORSAN FEVER DORIND
Exhibitor: Westcoast Holsteins
 2. POELMAN GOLD CHIP RAVE
Exhibitor: Sunny Vale Farm
 3. EASTSIDE SID LIZA
Exhibitor: Roswitha Holsteins and
Autumn Lane Holsteins

Winter Yearling

- Sponsored by:
J. William Wikkerink Farms Ltd.**
1. STANHOPE ALEXANDER TRIXIE
8182
Exhibitor: Stanhope-Wedgwood
 2. SILVERMAPLE GOLDCHIP JAN
Exhibitor: Silvermaple Holsteins
 3. WILLSWIKK DEMPSEY ROSE
Exhibitor: Willswikk Holsteins

Fall Yearling

- Sponsored by: Lantzville Farm**
1. WILLSWIKK FEVER DELANNA
Exhibitor: Willswikk Holsteins
 2. HAMMINGVIEW WALLE MARISSA
Exhibitor: Willswikk Holsteins
 3. WILLSWIKK ROY JACE
Exhibitor: Willswikk Holsteins

Junior Group of Three

- Sponsored by: Kalla Judge & Family**
1. Willswikk Holsteins
 2. Stanhope-Wedgwood

Junior Champion

Sponsored by: Mill Bay Vet Clinic
WESTCOAST DOORMAN AMBER
Exhibitor: Westcoast Holsteins

Reserve Junior Champion

Sponsored by: Hatton Insurance
WILLSWIKK BROKAW RHEA
Exhibitor: Willswikk Holsteins

Honorable Mention Junior Champion

WEDGWOOD BROKAW GEM
Exhibitor: Stanhope-Wedgwood

Junior Show Premier Breeder

**Banner sponsored by:
Vancouver Island Holstein Club**

1. Willswikk Holsteins
2. Wedgwood Holsteins

Junior Show Premier Exhibitor

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1. Willswikk Holsteins
2. Stanhope-Wedgwood

Junior 2 Year Old

- Sponsored by: Roemer Farms Ltd.**
1. HAMMING SID DARLA
Exhibitor: Stanhope-Wedgwood
 2. WILLSWIKK GOLDCHIP CASSIE
Exhibitor: Willswikk Holsteins
 3. MSLULUS FEVER LAGACY-ET
Exhibitor: Westcoast Holsteins

Senior 2 Year Old

- Sponsored by:
Pacific Forage Bag Supply Ltd.**
1. STANHOPE PRESENCE DEMPSEY
Exhibitor: Stanhope-Wedgwood
 2. VANDYK-S GOLD CHIP NINA
Exhibitor: Stanhope-Wedgwood and
VanDyk-S Holsteins
 3. EK-ERHARDT SID ABELINE-ET
Exhibitor: Westcoast Holsteins

Junior 3 Year Old

- Sponsored by: Frueh Farms**
1. WILLSWIKK DUPLEX DION
Exhibitor: Wikkshaven Holsteins
 2. LOOKOUT ATWOOD JODY
Exhibitor: Sunny Vale Farm

Senior 3 Year Old

- Sponsored by: Meadow Green Farms Ltd.**
1. MEADOW GREEN ABSOLUTE FANNY
Exhibitor: Stanhope-Wedgwood
 2. ROCKYMOUNTAIN ATWOOD
ANABELLE
Exhibitor: Willswikk Holsteins
 3. WILLSWIKK ATWOOD JAYLENE
Exhibitor: Willswikk Holsteins

Intermediate Champion

STANHOPE PRESENCE DEMPSEY
Exhibitor: Stanhope-Wedgwood

Reserve Intermediate Champion

MEADOW GREEN ABSOLUTE FANNY
Exhibitor: Stanhope-Wedgwood

Honorable Mention Intermediate Champion

HAMMING SID DARLA
Exhibitor: Stanhope-Wedgwood

4 Year Old

- Sponsored by: Prairie Coast Equipment**
1. CEDARWAL SANCHEZ ICING
Exhibitor: Westcoast Holsteins
 2. WEDGWOOD RAVEN DUPLEX
Exhibitor: Stanhope-Wedgwood
 3. BUTZ-BUTLER SANCHEZ BANJO-ET
Exhibitor: Stanhope-Wedgwood

5 Year Old

- Sponsored by: Jager Farm Holsteins**
1. BENBIE GOLDWYN SADIE
Exhibitor: Silvermaple Holsteins
 2. WILLSWIKK GOLDWYN DELORA
Exhibitor: Willswikk Holsteins
 3. BUTZ-BUTLER GOLD BRANDY
Exhibitor: Stanhope-Wedgwood

Mature Cow

- Sponsored by: Valley Dairy Equipment**
1. TOLAMIKA SS D BAILEY
Exhibitor: Willswikk Holsteins and
Bert Tuytel
 2. CARLAR GOLDWYN TIONA
Exhibitor: Stanhope-Wedgwood
 3. WEDGWOOD LOUISE GOLDWYN
Exhibitor: Stanhope-Wedgwood and
Carlar Holsteins

Best Island Bred Cow

- Sponsored by: Island Tractor & Supply**
STANHOPE PRESENCE DEMPSEY
Exhibitor: Stanhope-Wedgwood

Total Performance Cow

- Sponsored by: Silvermaple Holsteins**
WEDGWOOD RAVEN DUPLEX
Exhibitor: Stanhope-Wedgwood
BCA: 268-284-286

Best Udder

- Sponsored by: Tope Shelf Feeds Inc.**
TOLAMIKA SS D BAILEY
Exhibitor:
Willswikk Holsteins and Bert Tuytel

Breeders Herd

- Sponsored by: William Taylor Memorial
(Viewfield Farms)**
1. Stanhope-Wedgwood
 2. Willswikk Holsteins

Grand Champion

- Sponsored by: CIBC**
TOLAMIKA SS D BAILEY
Exhibitor:
Willswikk Holsteins and Bert Tuytel

Reserve Grand Champion

- Sponsored by: Stanhope Dairy Farm Ltd.**
STANHOPE PRESENCE DEMPSEY
Exhibitor: Stanhope-Wedgwood

Honorable Mention

MEADOW GREEN ABSOLUTE FANNY
Exhibitor: Stanhope-Wedgwood

Premier Breeder

Sponsored by: Bank of Montreal
Willswikk Holsteins

Premier Exhibitor

Sponsored by: Bank of Montreal
Stanhope-Wedgwood



Grand Champion Showmen of the Vancouver Island 4-H show, held during the Vancouver Island Holstein Show on July 10 at the Cowichan Exhibition Grounds in Duncan, are: (L-R) Reserve Champion Showman Danielle Groenendijk, Champion showman Matt Brandsma, and Judge Mike Berry.



At the end of the day, the champion calves of the Vancouver Island 4-H show were: (L-R) Suzanne Cuthbert presenting awards, Logan Jacobsen with his Reserve Grand calf, Matt Brandsma showing the Grand Champion calf, and Judge Mike Berry.



Junior Champions of the 2014 Vancouver Island Holstein Show: (L-R) Vancouver Island Holstein Princess Katie Balme, Matt Brandsma with Reserve Grand calf WILLSWIKK BROKAW RHEA, Jeff Kooyman on the halter of Junior Champion WESTCOAST DOORMAN AMBER, Judge Mike Berry, and Suzanne Cuthbert presenting awards.



Intermediate Champions of the Vancouver Island Holstein Show: (L-R) Judge Mike Berry, Holstein Princess Katie Balme, Ridley Wikkerink on the halter of Reserve Intermediate Champion MEADOW GREEN ABSOLUTE FANNY, Marcus Hehli with Intermediate Champion STANHOPE PRESENCE DEMPSEY, and Suzanne Cuthbert presenting awards.



Grand Champion females of the 2014 edition of the Vancouver Island Holstein Show: (L-R) Ken Ellison (Island Tractor & Supply), VI Holstein Princess Katie Balme, Judge Mike Berry, Karen Rendle (Stanhope Dairy - sponsor), Reserve Champion STANHOPE PRESENCE DEMPSEY with Marcus Hehli on the halter, winner of the Mature Cow class and Grand Champion cow TOLAMIKA SS D BAILEY held by William Wikkerink, and Matt Gilberg (CIBC).



Willswikk Holsteins won the Breeders Herd class and then went on to add up enough points to take home the Premier Breeder banner for a good ending to a long day. (L-R) William and Jason Wikkerink, Brandon Westerhof, Cindy Wikkerink, and Holstein Princess Katie Balme.



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Summer Weather at Fall Show

Salmon Arm Fair 4-H Show

Results provided by Kari Crandlemire.

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The Salmon Arm Fall Fair held its 4-H show on September 6 at the fairgrounds on a beautiful, sunny, end-of-summer day, with 4-H exhibitors and onlookers, including the parent gallery. Grand Champion showmen of the day were: (L-R) Reserve Champion Erin Drydyk (Milkyway 4-H); Champion Showman Carson Hamming (Shuswap Dairy), being presented trophy by judge Mike Haambuckers.

A big smile from Shiloh Jansen as she wins her heat in the Pee Wee showmanship competition.



Top Junior 4-H showmen of the Salmon Arm Fall Fair are: (L-R) Reserve Champion Zara Bucher (Deep Creek 4-H); top honours go to Taylor Wagstaff (Eagle Valley 4-H); and judge Mike Haambuckers making presentations.

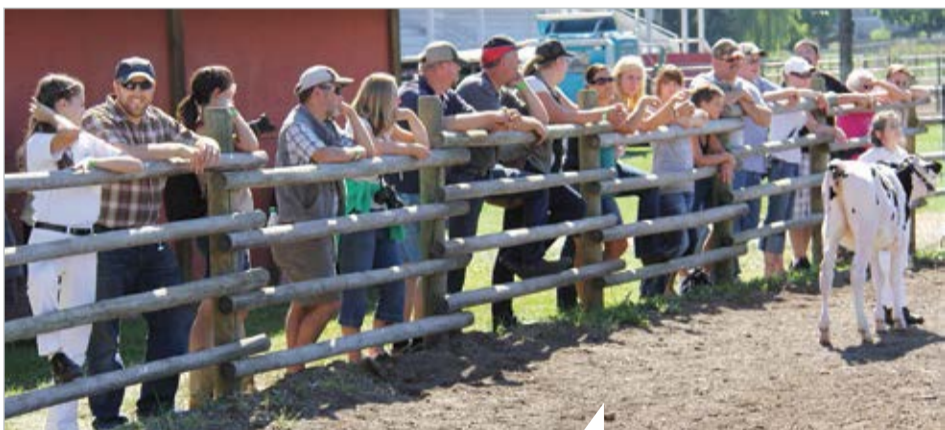


Her calf seems to have had enough, but Elianah Rees still managed to place second in the Pee Wee 4-H competition.

Cousins Levi (left) and Owen DeWitt are all smiles as they take second and first place respectively in the Pee Wee Calf Conformation class.



Bird's-eye view as these young 4-H competitors watch their peers at work in the ring at the Salmon Arm Fall Fair.



Rail-birds enjoyed watching the keen 4-H competition under beautiful sunny skies at the Salmon Arm Fall Fair's outdoor show ring.



It's a brother act as Clayton (left with Reserve Champion calf) and Carson Hamming with the Grand Champion calf take top honours in the calf placing championship at the Salmon Arm Fall Fair. Judge Mike Haambuckers makes the trophy presentation.

Pee Wee Champion Showmanship

- Heat 1**
 1. Shiloh Jansen
 2. Elianah Rees
Heat 2
 1. Owen DeWitt
 2. Malachi Gossen

Junior Showmanship

1. Taylor Wagstaff, Eagle Valley
 2. Zara Bucher, Deep Creek

Intermediate Showmanship

1. Carson Hamming, Shuswap Dairy
 2. Pauline Ferguson, Milkyway

Senior Showmanship (13 & 14 year olds)

1. Clayton Hamming, Shuswap Dairy
 2. Kyona Bruns, Milkyway

Senior Showmanship (15 to 19 year olds)

1. Erin Drydyk, Milkyway
 2. Ian Kennedy, Shuswap Dairy

Grand Champion Showmanship

Carson Hamming, Shuswap Dairy

Reserve Grand Champion Showmanship

Erin Drydyk, Milkyway

Honorable Mention Showmanship

Clayton Hamming, Shuswap Dairy

Grand Champion Calf

Carson Hamming, Shuswap Dairy

Reserve Champion Calf

Clayton Hamming, Shuswap Dairy

Honorable Mention Calf

Cassidy Schwaerzle, Shuswap Dairy

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Nitrogen efficiency: where do we start?

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A heightened demand for affordably priced animal products has resulted in highly specialized operations that generally produce and release excess nitrogen (N) into the environment. This can be harmful, contributing to water and air quality issues. As a result, agricultural research has focused on strategies to maximize animal N efficiency without compromising production.

Excess N fed to animals results in N losses in feces and urine. Depending on management of manure application to land, this excreted N can contribute to high levels of nitrates in groundwater and, when combined with excess phosphorus, eutrophication of surface water. Eutrophication results in low dissolved oxygen levels, which causes fish kills, reduced water quality and growth of organisms. It can also lead to shellfish poisoning in humans.

Nitrate in groundwater can migrate into aquifers that are used for drinking water. Consumption of water with high nitrate levels causes blood oxygen exchange problems in infants. Excreted N can also be released into the atmosphere as ammonia, which can react with oxides of N and sulfur forming particles less than 2.5 microns in size.

These particles cause haze and contribute to lung problems and asthma. Thus, improving the efficiency of N use by animals can reduce N release to the environment and human health risks.

We Lag Behind

Lactating dairy cows fed diets with 17 percent or more crude protein typically only transfer 25 percent of consumed N to milk or tissue N (in the form of protein). The remainder is excreted in urine and feces. Industry standard feeding programs for production species, other than beef animals, result in greater N efficiencies. When fed industry standard diets, growing beef cattle, growing pigs, growing broiler chickens and egg layers have N conversion efficiencies of 26, 33, 45 and 34 percent, respectively (Figure 1).

Efficiencies pushing 85 percent have been observed in swine fed low protein rations supplemented with the most limiting amino acids. This is more than triple the efficiencies observed for dairy cows managed under current conditions. The question that arises is whether we could get lactating cows to operate at a similar high efficiency if we had better knowledge of their total N and amino acid requirements.

Recognizing that there are some inevitable losses associated with ruminal N metabolism, 85 percent efficiency is likely not attainable, but 50 to 60 percent may be possible. Obviously, this would be a huge gain, which would dramatically reduce the environmental footprint of the industry and feed costs.

However, to get there, we have to gain a better understanding of N and amino acid metabolism in the cow. Our knowledge base is not nearly as advanced as it is in swine and poultry.

Efficiency's Economic Impact

In the past, U.S. dairy producers often fed protein above National Resource Council (NRC) requirements to ensure that cows received enough N. This practice has waned in the past few years due to skyrocketing dietary protein costs.

Using Eastern U.S. ingredients at prevailing prices in early 2013, we found that lactating cow diets could be formulated to meet requirements down to 15.25 percent crude protein (CP). The lowest cost ration was at 15.5 percent CP (Figure 2).

When formulated at 15.5 percent CP, N efficiency will be almost 30 percent. Thus, improving the N efficiency of dairy cows should reduce the negative impacts on the environment and improve profit margins.

Although 30 percent N efficiency would certainly be an improvement over the prevailing 25 percent, it is nowhere near the efficiency that should be achievable. To make additional progress, we need to improve our knowledge of ruminal microbe N needs and animal requirements for specific amino acids.

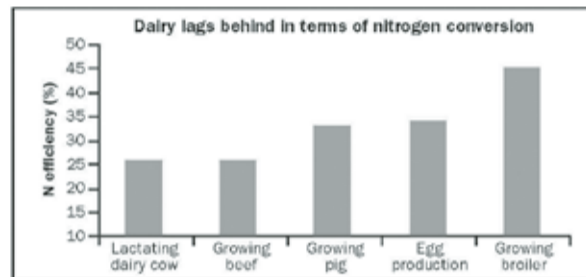


FIGURE 1

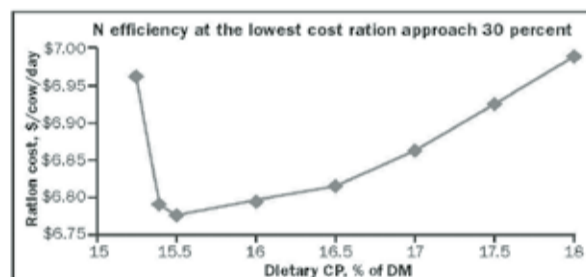


FIGURE 2

Dietary protein fed in excess of requirements results in ammonia generation in the rumen and excess amino acids in blood. The N contained in these compounds is converted into urea within the liver and released into blood, which then equilibrates with bodily fluids, including milk.

As a result, blood urea N (BUN) and milk urea N (MUN) are highly correlated with dietary N intake. In a well-managed feeding program, bulk tank MUN should be at 12 mg/dl or below. Several factors can cause deviations in expected MUN values. Those factors include time of sampling, season of the year, body weight, breed, nutritional factors or sire selection.

We observed highly significant cow effects and a strong trend for a herd effect on MUN concentrations when analyzing data from six herds in Virginia. Despite the variation, a consistent observation is that a gain of 1 percentage unit in dietary CP results in a MUN evaluation between 1.04 and 1.24 mg/dl for milk yields of 90 and 65 pounds per day, respectively.

Thus, a good average to use is 1.15 mg/dl for each 1 percentage unit change in dietary CP. Accordingly, if you see that your cows have a MUN of 13 mg/dl, you likely would have to remove slightly less than 1 percentage unit of CP from the diet to get them down to 12 mg/dl.

Due to genetic and herd specific conditions, the MUN value you observe may vary. Thus, you should establish a MUN target specific to your herd. Twelve mg/dl is a good general target, but many producers can likely operate below 12 mg/dl without experiencing a protein deficiency.

Monitor Your MUNs

Given the high cost of dietary protein, it is worthwhile to determine whether your herd can tolerate a lower protein diet. Once a herd MUN target is set, you can estimate how much protein must be missing from the diet if MUN values fall below target and how much extra is in the diet if MUN values rise above it.

Staying at the target MUN value for your herd is important economically. For example, a cow producing 90 pounds of milk per day could easily drop 18 pounds per day in production if fed a 15 percent CP diet that contains 0.8 pound per day less metabolizable protein than she needs. At \$20 per hundredweight, that loss in production will cost the producer \$3.52 per cow per day.

MUN: a great tool to monitor nitrogen efficiency

Milk Urea Nitrogen (MUN) analysis is a great way to monitor both the efficiency of the feeding program but also ensuring that excess nitrogen is not released in the environment. In areas of concentrated animal production, as is the case in many regions of British Columbia, optimum nutrient management is critical for farm profitability but also for soil and water quality. MUN analysis is an inexpensive, effective and convenient way to monitor nitrogen utilisation and efficiency.

For more information on MUN testing, talk to your feed advisor or your DHI representative.

Alternatively, the same cow fed an 18 percent CP diet that exceeds her need for metabolizable protein by 0.7 pound per day could cost the producer 28 cents per cow per day given a value of 43 cents per pound of metabolizable protein. So, clearly the risk of underfeeding protein is much greater than the slightly elevated cost of overfeeding protein.

Improve your N use

Even in the absence of a perfect N requirement system, one can take steps today to improve N efficiency and reduce feeding program costs. One of the challenges with reducing dietary protein below 16 percent is that any safety margin in the system is reduced or removed. Thus, a monitoring system to ensure the feeding program stays on target is needed to avoid deficiencies. Such a system includes:

- 1. Monitor feedstuffs for nutrient content.** Nutrient contents can vary, so ration adjustments help ensure that cows are not fed too much or too little protein.
- 2. Balance rations to meet current protein requirements.** Although the 2001 NRC requirements are not perfect, they are safe guidelines. If you design rations to meet NRC and monitor nutrient contents, it is highly unlikely your cows, heifers or calves will experience a protein deficiency.
- 3. Monitor your feeding programs for accuracy.** The ration won't work as intended if the wrong amounts of each ingredient are added or too little feed is delivered.
- 4. Use MUN concentration to help monitor your feeding program in real time.** It is important to verify what equipment your milk company is using to determine MUN. All of the analyzers manufactured in the last 20 years are capable of generating reliable numbers provided they are maintained and calibrated correctly.

Implement a feed management monitoring system to ensure the feeding program stays on target and you achieve N efficiency gains. This system should include frequent assessment of bulk tank MUN content. Using these tools should allow you to achieve 30 percent N efficiency for the lactating herd. Any gains in N efficiency not only reduce environmental impact but also improve economic performance.

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Top Total BCA Records B.C.

10 YEARS AND OLDER (1 ANIMAL REPORTED)

| ANIMAL | BCA'S | TOTAL BCA | DEV. M | DEV. F | DEV. P | COMP. | FARM NAME |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|-------|----------------------------|
| SUNCOUNTRY JOVAN CHAMPION EX 90 | 304-363-306 | 973 | +43 | +88 | +44 | +175 | J View Holsteins, Grindrod |

BC SUPER 3 (16 ANIMALS REPORTED)

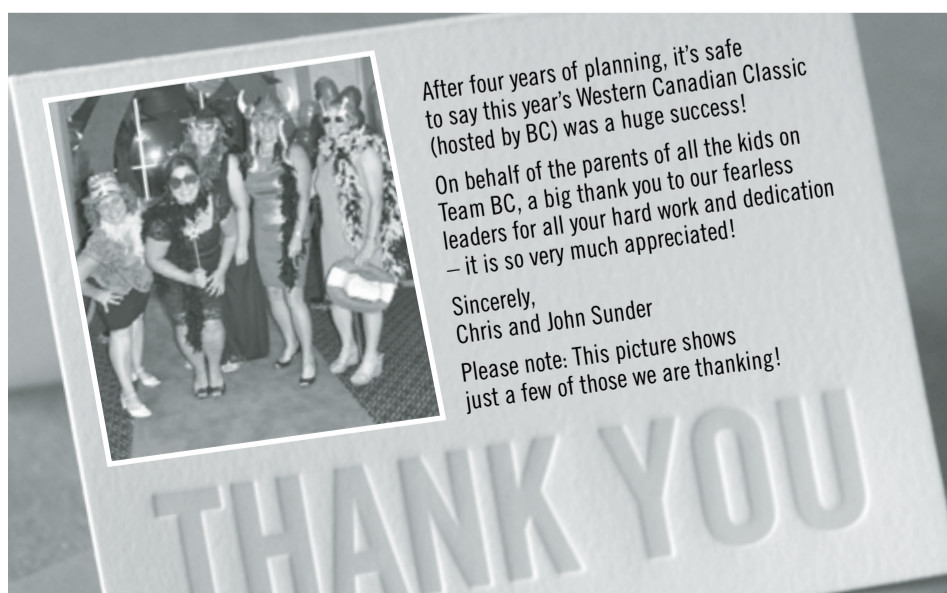
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|-----------------------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|--|
| BROOKNOOK MR SAM PEPPERMINT VG 85 | 302-340-327 | 969 | 331-352-364 | 1047 | 300-278-329 | 907 | Brooknook Farms, Chilliwack |
| FRUEH GOLDWYN JENNA VG 85 | 247-374-258 | 879 | 327-300-329 | 956 | 313-354-330 | 997 | Frueh Farms Ltd., Duncan |
| HAMMINGVIEW GOLDWYN MAZI GP 83 | 260-313-297 | 870 | 291-323-328 | 942 | 316-348-334 | 998 | Hammingview Farms Ltd., Pitt Meadows |
| JERSONIA CHARMER 1000 GP 80 | 274-307-287 | 868 | 270-314-286 | 870 | 264-321-278 | 863 | Seabreeze Farm Ltd., Delta |
| KAMAR SPARTA 1708 | 319-358-329 | 1006 | 320-352-337 | 1009 | 321-328-322 | 971 | Chilliwack Cattle Sales Ltd., Chilliwack |
| KOOLDALE WILDFIRE 251 G 78 | 240-324-261 | 825 | 271-392-276 | 939 | 259-351-280 | 890 | Kooldale Farms Ltd., Surrey |
| LINDRIAN SAMUELO IZADEL 64 GP 80 | 301-336-334 | 971 | 288-306-324 | 918 | 262-306-290 | 858 | Hammingview Farms Ltd., Pitt Meadows |
| RYPSTER M581 JERICHO GP 83 | 282-377-321 | 980 | 251-340-283 | 874 | 260-368-278 | 906 | Francis Hylkema, Chilliwack |
| SPRINGBEND DESIGN CONCEPT VG 87 | 314-275-312 | 901 | 308-284-306 | 898 | 319-315-306 | 940 | Springbend Farms, Enderby |
| SUNNYHOME MR SAM MUSIC GP 83 | 298-314-301 | 913 | 322-351-321 | 994 | 319-354-323 | 996 | Carlar Holsteins, Salmon Arm, Sunnyhome Farms Ltd., Salmon Arm |
| TRIWEST SUSAN BUCKEYE 593 GP 81 | 362-373-334 | 1069 | 354-334-311 | 999 | 341-319-294 | 954 | Triwest Farms Ltd., Chilliwack |
| VALLEVUE CHIEF PHILENA GP 81 | 278-312-281 | 871 | 300-326-315 | 941 | 282-343-282 | 907 | Vallevue Holsteins Ltd., Chilliwack |
| VANDEBURGT ALTAJAXON 1412 GP 83 | 308-293-303 | 904 | 320-292-312 | 924 | 329-307-315 | 951 | Vandeburg Farms Ltd., Dewdney |
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LONGTIME PRODUCTION-100,000 KGS OR MORE (16 ANIMALS REPORTED)

| ANIMAL NAME | LACTATION | KGS MILK | % FAT | % PROTEIN | FARM NAME |
|---------------------------------|-----------|----------|-------|-----------|--|
| FRUEH FARM BLACK KING JAY EX 90 | 12 | 169,713 | 4.15 | 3.46 | Frueh Farms Ltd., Duncan |
| MALAWYK RAIDER HESTOR GP 83 | 9 | 169,052 | 3.4 | 3.06 | W. & N. Vander Wyk Bros., Dewdney |
| ROSEBOOM 335 VG 86 | 11 | 151,231 | 3.61 | 3.06 | Roseboom Farm Inc., Chilliwack |
| HAMMING LIKE NANASI VG 85 | 9 | 129,543 | 3.9 | 3.12 | Hamming Holsteins Ltd., Vernon |
| MAZJESTIC STORM CHRISTA GP 83 | 11 | 123,166 | 3.26 | 2.93 | Joe Mazur, Enderby |
| BEKKERS WICKER RUDOLPH G 77 | 9 | 110,645 | 4.32 | 3.3 | Bekkers Holsteins Ltd., Deroche |
| EASTMURR SUNNY OUTSIDE EX 91 | 7 | 108,788 | 3.07 | 2.94 | Delterra Holsteins, Matsqui |
| RYPSTER M466 RAY GP 84 | 7 | 106,895 | 3.27 | 2.93 | Francis Hylkema, Chilliwack |
| IBERG C SARDON GP 81 | 6 | 106,281 | 3.28 | 3.43 | St. Christopher Holsteins, Surrey |
| BROOKNOOK CHAMPION JACKEE VG 86 | 7 | 105,921 | 3.73 | 3.41 | Brooknook Farms, Chilliwack |
| UBYSSEY KITTY DAX 3092 G 73 | 8 | 105,251 | 4.43 | 3.29 | UBC Dairy Education & Research Centre, Agassiz |
| RYPSTER W509 INCOME VG 85 | 5 | 105,024 | 3.59 | 3.14 | Francis Hylkema, Chilliwack |
| KOOLDALE 183 INCOME GP 81 | 6 | 104,242 | 3.96 | 3.14 | Kooldale Farms Ltd., Surrey |
| SUNNYHOME FINLEY RETA EX 90 | 6 | 103,608 | 3.59 | 2.94 | Sunnyhome Farms Ltd., Salmon Arm |
| WILLSWIKK OUTSIDE KRISSEY VG 85 | 9 | 100,549 | 4.25 | 3.12 | J. William Wikkerink Farms Ltd., Cobble Hill |
| TAPPENVALE BLITZ MARLENE GP 83 | 8 | 100,511 | 3.18 | 2.75 | Tappenvale Farm Ltd., Pritchard |

STAR BROOD COWS (FOUR OR MORE STARS) (33 ANIMALS REPORTED)

| ANIMAL NAME | NO. OF STARS | FARM NAME |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--|
| LYLEHAVEN LILA Z EX 94 | 19 | Bradner Farms, Abbotsford, Cedarwal Farms Ltd., Abbotsford |
| RUTI CHAMPION RAQUEL VG 88 | 16 | Cedarwal Farms Ltd., Abbotsford, Wisselview Farms, Pitt Meadows |
| STENHOUSE MUIR A J TOPPER EX | 16 | Stanhope Dairy Farm Ltd., Victoria, Wedgwood Holsteins, Cobble Hill |
| CRACKHOLM EMORY FASHION EX 92 | 12 | Shadynook Farms Ltd., Enderby |
| HAMMINGVIEW ALLEN MARTINE EX 93 | 12 | Hammingview Farms Ltd., Pitt Meadows |
| BRAEDALE CHAMP UNBELIEVABULL VG 85 | 12 | Cedarwal Farms Ltd., Abbotsford |
| ACME LINCOLN ELLIE EX 90 | 11 | Stanhope Dairy Farm Ltd., Victoria, Wedgwood Holsteins, Cobble Hill |
| SAANWOOD RUDOLPH NIKEL VG 87 | 11 | Viewfield Farms Ltd., Courtenay |
| GEN-I-BEQ CHAMPION BULLE VG 86 | 9 | Cedarwal Farms Ltd., Abbotsford |
| VYECROFT LINDY MANDY VG 88 | 9 | Sandy & Lilian Stewart, Mara |
| PENLOW GEORGETTE OUTSIDE EX 96 | 7 | Bradner Farms, Abbotsford |
| RAELAND LEDUC WILHELMINA EX 92 | 7 | Bradner Farms, Abbotsford |
| TELFORD DIANE AEROLINE EX 90 | 7 | Jim & Maryann Hessels, Delta |
| WIKKERINK LEADER SHASTA VG 87 | 7 | Roemer Farms Ltd., Mill Bay |
| VYECROFT WINNIE ALLEASHA EX | 6 | Vyecroft Holstein Farms, Rosedale |
| CONTINENTAL LEADOFF DEBBIE GP 84 | 6 | Tom De Waal, Jr., Prince George |
| GOLDENSET OUTSIDE SILVER VG 88 | 6 | Sunny Vale Farm Ltd., Cowichan Bay |
| POELMAN GIBSON ROSELYNN VG 87 | 6 | Sunny Vale Farm Ltd., Cowichan Bay |
| SUNNYHOME GOLDWYN MARCIE VG 86 | 6 | Sunnyhome Farms Ltd., Salmon Arm |
| WILLSWIKK OUTSIDE DELLA EX 95 | 6 | Wikkshaven Holsteins, Cobble Hill |
| HAMMING DERRY ELLY VG 86 | 5 | Hamming Holsteins Ltd., Vernon |
| HAMMINGVIEW MEGABUCK ANNY VG 86 | 5 | Hammingview Farms Ltd., Pitt Meadows |
| SEMIAULT CINDY CHARLES VG 86 | 5 | Kloot Farms Ltd., Chilliwack |
| WILLSWIKK LHEROS DENISE EX 91 | 5 | J. William Wikkerink Farms Ltd., Cobble Hill |
| SUMMERSHADE ELLIEBLITZ GP 83 | 5 | Summersshade Farms Ltd., Abbotsford |
| SPRINGBEND CHAMPION DELLIA VG 87 | 4 | Springbend Farms, Enderby |
| CBS ENCORES GRAND CELINE EX | 4 | Charlie & Lorraine Thomson, Rosedale |
| LINDENRIGHT DUNDEE L LAURAL EX 93 | 4 | Futurecrest Holsteins, Aylmer, ON, Stanhope Dairy Farm Ltd., Victoria, Wedgwood Holsteins, Cobble Hill |
| POELMAN GIBSON BAILEY EX 92 | 4 | Autumn Lane Holsteins, Cowichan Bay, Sunny Vale Farm Ltd., Cowichan Bay |
| LEWISDALE EASTSIDE AUTUMN VG 88 | 4 | Brad Driessen, Chilliwack, Lyba Farms, Chilliwack |
| GEN-I-BEQ DUPLEX BASSY VG 85 | 4 | Cedarwal Farms Ltd., Abbotsford |
| GEN-I-BEQ TITANIC SHANY VG 85 | 4 | Cedarwal Farms Ltd., Abbotsford |
| SPRINGBEND GIBSON DIAMOND VG 87 | 4 | Springbend Farms, Enderby |



After four years of planning, it's safe to say this year's Western Canadian Classic (hosted by BC) was a huge success! On behalf of the parents of all the kids on Team BC, a big thank you to our fearless leaders for all your hard work and dedication – it is so very much appreciated!

Sincerely,
Chris and John Sunder

Please note: This picture shows just a few of those we are thanking!



A mini "Kampman Family Reunion" occurred at this year's WCC! Second cousins Matt Brandsma, Mike Brandsma, Danielle Groenendijk, Devin Jansen, Jessica Kampman, and Justin Kampman got all dressed up for the WCC banquet, and took a minute for a photo op.

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Henrietta Groenendijk

STANHOPE BARBILA SID VG 86

Sire: PINE-TREE SID-ET

Owner: Stanhope Dairy Farm Ltd.,
Victoria, Viewfield Farms Ltd., Courtenay,
Wedgwood Holsteins, Cobble Hill**STANHOPE ELAINE EXTREEM VG 86**

Sire: Starcrest Extreme

Owner: Stanhope Dairy Farm Ltd.,
Victoria, Wedgwood Holsteins, Cobble Hill**SYMA GOLD CHIP MARIE DECEMBER VG 86**

Sire: Mr Chassity Gold Chip-ET

Owner: Stanhope Dairy Farm Ltd.,
Victoria, Wedgwood Holsteins, Cobble Hill**WILLSWIKK DESTRY DOLLY VG 86**

Sire: Scientific Destry-ET

Owner: J. William Wikkerink Farms Ltd.,
Cobble Hill**WILLSWIKK GOLDCHIP CASSIE VG 86**

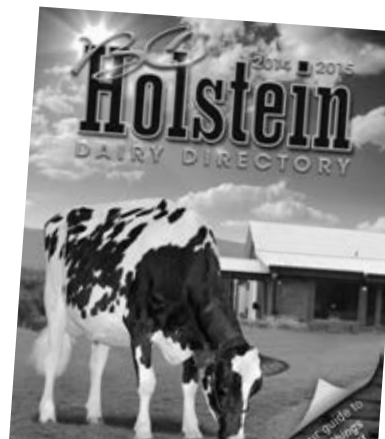
Sire: Mr Chassity Gold Chip-ET

Owner: J. William Wikkerink Farms Ltd.,
Cobble Hill**WILLSWIKK WINDBROOK DANIELLE VG 86**

Sire: Gillette Windbrook

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By Dr. Patrick O'Brien DVM, Wealth Advisor, Vice President, RBC Dominion Securities

New Genetics for Late Life: *Another View of the TFSA and the Inter Vivos Trust*

The objectives of our dairy breeding programs haven't actually changed a lot. We are continuing to make incremental gains in cow durability, milk production, and components without sacrificing fertility. In the 10 years since I retired from veterinary practice, some remarkable new breeding tools have come to market, allowing for much more rapid genetic gains. When the First World War began 100 years ago, genetic tools might be limited to taking your cow to the neighbour's bull instead of using your own. No one knew about sexed semen and genetic markers then.

Nothing much has changed in the investment world either with regard to investor objectives. It is still a worthwhile pursuit to carefully select the "genetic material" for your portfolio (cow herd) so that it can produce income, tax efficiency, and stability. Courtesy of the federal government, the Tax Free Savings Account (TFSA) was created in 2009, giving a new tool for wealth creation and estate planning. The long term consequences of this tax change and the changes to the inter vivos trust will be a big help to me personally and to many of my clients including dairy farmers.

Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" revisited...

I've been considering estate planning

and late life income recently. It has me thinking, in a very unseasonal manner, about the Charles Dickens novel, "A Christmas Carol." The story follows the conversion of an old miser, Ebenezer Scrooge, into a pleasant and charitable fellow as he is shown scenes from Christmases of the past, present, and future by the ghosts of Christmas from those time periods. So following the story line, I grasped the youngest of the Christmas apparitions, the hitherto unknown "Ghost of Financial Future" to peek into my financial end.

The general objectives of my estate plan are to get the assets to the beneficiaries, as quickly as possible, with the least amount of tax or probate, and with a minimum of effort by my executor. I also want there to be harmony amongst my descendants. My late life income goal is to have the income I need, at the lowest possible tax rate, with the least amount of volatility in the portfolio.

I hope that I have a long and healthy life such as my parents continue to enjoy. If we travel in time with the ghost forward 40 years to the year 2054, the ghost and I see my wife and me as contented, healthy, relatively carefree old timers. We are still living in our house, which has appreciated significantly over the period.

"But what will our income be, and

where from? And what about the house?" I ask the ghost. He says that we will be enjoying the proceeds of our TFSAs (Tax Free Savings Accounts). The house (our principal residence) will be in an inter vivos trust to avoid probate (currently ~1.4%).

There are two main parts to this abbreviated estate plan: the TFSA and the inter vivos trust.

The TFSA

My wife and I have been diligent about contributing the allowable amounts each year since inception of the program in 2009. I calculated that these TFSAs will grow to about \$3.1 million over the next 40 years, assuming a 6% return and \$5500 contributed to each every year. In 2054, we can draw the 6% yearly gain (about \$186,000) per year tax free. This wealth creation tool works well for me at 51, and even for people considerably older, but for a 20-something, it is brilliant.

All of the income drawn from the TFSA will be tax free. In addition, when the second of us passes, the assets will be transferred tax and probate free to our assigned beneficiaries. It is probate free as the TFSAs do not pass through the will.

The House and Avoiding Probate via an Inter Vivos Trust

For people 65 years or older who have

significant assets, an inter vivos trust can fulfill a number of asset distribution, protection, and privacy goals, including the avoidance of probate costs.

In my personal example, I assume that the house will be our major asset at this point, having given away most of everything else. If the house is valuable, say greater than two million dollars, it will be placed into a joint inter vivos trust. In the trust, the house will pass outside of the estate process and will not attract probate of ~\$28,000 or 1.4% of the total value. The house can then pass to the beneficiaries tax-free as it is our primary residence. This trust structure is fascinating in its usefulness, but a full discussion is beyond the scope of this article. I have a good generic information piece provided by RBC Dominion Securities for those looking for more. Ultimately, while we can talk over the trust idea, it is your lawyer and accountant that we look to for full expertise and implementation (notaries are unable to counsel on trusts).

Here's to a good corn harvest!

This information is not intended as nor does it constitute tax or legal advice. Readers should consult their own lawyer, accountant or other professional advisor when planning to implement a strategy. Dr. Patrick O'Brien DVM (604-467-5321) is an Investment Advisor with RBC Dominion Securities Inc. Member CIPF. □

Good News for Dairy Cows... and Farmers

Sarah Rostami, Communications Officer, Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC

Lameness is one of the most costly health problems affecting dairy cattle today. Not only will a dairy cow with lame, sore, infected feet produce less milk, but she will be less fertile, have a shorter life expectancy and incur higher health-related costs.

"It's not just a production issue," says David Janssens, a Surrey dairy producer who chairs the Dairy Industry Research and Education Committee. "It's also about animal welfare."

It was important to accurately identify the types of hoof lesions in BC herds and the extent of the problem before devising solutions.

Most dairy cows get their hooves trimmed at least once a year. Hoof trims are kind of like pedicures for cows. Regularly inspecting their feet puts trimmers in the perfect position to spot lesions.

Under the guidance of the multi-stakeholder BC Dairy Hoof Health Group, AR-PE Hooftrimming of Abbotsford

launched a hoof health project.

To kick things off, hoof trimmers were invited to a one-day workshop to learn how to properly identify various lesions and standardize data recording.

"If trimmers are using a digital recorder but aren't identifying hoof problems in the same way, it creates confusion and misinformation," says project manager, Ron Barker.

During the ensuing months, more than 32,000 trims were recorded, covering over 15,000 animals from 85 herds throughout BC. Related projects were being conducted concurrently in Alberta and Ontario. In total, there are now records on more than 80,000 cows from 578 herds.

With this solid database to analyze, some interesting findings began to appear, including regional differences in the types of lesions found. Overall, 60 per cent of the cows had at least one lesion. In BC, 47 per cent of the lesions were associated with digital dermatitis.

Lesions can appear for a variety of reasons and a holistic team approach is

important to address the issue. The next step was sharing this information with dairy farmers, herd managers and the suppliers of services to the industry, from veterinarians and trimmers to building contractors and feed nutritionists.

In 2012, three one-day seminars were held across BC in the spring, culminating in a three-day conference in the fall that covered topics including automated milking, dairy barn design and hoof health, and drew more than 200 participants.

"The first two projects did a good job of training hoof trimmers on proper identification of ailments," adds Janssens. "Producers are getting better information from their trimmers, plus we now have some hard numbers to show the extent of this issue."

But that isn't the end of the story. The industry can now focus its efforts to combat digital dermatitis.

The BC Dairy Association has taken the lead to develop and test an on-farm tool that will help herd managers work with their trimmers, veterinarians

and nutritionists to assess hoof health risk and identify recommendations for changes. This team approach is expected to identify hoof problems sooner, thereby decreasing the prevalence of lameness.

"Well over half the cows have problems caused by an infectious bacterium found in cow manure," adds Barker. "Good manure management in combination with clean, comfortable stalls and effective foot baths are important to reduce cases of infectious foot problems."

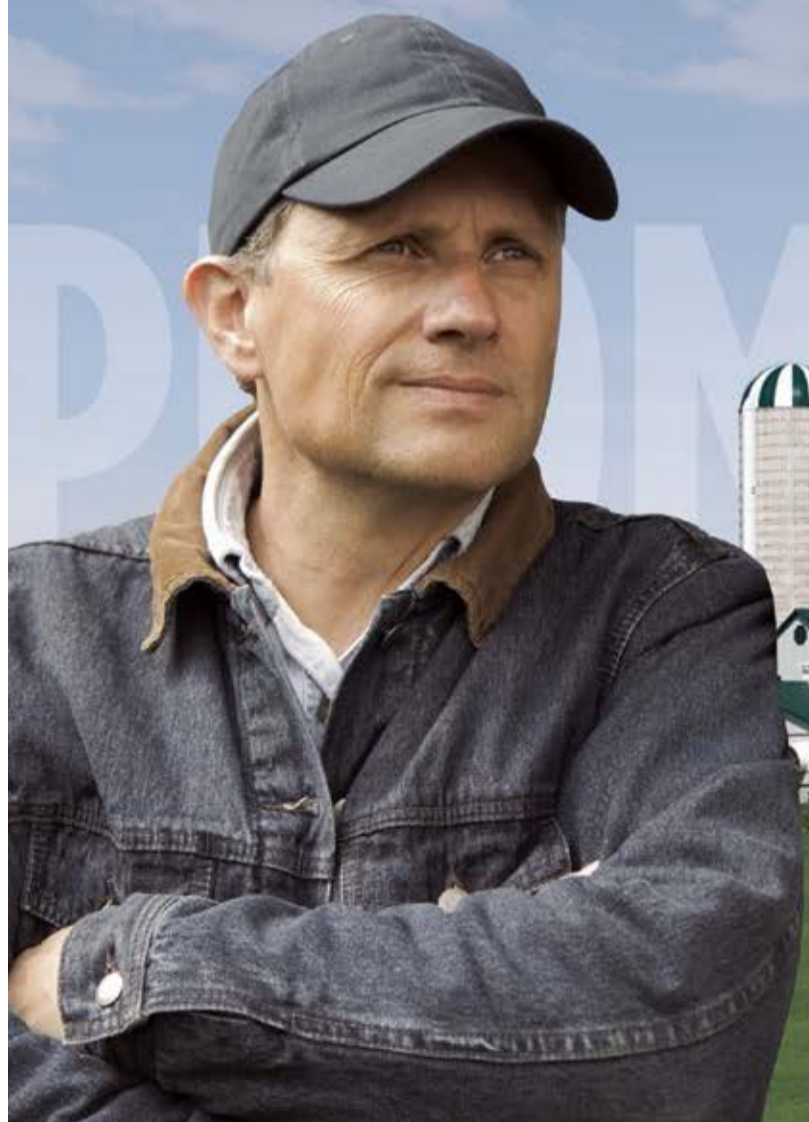
What's good for the cows is also good for the dairy industry.

"Hoof health can and does have a huge impact on a farm's bottom line," says Tom Droppo, dairy industry specialist with BC's Ministry of Agriculture, who coordinated the outreach activities. "The new practices some dairies have adopted are starting to get other people's attention."

These projects were funded by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the BC Ministry of Agriculture through programs delivered by the Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC. □

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Forces Align For Successful Hyljon Dispersal

By Gary Booy

A perfect storm is a situation created by a powerful occurrence of factors, but that usually implies negative factors and a negative outcome. That is *not* what happened on July 12 when the complete milking herd of John and Sue Hylkema and family was dispersed. Instead of a

perfect storm, the forces aligned and created this rare occurrence in BC, a highly successful dispersal auction!

A beautiful sunny day, a tremendous Master Breeder herd of high type and high production cows, upcoming incentive days, record cull cow prices, and a well-run and well-organized auction all

contributed to a very successful day for the Hylkema family, resulting in a just over \$4000 average per cow on sale day.

Under the very capable auctioneering of Ian Paton and John Copithorne, the smoothly run sale was completed in about four hours, allowing the large crowd on hand to head home to do farm

chores and then arrive back in the early evening to enjoy a delicious going away/ appreciation barbeque on behalf of the family. It was indeed one of the social highlights of the 2014 summer season!



1 Sue Hylkema (center) and daughters Richelle (left) and Nicole take a moment to enjoy the successful proceedings of their complete milking dispersal.

2 Part of the large crowd on hand at the Hyljon Dispersal, including many young of heart and young of age Holstein breeders, who took the opportunity to purchase high pedigree cows for their own herd additions.

3 Taking a moment to reflect on the just completed, highly successful dispersal of the Hyljon Holstein milking herd, are the Ian Paton & Associates auctioneering crew of (L-R) Ian Paton, auctioneer, Todd Allan, and Bob Dowling.

4 This awesome smiling crew of 4-H and family members did an impeccable job of keeping the sale day running smoothly and doing a very efficient and fast take-down job after the sale, so that they could relax and enjoy the rest of the day's festivities.

A BIG
Thank You

from all of us at Hyljon Holsteins
for the strong support at our
recent milking herd dispersal!!!

*John and Susan Hylkema and family,
Hague, Saskatchewan*



HYLJON HOLSTEINS
John & Susan Hylkema
& Family

5 John Hylkma (left) takes a moment to chat with his brother Francis, during the dispersal sale of his Hyljon milking herd.



6 With a final farewell pat for one of his favourite young cows, John Hylkema informs the crowd of the deep pedigree of MARKWELL SHAMROCK MIKASA, a VG 86 point 2 year old, who was the second high seller of the sale at \$10,700.



7 Auctioneer Ian Paton knocks down the gavel on lot #74, who sold for \$5500, with all the proceeds going to a trust fund set up for nephew Trevor Askwell, who suffered a very serious spinal cord injury during a random swimming accident last summer.



8 John Hylkema and brother Dr. Leo Hylkema (far right) watch as auctioneering crew Ian Paton (auctioneer), William Wikkerink (pedigrees), and Bob Dowling, prepare to sell the final lot of a very successful milking herd dispersal, a former star 4-H calf with Patrick Hylkema on the halter. The 146 lots of the Hyljon milking herd sold for an outstanding average of \$4000.



Hyljon Holsteins Dispersal Sale


Top 12 High Sellers

- WINRIGHT BOLTON SUGARSHACK**
VG 87 2yr
\$12,500
Buyer: Westcoast Holsteins
 - MARKWELL SHAMROCK MIKASA VG**
86 2yr
\$10,700
Buyer: Ken Dahl and Dahlia Holsteins
 - HYLJON SHOTTLE BEYONCE VG 87 3yr**
\$7,700
Buyer: John Aarts, Elmido Farms
 - HYLJON SHOTTLE CARMEN VG 88 4yr**
\$6,600
Buyer: Shadynook Farms
 - HYLJON WINDBROOK BETSY VG 85 2yr**
\$6,600
Buyer: Country Corner Farms
 - HYLJON SHOTTLE CALLA VG 85 3yr**
\$6,500
Buyer: Massie Farms
 - HYLJON SHOTTLE BROOKS EX 90**
\$6,500
Buyer: Mount Cheam Farms
 - HYLJON DENZEL CALEY VG 85 2yr**
\$6,400
Buyer: Westar Holsteins
 - HYLJON TEE OFF JUNE VG 87 3yr**
\$6,200
Buyer: Westcoast Holsteins
 - HYLJON SHOTTLE CARRIE EX 91**
\$6,100
Buyer: Benbie Holsteins
 - HYLJON SHOTTLE CANDY VG 88 3yr**
\$6,100
Buyer: Suntasia Farms
 - A-MASON-I SANCHEZ TYLINN VG 87 3yr**
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Big Show and Big Smiles Interior Provincial Exhibition 4-H



There was a large contingent of 4-H kids on hand to celebrate 100 years of 4-H at the 2014 edition of the Interior Provincial Exhibition (IPE) 4-H show held August 27 in Armstrong with Judge Tars Cheema officiating. In the Champion Showmanship class of eight exhibitors (top two showmen from each of the Junior, Intermediate and two Senior classes), it was Senior Erin Drydyk who came away with top honours and Champion Showman of the day, with Carson Hamming, Intermediate winner, taking the Reserve Champion ribbon. Denae Kloppenberg helped to hand out the hardware.



The Grand Champion calf of the IPE 4-H show was exhibited by Taya Hamming of Shuswap Dairy 4-H Club, and Jacob Dewitt (also of the Shuswap Dairy club) received Reserve Champion honours with his calf. Judge Tars Cheema and Denae Kloppenberg present trophies.

Results provided by the IPE office.

PeeWee Showmanship

- HEAT 1:**
 1. Jasmine Gossen
 2. Ashlee McAvoy
HEAT 2:
 1. Levi Dewitt
 2. Riona Ferguson

Junior Showmanship

1. Cayden Hamming, Shuswap Dairy
 2. Taya Hamming, Shuswap Dairy

Intermediate Showmanship

1. Carson Hamming, Shuswap Dairy
 2. Taylia Rees, Milky Way

Senior Showmanship (13 & 14 year olds)

1. Clayton Hamming, Shuswap Dairy
 2. Kyona Bruns, Milky Way

Senior Showmanship (15 - 19 year olds)

1. Erin Drydyk, Milky Way
 2. Ian Kennedy, Shuswap Dairy

Grand Champion Showmanship

Erin Drydyk, Milky Way

Reserve Champion Showmanship

Carson Hamming, Shuswap Dairy

Honourable Mention Showmanship

Clayton Hamming, Shuswap Dairy

PeeWee Conformation

- HEAT 1:**
 1. Zoey Hamming
 2. Jasmine Gossen
HEAT 2:
 1. Levi Dewitt
 2. Riona Ferguson

Grand Champion Calf

Taya Hamming, Shuswap Dairy

Reserve Champion Calf

Jacob Dewitt, Shuswap Dairy

Honourable Mention Calf

Cayden Hamming, Shuswap Dairy

InterClub

1. Shuswap Dairy
 2. Milky Way Dairy
 3. Eagle Valley
 4. Deep Creek Dairy

Top 10 Sellers

North Okanagan Holstein Club Fall Sale September 24, 2014

- Lot No. 26: MATTRIX SYRAH SHEZRAY**
 Consigned by: Michelle Wagner
 Purchased by: Silvervale Farm Ltd.
 Price: \$6,500
- Lot No. 4A: ROCKLEDGE SONJA DEMPSEY**
 Consigned by: Rockledge Farms Ltd.
 Purchased by: Chilliwack Cattle Sales (Westcoast Holsteins)
 Price: \$5,300
- Lot No. 14: SUNNYHOME BAXTER RACHEL**
 Consigned by: Sunnyhome Farms Ltd.
 Purchased by: Elkview Farms Ltd.
 Price: \$4,400
- Lot No. 24: DARIDELITE WINDHAMMER MARVEL**
 Consigned by: Dari Delite Farm Ltd.
 Purchased by: Elkview Farms Ltd.
 Price: \$4,200
- Lot No. 15: SUNNYHOME ATTITUDE RED MAZDA**
 Consigned by: Sunnyhome Farms Ltd.
 Purchased by: Dari Delite Farm Ltd.
 Price: \$3,900
- Lot No. 6: GOLDENSET BUTTON EASTON**
 Consigned by: Chris Dewitt Jr.
 Purchased by: Shadynook Farms Ltd.
 Price: \$3,700
- Lot No.12A: SPALLVUE BROKAW MAGGIE**
 Consigned by: Luttmerding Farms Inc.
 Purchased by: Hamming Holsteins Ltd.
 Price: \$3,700
- Lot No. 7: GOLDENSET HOLLIDAY DAMION**
 Consigned by: Chris Dewitt Jr.
 Purchased by: Springbend Farms Ltd.
 Price: \$3,600
- Lot No. 31: GLORYBOUND MADONNA SHOTTLE**
 Consigned by: Glorybound Holsteins
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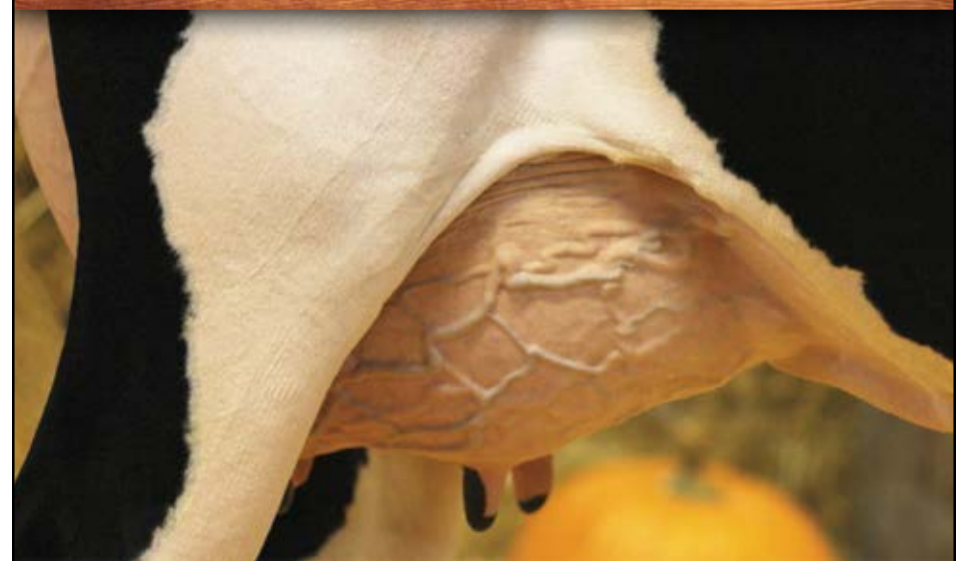
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Family Furrow

Regarding the 'Transition' period in Family Farm Business

Responsibilities exist for both generations, the Senior and the Junior!

The seasons are changing! Summer is fading and fall is ushered in with cooler temperatures, frost and then much rain. And as we move into each successive season, we experience the need for and responsibility to make changes so that new period of time (season) is easy on us and not burdensome.

So too it is in the seasons of life on the family farm. One generation fades into the next, just as seasons fade into each other. Just as we prepare for a season change, we make preparations for the changes in generational change. If not, the resulting 'season' will destroy the family and the business. Transitions have needs that those involved have a responsibility to carry out. If not prepared for, those periods can be very burdensome and destructive.

There is nothing nice about succession when the transition period is overflowing with misunderstandings, assumptions that are shattered with reality, lack of management training and ability, poor relationships and unproductive communication between family members (to name a few road blocks to true successful family farm business). Preparations must be made prior to the seasonal farm life changes so that these road blocks do not rear their ugly heads.

Succession is a term that has lost its true meaning and reality. It is that point in time where asset ownership and management of the business moves

from the senior generation to the junior generation significantly, to the point where the senior generation takes a back seat to the junior generation in the family business planning and operative procedure.

Transition on the other hand is the term we use to describe that period of time (usually 8 to 15 years) where the senior and junior generations are actively working together with the understanding that, potentially, down the road at some future date, the younger generation will take over ownership and management of the family farm.

In order for succession to end well, the transition period must experience the building of a solid foundation; a foundation where the generations are very active in taking on and learning and letting go and downloading wisdom and knowledge.

There are some key responsibilities that each generation must carry out if the family farm business is to end well (that being the generational transfer of the family farm from one generation to the next, with the families experiencing harmony). The following points are not a complete list, but they will get you thinking.

Responsibilities of the Senior Generation

1. Teach what you know about the farm business; not just what to do, but why it is done the way it is. Take time to explain your reasons. Set a schedule, with distinct time frames for certain

learning to be completed. For example, the quota system, or filing the GST, or seeding rates, or disease recognition in the livestock by a certain date – things we often take for granted that a child should know.

2. Inform and keep all members (including off site siblings) in the loop of what is occurring with the next generation taking over the farm and what that looks like and will look like in the future; as well as actively seeking everyone's input.
3. Set in place regular meetings where all areas of concern can be discussed and a collective voice (contribution from all family members, providing their input) can lay out the foundation for a multi-generational family farm business.
4. Allow for no surprises. Refrain entirely from ever saying, "It's in the will; when I die you will know who gets what, etc." This only sets out the finest smorgasbord for the court system, where families never win!
5. Begin to develop outside interests, where your spouse and you are spending a lot more time together, rebuilding and/or fortifying yourselves as a couple – as is necessary for a healthy relationship.

Responsibilities of the Junior Generation

1. Actively seek the wisdom of the senior generation, as fast as you can. Pay particular attention to answer the 'why'

questions (as in, "Why do you do it that way?" and "Why do you think that is a good deal?") Learn aggressively ALL aspects of the family business.

2. Actively learn business. For example, learn how to calculate costs of production and the importance of cash flow, and seek information from your accountant.
3. Actively learn YOUR particular business. For example, what a particular loss in production would mean to your bottom line, or how to calculate whether it is beneficial to buy more quota, etc.
4. Learn to LEAD. Most farms today require hired help; there is an unwritten requirement that managers know how to communicate with and handle employees. The ability to effectively communicate, build and maintain sound relationships are key contributing factors to success or failure of a family business.

General Responsibilities for Both Generations

1. Work toward the point where you can trust each other. Your statements and actions can be counted on to be truthful, harmoniously building and dependable.
2. Make sure you and your spouse are in harmony and on the same page in all the endeavors of the family and farm business.
3. Establish the foundation for your family farm business, defining such

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things as: code of conduct, policies and procedures, governance guidelines, goals and direction.

4. Work to maintain regular and scheduled family business meetings, where discussion of team relationships and communication hold equal time as given to production discussion.
5. Work at developing and maintaining strong healthy communication and relationships standards for the family.
6. Give adequate time for servicing and maintaining the most important engine of your family business: the family team members. Build the foundation from shared and agreed-to values and goals.
7. Present complete respect for each generation, being truly thankful for each other's contribution.

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BC Branch News



HAPPY AUTUMN FELLOW HOLSTEIN ENTHUSIASTS!

For some of us there's still another cut of grass to come off. For most the corn is in and equipment is put away. We are approaching our year-end at the Branch, with our AGM coming up on December 2



Nothing stays the same. The recent Hyljon Milking Dispersal marked the close of one chapter and the opening of another for John and Sue Hylkema and family. Pulling up roots and moving from BC to Saskatchewan is not a simple task.

Those that were in attendance that warm summer day in Chilliwack would agree that it was an exceptional sale. Great attention to detail was evident. Complimentary coffee, cold water and food brought around kept buyers in their seats. The sales staff, the sales ring, cattle chutes and shaded bleachers all worked extremely efficiently.

The cattle had been clipped and washed to look their best. In addition, John also wanted all the facts laid out. Milking temperament, milking speed and somatic cell count results were displayed in the sales catalog alongside each pedigree.

Intensely interested in the proceedings, John stood at ringside, noting the buyers and bidders on each cow. More than a few times, he felt compelled to point out extra selling features to those sitting in the front rows. When his favorite young cow arrived in the ring, John commandeered the microphone. Those assembled were given a lesson in the cow of the future. The kind dairy producers would need to remain profitable was standing in the ring.

Never afraid to give his opinion on cattle breeding, John was someone you could learn from. A Master Breeder and an official judge, he bred cows the way

President's Report

Kevin Antonsen | President

at 2pm in Vancouver. Please come and hear from our directors and industry speakers for an afternoon and voice your questions or concerns. I also invite you to take in the upcoming Fall Harvest Sale and Show. Go and purchase a fresh cow or two to help you fill those incentive days or maybe a younger heifer to start a new line of great genetics in your herd!

There are many options available with regards to improving genetics in your herd. Perhaps doing some IVF work on a young heifer, using the latest Genomic sire before you breed her, will help you get a jump on the "numbers game"? Maybe purchase a "proven" cow or select one

from your herd and do some regular ET work, selecting a sire for production, health traits, or conformation. Scoring your cows with Holstein Canada's classifiers is a great way to help you select your better cows to build from. I also encourage you to attend a judging day hosted by a local club in BC. You don't need to be pursuing "Official Judge" status to attend! Perhaps it will give you some tips to help you narrow down the best cow out of three or four in a sale lineup for your herd, or help you to see which fresh 2yr old has the greatest potential. Genomics can help, but there's something to be said about having a keen eye for cows too!

Enjoy your fall and happy breeding!

National Director's Report

Richard Bosma | National Director

he wanted. And when the dust settled at the close of the sale, with an average just over \$4000, you would guess other people wanted these cows as well.

Many of the cows sold to friends and neighbours. People who knew John well. As an official Holstein judge, John liked cows with above average conformation. At the same time, he had little patience for cows with low production or those with udder health or fertility problems. Over the years, John always seemed to have more cattle than he needed, due to good management and genetics. He sold many dairy replacements and at the same time, culled aggressively.

It must be said that lately, market conditions have been ideal for sellers. Ordinary fresh cows have achieved record-breaking averages. However, at the Hyljon Dispersal, animals with extra conformation and pedigree (some comprising eight or nine generations of homebred VG or EX females), easily fetched significant premiums of \$1000-\$2000 or more.

All of this was extremely rewarding to John and his family, who have taken all of their well-bred young stock to their new farm. Since the Hyljon herd was started over thirty years ago, the Hylkemas have always been motivated by the breed improvement programs offered by DHI and Holstein Canada. Of course, this will continue. Some things never change.

The recent Western Canadian Classic held in Abbotsford was another great event that I attended this past summer. This comprehensive contest promotes the care of cattle and knowledge that young people will need to become successful dairy producers and industry leaders. Holstein Canada is pleased to assist in sponsoring this event, as well as providing staff who are involved in the dairy science

quiz and seminars.

Similarly, Holstein Canada was pleased to sponsor the Dairy \$ense Workshop held earlier this year in Manitoba. Two young people from BC attended and were very impressed with the focus on management and profit. Networking with other young dairy farmers was another valuable aspect. All youth and parents of youth should be aware of the opportunities provided by Holstein Canada's Young Leader Program. Check the website!

Finally, a few reminders: All herds on DHI milk recording should strive to keep accurate records of disease events to assist genetic research efforts. The collection of such data, with the application of genomics, has broadened the scope of our bull proofs. The latest trait that producers can select for is Mastitis Resistance. When used as a tool, over time, the choosing of higher indexing sires should translate into healthier udders.

I want to emphasize the importance of monitoring ear tags. For most herd sizes, a thorough quarterly check will ensure that all animals carry tags in both ears. In case of loss, immediately order replacement tags from NLID at no cost.

Also, I want to encourage all producers to keep up with their registrations. This will increase accuracy while saving money. Consider asking your DHI technician to assist you in this regard (as well in animal transfers), if you are running behind.

Keep reading your InfoHolstein magazine. Call me with questions or concerns. At the same time be aware that specific solutions are routinely provided by the friendly customer service desk at Holstein Canada. I hope to connect with many of you this fall at events, annual club meetings and the BC Holstein Branch AGM.



BC Branch Princess Report

Vanessa Romeyn | BC Branch Princess

What a busy summer it has been! The BC Holstein Branch Picnic started things off. It was held at WestGen, where we had beautiful weather and an excellent turnout. Here we also celebrated 70 years of WestGen, and tours of the Boviteq West facility were offered.

I had the privilege of attending the

Chilliwack Open Show, where I was able to help out and watch the once again outstanding show. The following week we once again played in the annual Branch golf tournament, which was held at the beautiful Cultus Lake Golf Course. Even though it rained, everyone still seemed to

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4-H Member Wins Memorial Scholarship



Photograph By Jessica Kerr

Ian Paton and his mother Marge are shown with this year's Ian D. Paton Memorial Scholarship winner, Lorna Hamming.

One South Delta student is starting her post-secondary education this fall with a little help from a scholarship started in memory of a local farmer. Ladner's Lorna Hamming is this year's recipient of the Ian D. Paton Memorial Scholarship funded by the PNE's B.C. Youth in Agriculture Foundation.

Hamming, whose family has a long history in dairy farming in Delta, is off to the University of the Fraser Valley where she will study in the two-year livestock production program.

She said she hopes to continue working on the family's dairy farm. Her grandparents purchased the family farm on 68th Street in the 1970s and her maternal grandparents also had a dairy farm just down the road.

Hamming has been involved with 4-H for the past 11 years.

Ian Paton, a municipal councillor, local farmer and auctioneer, said his father was always involved with the PNE and the 4-H Club - the family has been doing the 4-H livestock auctions at the PNE since 1962 - and the \$2,000 scholarship was established in his memory to honour his contribution to the 4-H program in B.C. It is awarded annually to a student pursuing a postsecondary education in agriculture and who has a background in agriculture. □

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One of the first and largest 4-H shows in BC took place in the middle of July in the beautiful setting and outdoor ring during the CountryFest at Maple Ridge fairgrounds. Taking the top Senior showmanship honours are: (L-R) Judge William Wikkerink, Reserve Senior Champion showman Danica Severinski (North Fraser Dairy), and Senior Champion Lorna Hamming (Richmond-Delta Holstein).



Junior Champion showmen of the large 4-H competition at the Maple Ridge fair are: (L-R) Judge Paul Meyer, Reserve Junior showman Madison Dewitt (Shuswap Dairy), and Junior Champion showman Cayden Hamming, also of Shuswap Dairy 4-H club.



The champion calves of the very large 4-H show at CountryFest are: (L-R) Judge William Wikkerink, Lorna Hamming (Richmond-Delta Holstein) with the Reserve Grand Champion calf, and Jessica Kampman (Matsqui Holstein) with her Grand Champion calf.



Two determined minds and a battle of wills (and a little nudge from the ring man) finally got it done during the Maple Ridge 4-H competition.



Kudos go to the organizers of the Maple Ridge CountryFest 4-H dairy competition as every competitor from the beginning to the end of the final line-up received a multi-coloured rope halter as a reward for their efforts showing up, competing, and having a fun time.



Everyone at attention as the judge gives his reasons in the final line-up during a class at the Maple Ridge fair.

Maple Ridge CountryFest 2014 Winners

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When it comes to forage production, a little good management goes a long way. Proper stewardship can increase producer returns and provide environmental benefits such as reduced soil erosion and improved water quality.

Without access to current best practice guidelines (the last suitable forage resource published in BC was in 1999), many growers have been unable to optimize production.

To help bridge the gap, the Pacific Field Corn Association (PFCA) has compiled the latest research on sustainable forage production sourced from 75 authors and seven countries. *Cool Forages: Advanced Management of Temperate Forages* has already become an internationally acclaimed resource in the few months since its release.

While some contributions provide updates to previous research, such as forage quality, nutrient, weed and grazing management, and sustainable farming approaches, the book also offers new material in the field of agri-environmental impacts, a topic of increasing importance to BC forage growers.

PFCA project coordinator, Fran Teitge, is confident the diversity of topics covered will translate into substantial cross-sectoral impacts.

“*Cool Forages* includes general information relevant to all forage producers, as well as more targeted recommendations for beef, dairy and even organic farmers,” explains Teitge. “It also includes guidance to help producers develop better management practices that can optimize production while reducing environmental risks.”

BC agrologist and seed supplier Bill Awmack believes that successful farming depends on quality varieties paired with sound production practices. For Awmack, *Cool Forages* has become an indispensable resource for both himself and his clients at Quality Seeds West in Langley.

“The articles do a great job of making cutting edge research accessible to everyone,” says Awmack. “We can provide better, more customized service that tailors variety selection according to the latest science and educates farmers about production methods.”

Cool Forages has proven equally popular within the academic community, making its way into the curriculum of universities like McGill and the University of West Virginia.

So far the PFCA has received bulk orders from Texas Tech University, Oregon State University, Dalhousie University, University of Virginia, the Grassland Research Centre in New Zealand, the Swedish Institute of Agricultural and Environmental Engineering, and is also expecting orders from the USDA.

“Of course,” Teitge assures, “any book requests from BC residents are filled

free of charge.”

Cool Forages is available online at:
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COUNTRY FEST



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The big highlight at Maple Ridge CountryFest was held during the 4-H competition, as the fair celebrated and saluted 100 years of 4-H in BC. An alumni showmanship competition, to be judged by the Senior showmanship 4-H winner of the day, which turned out to be Lorna Hamming of the Richmond-Delta 4-H club, drew over 20 competitors for the laughter-filled 20 minute class. Gerard Baars (the tallest guy with the smallest calf in the competition) topped the class, consisting of mostly parents and leaders (all former 4-H members), after the harassed judge finally dealt with all the shenanigans going on during her judging. Some of the alumni competing were:



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(1.) Angela Hamming of Judge Lorna Hamming
 (2.) Debbie Baars
 (3.) Sarah Collier
 (4.) Gerard Baars
 (5.) Ken Schwaerzle
 (6.) Martin Hamming being asked a complicated question by the judge, who is also his granddaughter
 (7.) Sheri Kampman
 (8.) Peter Hamming
 (9.) Brian Hamming
 (10.) Hal Muxlow
 (11.) Artie Postma
 (12.) John Sunder under the observation
 (13.) Martin Hamming
 (14.) Brian Anderson
 (15.) Yvonne Murdoch and
 (16.) Dean Spady with his very chubby Holstein! □



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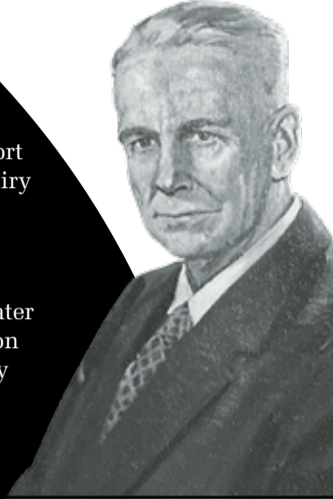
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Know a Dairy Farmer Outstanding In His/Her Field? *Nominate Them!*

The BC Dairy Historical Society (BCDHS) is seeking nominations for the BC Dairy Industry Achievement Award for 2014. The Society seeks nominations of producers, processors, BC Dairy Pioneers, supporters of the BC Dairy industry, writers or other individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the BC Dairy Industry. If you wish to nominate a worthy individual, please write a short summary of your nominee's contributions to the dairy industry and e-mail to curator@bcdairyhistory.ca or regular mail to BCDHS c/o Mike Yusko, 52705 Parkrose Wynd, Rosedale, BC V0X 1X1.

Nominations are to be received by the BCDHS no later than noon, Monday, October 20, 2014. The selection of the award recipient will be made by the BC Dairy Historical Society. The award will be presented to the recipient at the BC Dairy Conference Gala Banquet, December 3, 2014.

The late A.H. (Alex) Mercer dairy farmed in Rosedale, BC, and served as FVMFA General Manager 1933 to 1961 and first President of the newly formed Dairy Farmers of Canada in 1933.



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Buckeye daughters were known for exceptional feet and legs, mobility and flatness of bone. They had tremendous udders that were silky, very well-attached and were designed to handle large volumes of milk. His status as a calving ease sire only added to his popularity, selling into well over 50 countries worldwide.

"Buckeye was one of the ultimate breeder satisfaction bulls," says Brad Sayles, Semex Vice President Global Marketing. "He delivered long-lasting, profitable cows that their owners loved because they were milky, dairy and profitable. His daughters are still impacting their herds, being long-lasting and profitable." □



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A Beautiful Day on the Island

Open House at Daldas Farms

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Lilli and Dieter Doberstein of Daldas Farms in Black Creek on Vancouver Island welcomed a large crowd to their new robotic barn facilities during their open house on August 5. Dieter refers to the new facilities as the “moo-less barn” due to the *udder* contentment of the cows in their new environment.



The beautiful Selah Campsite and facilities operated by the Taylor family of Viewfield Farms in Courtenay was the site of a delicious barbecue luncheon, hosted by the Taylors following the open house barn day at the Doberstein’s Daldas Farms.



Fred and Rick Doberstein speak to the large crowd on hand at their open house about the transition to the new robotic barn and the excellent results of the new robotic calf feeders.



The beautiful new barn facilities and robotic milkers at Daldas Farms in Black Creek.

“[Lely] robots have allowed us to focus on improving our herd and breeding the kind of cows we want. Since going with robots, we’ve had a 15% reduction in herd size while improving milk production, leading to a healthier herd and stronger genetics.”



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The perfect setting for a barbecue luncheon picnic is the Selah Campsite, operated by the Taylor family in Courtenay.



Old friends and Holstein breeders Albert and Moira Benson, Bertha Abma, Joe Taylor, and Bill Wikkerink enjoy the social gathering and barbeque at the Selah campgrounds after the open house at Daldas Farms. □

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Change has been in the wind for P.J.V. Farms since the early 2000s, but this past year marked their biggest expansion yet. The family farm, situated in Chilliwack, which includes Peter and Janet Vink with their sons, Andrew, wife Jessica, and David Vink, took the need for change (they were outgrowing their older facilities) and turned it into an opportunity. Their new barn addition – for milking and dry cows – gave the Vinks a chance to increase the space for their milking herd, and a reason to update their heifer facilities. Throughout the entire expansion project their primary concerns were cow comfort, optimizing air flow and allowing for as much natural light as possible.



Aerial shot of P.J.V. Farms Ltd.

P.J.V. Farms Ltd.

By Kaitlyn Gisler

The Vink family has been slowly expanding their farm since 2002. They built a new barn and parlour back in 2003, only to find themselves getting too big for that barn a few years later. This prompted the decision that they were not quite done with renovating. Now their new 118' x 188' barn addition – attached to their existing barn and double-six Westfalia parlour – is the latest addition. Housed within the airy and open facility are Supercomfort stalls, which include pebble top, rubber based mats, with nylon inserts (to reduce stretching and bunching). They continue to bed with sawdust and are pleased with their upgraded stalls, which maximize cow comfort. The new barn has also provided much needed and appreciated space for their milking herd. Underneath the addition is partially covered manure storage, connected to their new flush flume system, and they now only require one pump on the farm to run their manure management system – which had been an original aim. Still, after many years of measured, incremental changes – most recent and past – the P.J.V. farmstead looks as cohesive and complete as ever. This can be partially attributed to their contractors – Kloot Construction and Mid Valley Manufacturing – who they cited as working efficiently, and even managed to come in under budget!



Interior picture of the Vinks' new, well-lit barn addition, with cows looking comfortable.

Farm Facts:

- P.J.V. Farms is operated by Peter and Janet Vink and their two sons, Andrew and David.
- The Vink family has 105 acres at the home farm, growing 45 acres of corn and 60 acres of grass. They also have 30 acres off-farm which is used for dry cow and heifer feed.
- 110 milking cows, with a total of 240 head.
- Their DHI registered herd averages at 38 kg milk with 4.11% BF and 3.33% PR.
- Current classification breakdown is 1 ME, 20 VG, 68 GP and 30 G.

Advantages:

- Evident increase in cow comfort with new, matted stalls. The Vink family had a goal of producing 1.5 kgs of BF/per cow and believe that their upgraded stalls have helped them achieve this, as well as overall cow well-being.
- Increased manure storage by 35,000 gallons by building two alleys over the manure pits.
- Having manure pits now partially covered by the new barn has also greatly reduced the rain water they collected with their old manure management system.
- By building the feed alleys on the outside of the barn, they now have increased bunk space for their cows.
- Moving dry cows and milking cows to the new facility provided the chance for them to upgrade their heifer barn.

Challenges:

- Deciding on whether they would switch to sand bedding or stay with sawdust. In the end the Vinks decided to stick with sawdust, their primary reason being the manure pits under the barn.
- Having to adjust to a new way of operating: they now have three milking groups instead of the original one group. They had to figure out and get used to the rhythm of how the cows – in their respective groups – moved to and from the parlour. Now a year later, the whole process runs smoothly!

Recommendations:

- Remember that all decisions have positives and negatives and keep that in mind when planning.
- Also, the Vinks suggest looking at farms similar to what you have in mind and ask questions!
- Bounce ideas off other people involved in the farm, directly or indirectly, such as your vet and nutritionist, even friends, to get all the perspectives and advice you possibly can.



The Sand Cannon provides clean, washed sand which after three days, can be reused as bedding.

UBC Dairy Education and Research Centre

By Tars Cheema

Nelson Dinn, Manager of UBC Dairy Education and Research Centre in Agassiz, explained that the current UBC herd resulted from the 1997 amalgamation of three herds – the original Ag Canada herd at Agassiz, the small herd from UBC South Campus in Vancouver and the larger UBC-Oyster River herd on Vancouver Island. This necessitated a new, larger dairy facility which could reflect modern dairy practices while also being very flexible for the needs of research trials. Sand bedding was integral to the new barn when it welcomed the cows in 2000 – comfort, traction, udder health were all prime considerations. From the alley scraper channel, the slurry is scraped by a box scraper to a central reception pit, then pumped by a Houle hydraulic cylinder into the Sand Cannon hopper. The Cannon rotates as it carries the sandy slurry upwards on its multiple welded-in-place flights. Recycled water from the system (plus some 'fresh' water from dairy/parlor washings) is used to wash down the sand. The sand is deposited in a tall stack, where it can be re-used for bedding after three days. The liquid effluent drains away to the settling alley where the finest sand settles out and is removed for spreading periodically. The manure water is sent to the DT360 for fibre removal, which is so effective that only 2.5% ultra-fine solids remain when it goes to the Slurrystore for eventual irrigation. After fibre removal, the water is recycled over the Sand Cannon phase (with the addition of some clean water from the dairy/parlor). With 350 head of mature cows and heifers over 14 months feeding into the system, it operates for 10-12 hours daily.



The DT360 manure separation system.

Dairymen are well aware of both the up- and downsides of sand bedding by now. UBC Dairy Manager, Nelson Dinn, wanted to produce good, recycled and reusable sand, while reducing costs. The search resulted in the installation of the DariTech Sand Cannon and DT360 Manure Separator. The system met his criteria for minimum fresh water usage, maximum cost recovery, small building footprint, and useable end product. The Sand Cannon uses passive sand separation aided by recycled system water to wash it down. The DT360 Separator uses an air-bag controlled roller press to achieve extremely successful water/fibre separation. The whole system is automated using a Program Logic Controller to manage the details through each separation cycle – which can be monitored and tweaked using a cell phone.

Farm Facts:

- Milking 250 +/- 10 cows, producing 11,000 kg milk, 4% fat, 3.33 protein.
- Classification: 5 EX, 50 VG, 157 GP, 66 G, 1 F.
- 100% AI with 99% Semex sired.
- Introduced sand bedding with the new dairy facility, completed in July 2000.
- Barn designed to group cows in multiples of 12 cows, depending on research needs, and to synch with the double 12 parallel parlour.
- High production ration consists of 50/50 forage to concentrate. Forage portion is 50% corn silage, 40% grass silage, 10% hay. DMI – 52 lbs. CP – 17.7%. TMR moisture – 50%.

Advantages:

- With 80% sand recovery, sand savings amount to \$35K annually.
- 80% labour reduction for hauling/spreading of sand.
- Significant reduction in wear/tear on equipment used in sand disposal.
- DariTech system uniquely has minimal wear points meaning simple maintenance.
- Manure processing centre is housed in a small footprint building.
- Minimal labour needed to remove fine sand from settling alley.
- The DariTech system has been very effective and trouble-free (provided slurry of correct consistency).
- Local system and support means few interruptions to smooth operation.

Challenges:

- System works best when manure slurry has the correct consistency – sand will start to settle out when slurry is too wet. The system slows down with drier slurry. It must be managed according to the slurry consistency.
- The DariTech manure processing system has an expected learning curve like all new complex systems but delivers excellent results once mastered.

Recommendations:

"DariTech was the best of the systems I saw – it has proven to be durable, effective, maintenance is reasonable and it's handled by a local company. Installations will vary according to individual farm choices, but in our case, we expect payback on the equipment to take 5-6 years based on sand, labour and equipment wear savings," concludes Nelson.

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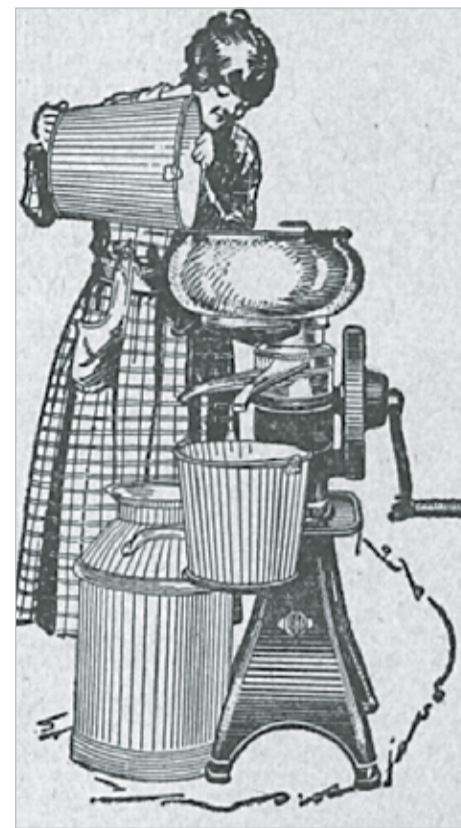
By Mike Yusko,
 BC Dairy Historical Society

Today dairy farms improve efficiencies with computers and robotics. In the late 1880's the introduction to BC of hand cranked cream separators made a huge improvement in efficiency for those dairy farmers selling cream for butter production. Before farm cream separators, cream had to be separated from milk by hand, a slow, tedious and inefficient process using spoons or special cream skimmers. Milk was first stored in cool areas of the barn or in cold water springs until the cream had risen to the top of the container. Next came the skimming of the cream into cream cans. The cream could be stored for many days or weeks before being churned on the farm or shipped to local creameries for butter production. The skim milk was either thrown out or fed to pigs or calves.

The following excerpt from a 1963 interview with Chilliwack pioneer dairy farmer Fred Toop for Milk Stories tells of the significant impact cream separators made on his family farm in Chilliwack in the late 1800s:

"Mother would skim the cream off, and when it was ready to churn, she put it in this wooden dash churn. I've sat in the corner, before I was ready to go to

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she used a lovely roller, an octagon roller that I think my oldest brother must have made for her. She'd make this mold right up with butter; and it had a plunger at the top, and you'd push down on that, and it would push that pound of butter out onto a table. And she would wrap it up in a piece of special paper – waxed, I guess it would be – that would make it air-proof; and of course it would keep in that for a long time. Then she would take it to Chilliwack and sell it to the stores for products. That was one of the ways we had of getting a livelihood. She could always sell all the butter she could make.



Cream separator powered by an electric motor.

“We went from that to a little separator called an Alexandra Cream Separator. One could milk about as fast as that thing would separate it. The question was what to do with the cream. We were getting more cows all the time. So we shipped the cream by boat to New Westminster to a creamery in a big barrel that had a tin lining in it. We would ship it there when it had pretty well filled up, because it was made into butter and didn't need to be sweet, as long as it was stirred up and kept in a cool place. It would be taken to the riverboat and to New Westminster in one day, and the next day it would come back empty.”

The use of on-farm cream separators increased efficiency so farmers could concentrate more on their cows and on increasing milk production and off-farm cream sales. As BC farms connected to electricity in the 1930's and 1940's, electric motors were connected to the crank of the separators, speeding the process and reducing labour.

The age of the farm cream separator ended in BC in the late 1960's when can hauling of raw milk and raw cream ended and raw milk had to be stored in refrigerated milk tanks and hauled to milk plants with tanker trucks. Farm cream sales continued on the Canadian Prairies until the 1990's.

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Industry Updates

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Former WestGen Employee Gets People Driving

September 1, 2014 marked the opening of Tom's Top Gun Driver Training, a new driving school serving farmer country from Surrey to Chilliwack, including the north side of the river from Maple Ridge to the Mission area, including Dewdney and Deroche.

Top Gun is owned by long-time WestGen employee Lynne Bishop and her husband, Tom Evans. Lynne retired from WestGen in 2011 after 43 years of service. Lynne's love for the farming community comes from a childhood spent on a dairy farm in the Langley area. This included the inevitable 4-H participation – good memories! Those years of administration skills and farmer service at WestGen and her love for the industry makes Lynne the perfect candidate to match the farming community's driver training needs with one of Top Gun's first rate training packages. Her husband Tom Evans, the Tom in Tom's Top Gun, is the driving instructor. Tom has been an ICBC Certified Instructor for the past ten years. Lynne and Tom will take the time to listen to your needs and get you going!

There are a number of things that sets Tom's Top Gun apart from other local schools. They offer a free half hour lesson/evaluation to determine the best route of instruction. Another unique offer is a free ride-along for parents with the purchase of any of their packages. This gives parents the opportunity to hear the proper techniques from a trained instructor and carry these forward in family practice times. Tom's Top Gun will pick up at the farm gate, at work, at school, and has very flexible lesson times – they understand how busy farm life can be and endeavor to do whatever is best for the student.

Not just for the first-time driver, Top Gun specializes in a "seniors tune up" for seasoned drivers to prepare for a road test. There have been many changes in driving rules and this gives seniors a much better chance of passing their drivers test the first time around.

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Note: while all applications are given full consideration by the WEF Committee, the fund does operate within a confined budget. As a result, worthy projects may not receive funding in full or part.

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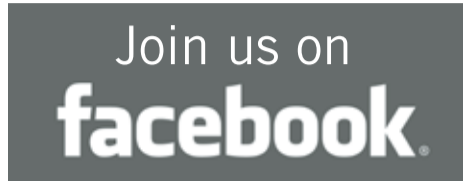
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Announcements will be considered for publication on a space available basis and may be edited.



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enjoy themselves.

BC had the privilege of hosting the Western Canadian Classic this year, where I was invited to present ribbons and awards. It was so neat to see the strong involvement and teamwork of each province. Congratulations to all participants on a job well done! Your hard work paid off!

IPE was the last show I attended this summer, and once again was a show full of quality and strong pedigrees. It was nice to see the Holstein and Jersey shows both having large numbers of entries.

Overall I had a wonderful summer where I was able to attend many events and meet lots of new people! Looking forward to seeing many of you at the Fall Shows! □



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Young Stock Corner | *Mainland Young Milk Producers*

A Successful Summer Social



By **Kaitlyn Gisler**

The Mainland Young Milk Producers (MYMP) board held their first event since their annual general meeting, on June 19. The summer social was held at Rose Gate Dairy, the farm of board member Jared DeJong and family.

Rose Gate was a superb setting for the educational aspect of the social – a discussion and demonstration on calf

dehorning – courtesy of Abbotsford Veterinary Clinic.

Veterinarians Dr. Steph Rhebergen and Dr. David Dykshorn handled the demonstrations and answered questions from the full group, including not only farmers but also students from the UBC Dairy Education and Research Center in Agassiz. Attendance exceeded expectations – the young farmers seemed

Dr. Rhebergen and Dr. Dykshorn of Abbotsford Veterinary Clinic demonstrate and explain proper dehorning procedures.

thrilled to have a chance to relax and socialize before summer fieldwork went into full swing.

Prior to the dehorning session, attendees were treated to a barbeque and chance to look around Rose Gate Farms, as well as a much enjoyed toonie bar. Thanks to sponsors Fraser Valley Meats and the Abbotsford Veterinary Clinic that make these events possible and fun to attend.

If you want to know about upcoming MYMP events, check out their website or Facebook page, or contact a board member directly (contacts on their website). If you have yet to attend an MYMP event, they are already planning their fall events, so keep your eyes posted on their Facebook page and make a point of coming out – you are always welcome to check it out!

MYMP's Evening with the Milk Board

By **Christine Koch**

On Wednesday, September 3, the Mainland Young Milk Producers held an event called "An Evening with the Milk Board". The evening event provided an overview of BC Milk Marketing Board's operations and policies. The evening was well attended with about 45 to 50 young dairy producers attending. Jim Byrne, chair of the Milk Board, provided an overview of the Milk Board operations and several recent issues. He answered questions throughout his presentation – there was some great discussion. Some of the key topics were the role of the Milk Board in the dairy industry, milk quality and liability, milk ownership, incentive days, animal welfare, and upcoming Milk Board elections. New to the event this year was a discussion on using monthly milk statements to manage production.

MYMP would like to thank Jim Byrne for a great presentation and for his time.

MYMP would also like to thank the two event sponsors – TD Canada Trust and MNP. MYMP would not be able to hold events like this without the generous support of our sponsors.

Get ready for MYMPs' next event – the Harvest Party on Saturday, October 25. Start practicing your bull riding because this year the event will feature mechanical bull riding as well as great music, dinner, and lots of other fun! More information will be coming out on Facebook closer to the event.

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A Letter to the Editor

In Vol. 36 No.2 (Summer 2014) issue of the BC Holstein News, there is an article titled, "Are You Ready for Incentive Days" by Ashley Hall. There is a paragraph that states, "An interesting fact is that due to structural surplus, the value of lost SNF funds due to SNF butterfat ratios over 2.35 can no longer be redeemed in future months, starting August 2014." In BC, at least, that is not true nor is the ratio 2.35; the target is 2.4014 as of the May statement. I checked with the Milk Board and they confirmed there is no policy change that they know about. Perhaps the author has some better information or maybe she's from a different pool area with different rules.

Currently as long as the province is meeting its target, any SNF penalties will be repaid. Most farms who dip on the wrong side of the ratio have accumulated credits that have to be used up before the penalty kicks in.

As for Ms. Hall's suggestion to "gear your cow's diet towards maximizing revenue per kilo of milk shipped," I would perhaps change the word 'revenue' for 'profit,' even though they would often go

hand in hand.

In BC that would mean shipping as much Milk Protein and Other Solids per kilogram of fat as possible. Generally speaking, spending money to raise butterfat yield and protein yield always makes sense as long as you get a response. Spending money to raise butterfat percentage with no increase in volume is money wasted as long as you can get paid to swap out. Incentive days are an exception because you can't swap them out, of course, but you're still only getting the \$10 fat income if you don't increase your other components. Spending money to lower butterfat percentage can be profitable as long as the protein percentage doesn't drop in tandem. Emphasis on return per kg of quota (\$43,000+per kg) as compared to return per cow (\$2500 will get you a decent one I'm told) makes all the sense in the world to me and they don't always coincide. Return per kg of CDQ after all feed is an excellent number to track, if you're over \$15 you're doing well.

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Kylie Rae Langelaan at the fair.



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Abbotsford Agrifair 4-H Results



Senior Grand Champions of the showmanship competition at the 2014 Abbotsford Agrifair are: (L-R) Judge Dale Bienert, Mike Podschadly (North Fraser 4-H Dairy Calf Club) Reserve Senior Showman, Senior Champion Lorna Hamming (Richmond Delta 4-H Holstein Club), and Jared DeJong making presentations.



Intermediate Showmanship Champions of Abbotsford Agrifair: (L-R) Judge Dale Bienert, Reserve Intermediate Champion Brooklyn Romeyn, Champion Shaelyn Kooyman, both from Chilliwack 4-H Holstein Club, and Jared DeJong making presentation of silver buckle.



Champions of the large Junior Showmanship class at the 2014 Abbotsford Agrifair: (L-R) Judge Lorene Barnum, Reserve Junior showman Jillian Lefebure (North Fraser 4-H Dairy Calf Club), Champion Junior showman Jessica Podschadly (North Fraser 4-H Dairy Calf Club), and Mark Podschadly presenting trophies and silver buckle.



Grand Champion calves of the very large calf conformation classes at the 2014 edition of the Abbotsford Agrifair: (L-R) Judge Dale Bienert, Clayton Kooyman (Chilliwack 4-H Holstein Club) with Reserve Champion calf BENNER ATTIC JOJO, Justin Kooyman (Chilliwack 4-H Holstein Club) with Grand Champion calf WESTCOAST DOORMAN AMBER, and John Sunder on hand to make presentations.



Champion calves of the Any Other Breed competition: (L-R) Judge Dale Bienert, Mikayla Chamberlain (Matsqui 4-H Holstein Club) with Reserve calf CHARITY, and Katie Balme (Cowichan 4-H Holstein Club) with Grand calf BALME AYR POKER POSY.



After the intense 4-H competitions, it's shower time, as Justin Kooyman of the Matsqui 4-H Holstein Club gives his calf a cooling and cleansing bath at the end of the day.



This large class of 4-H exhibitors, one of many large classes, shows that 4-H is still an integral part of the Abbotsford Agrifair.

Results provided by the AgriFair office

Junior Grand Champion Showman:

Jessica Podschadly,
North Fraser 4-H Dairy Calf Club

Junior Reserve Champion Showman:

Jillian Lefebure,
North Fraser 4-H Dairy Calf Club

Intermediate Grand Champion Showman:

Shaelyn Kooyman,
Chilliwack 4-H Holstein Club

Intermediate Reserve Champion Showman:

Brooklyn Romeyn,
Chilliwack 4-H Holstein Club

Senior Grand Champion Showman:

Lorna Hamming,
Richmond Delta 4-H Holstein Club

Senior Reserve Champion Showman:

Mike Podschadly,
North Fraser 4-H Dairy Club

Grand Champion Holstein:

Justin Kooyman,
Chilliwack 4-H Holstein Club

Reserve Champion Holstein:

Clayton Kooyman,
Chilliwack 4-H Holstein Club



Grand Champion Any Other Breed:

Katie Balme,
Cowichan 4-H Holstein Club

Reserve Champion Any Other Breed:

Mikayla Chamberlain,
Matsqui 4-H Holstein Club

Junior Fitting Grand Champion:

Sarah Breukelman,
Matsqui 4-H Holstein Club

Junior Fitting Reserve Champion:

Faith Baars,
North Fraser 4-H Dairy Club

Intermediate Clipping Grand Champion:

Kurtis Severinski,
North Fraser 4-H Dairy Club

Intermediate Clipping Reserve Champion:

David Driesen,
Matsqui 4-H Holstein Club

Senior Clipping Grand Champion:

Mike Podschadly,
North Fraser 4-H Dairy Club

Senior Clipping Reserve Champion:

Martin Rypma,
Matsqui 4-H Holstein Club

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Celebrating 30 Years!

Western Canadian Classic 2014

By Gary Booy

Thirty years ago, ten founding members from western Canada, including three from BC (Bruno Giacomazzi, John Blair and Gord Rendle Sr.), came up with a unique concept of bringing together dairy youth from the four western provinces to interact, to gain knowledge, to compete in the show ring, and to have fun. Their foresight and planning has been more than successful as the 2014 edition of the WCC arrived in BC and the goals they envisioned 30 years ago were once again achieved. Abbotsford Fairground was the scene of five days of hustle and bustle as the attendees competed in showmanship and conformation classes, had judging and pedigree competitions, were quizzed on their dairy science knowledge, participated in clipping and stall

competitions, and did their utmost to accumulate enough points to vie for the coveted Premier Province award.

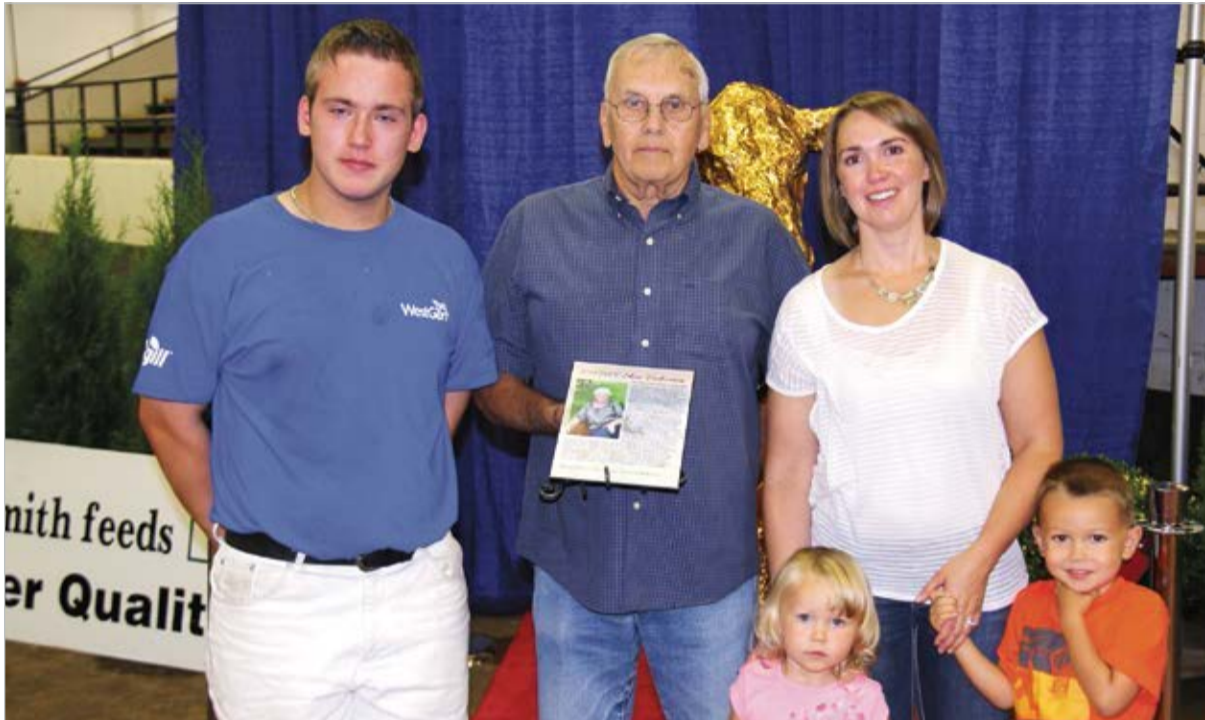
After five days of intense competition, the individual and team points were tallied up, and it was time to unwind and enjoy the culminating awards banquet, where the final results were revealed. Although the BC team excelled in many of the competitions, it was the Saskatchewan crew that came through to win Premier Province.

All in all, a very worthwhile endeavor for the continued learning of our dairy youth; a place to gather for fun and knowledge, and at the end of it, all take time to thank those founding members for their unbelievable foresight, the many volunteers for contributing their valuable time, the sponsors and donors, without which none of this would be possible, and of course, the organizing

committee, whose dedication of their time and hard work made all this happen.

1 During the final events of the 2014 edition of the WCC competition, a solemn and moving tribute was given to Roberta Carlson, affectionately known by everyone as "Mrs. C.", who had passed away in the spring after a short battle with cancer. Her love affair with the 4-H and WCC programs for so many years has been recognized by the many youth members and their parents that she has been a leader of for all of those years, and during that very special tribute, there was not a dry eye in the arena, as they all remembered a very special lady.

The 2014 Western Canadian Classic was dedicated to Roberta. Husband Dick, daughter Kristine, and grandchildren Tyson, Janaye and Troy were at the arena, among so many friends for the special tribute.



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2 Intermediate Yearling class: Judge Joel Phoenix; Matt Hummel (Alberta); Class winner Shania Postma; BC Holstein Princess Vanessa Romeyn and WCC Chairman Theo Stoker.

3 Junior Yearling class winner: Mike Podschadly (BC), far right, with Holstein Princess Vanessa Romeyn and class sponsor Charlie Thomson of Foundation Genetics.

4 Senior Calf class: Clayton Hamming (BC) (left) with second place calf.

5 Jodie Stoker with HM WESTCOAST DOORMAN AMBER, Mike Podschadly with Reserve Champion BREMMER ATTIC JOJO, Lars Iversen (AB) with Grand Champion WENDON WINDBROOK MERCY, Phil Hemphill (Alta Genetics sponsor), and Vanessa Romeyn.

6 An almost clean sweep in the Intermediate Showmanship competition by BC members: (L-R) Daisy Sunder, Teresa Hylkema (formerly BC); Emily Sunder; Megan Baars; Lorna Hamming and Mike Podschadly.

7 Intermediate Showmanship winners: (L-R) Judge Mike West; second place Lorna Hamming (BC); first place Mike Podschadly (BC); Vanessa Romeyn and Theo Stoker.

8 Junior Showmanship winners: (L-R) Judge Mike West; Dayna Stoker (BC) second; Jessica Podschadly (BC) winner; Vanessa Romeyn and Theo Stoker.



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9 Overall Grand Champion Showmanship winners; (L-R) Judge Mike West; Mike Flaman Honourable Mention (SK); Mike Podschadly (BC) Reserve Champion Showman; Jaclyn Hunter, Grand (AB); Richard Bosma (Holstein Canada – sponsor) and Vanessa Romeyn, BC Holstein Princess.



10 Intermediate Calf winners: (L-R) Judge Joel Phoenix; Shelby Crosbie (SK); Jodie Stoker (BC) with class winner WESTCOAST DOORMAN AMBER; Holstein Princess Vanessa Romeyn and Dave Taylor (Island Milk Producers – sponsor).



11 Winners of the WestGen 4-H raffle. Matt and Mike Hummel accept the Grand Prize WEDGWOOD WINDBROOK RAVINE, for their dad, along with Katie McCormack and Paul Meyer of WestGen, Norm McNaughton, Semex Board President and Chris Parry, WestGen CEO.



12 Ninety-four dairy youth from the four western provinces took part in the 2014 WCC competition held in Abbotsford. After 30 years, it is still going strong. Thank you all!



13 “Moovie Stars” was the theme of the 2014 WCC competition held in Abbotsford. BC’s snazzy stall decorations featured a wall of all BC’s “moovie star” members.



14 Team Alberta competed hard for the stall competition as seen by their creative and neat stall layout.



15 Full house at the grand finale “Acowdemy Awards” banquet of the 2014 WCC, held at the Best Western Hotel in Mission.



16 Theo Stoker, chairman of the BC organizing committee for the 2014 WCC, gave a thank you presentation to longtime WCC committee member Ken Schwaerzle who received a standing ovation from the large crowd on hand as he slowly moved through the crowd to receive his thank you gift. Ken retires from this committee this year.



17 Intermediate Clipping competition: (far left) Martin Rypma (BC fifth) and Mike Podschadly (BC fourth), with Kurtis Severinski (fourth from left) who placed second.



18 Clayton Hamming (BC second from left) finished fourth overall in Junior Judge reasons. Brian Hamming (NOK Holstein Club) right, makes the presentations.



19 Intermediate Dairy Science Quiz: Megan Baars (BC) (second from left) placed fourth and Mike Podschadly (BC) (far right) placed first. Jill Hoepfner (Abbotsford Vet Clinic -sponsor) makes presentation.



20 Trish Booy (BMO – sponsor) presents award to Jessica Podschadly (BC) for being top Junior Showmanship winner.



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21 Junior Judge Overall: Clayton Hamming (BC) (third from left) finished third; Anita Norrish (right) (Jersey West –sponsor) makes presentations.



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22 Intermediate Judging Placings: Danica Severinski (BC) (fourth from left) places fifth, Martin Rypma (BC) (right) finished first and Lexi Wright (Cowsmopolitan – sponsor) presents award.



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23 Intermediate Judging Overall: (L-R) Lorna Hamming (BC) placed fifth; Lee Morey (AB) fourth; Teresa Hylkema (SK) third, Danica Severinski (BC) second; and Martin Rypma (BC) first.



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24 Shania Postma (BC) accepts award from Miriam Sweetnam, on behalf of Landmark Feeds, for showing Intermediate Yearling class winner at WCC conformation competition.



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25 Jodie Stoker (BC) receives top Intermediate Calf award from Henrietta Groenendijk (Island Milk Producers – sponsor).



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26 Michael Flaman of Team Saskatchewan placed first as the High Point Individual that includes points achieved from the dairy science quiz and judging, clipping and showmanship components.



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27 Junior Dairy Science Quiz: Danielle Groenendijk (BC) (second from left) placed fourth. Lisa McCrea Hemphill (far right) of Agwest Vet Group –sponsor presents awards.

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28 Junior Clipping Results: Faith Baars and Jodie Stoker (BC) (far left) teamed up to place fifth.

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29 Junior Judge Placings: Matt Brandsma (BC) (far left) placed fifth and Clayton Hamming (BC) (far right) garnered first place.

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30 The iPod donated by Hatton Insurance of Duncan, BC was won by Anton Schmidt of BC.

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31 "It's OVER!" Relieved BC members of the organizing committee of the 2014 WCC competition whoop it up after the five day event comes to a conclusion following the awards banquet festivities. A sigh of relief from all members as the year-long preparations for the 30 year celebration comes to a close. A successful job! Well done! Thank You ALL! (L-R) Kristin Dahl, Angela Hamming, Carl Barclay, Brenda Stoker, Theo Stoker, Ken Schwaerzle, Yvonne Roemer, Brian Hamming, Debbie Baars, Gerard Baars, Tracy Schurmann and Roy Schurmann.



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Customer Appreciation Day | Cover Story



Alexander van der Lely, CEO Lely Group travelled from Holland to meet Lely customers including those from the Okanagan, Paul and Donna Syme of Bonivista Farms Ltd., Salmon Arm and John de Dood of Sunninghill, Grindrod, both in the process of building new robotic barns.



West Coast Robotics hosted a customer appreciation barbeque at Rose Gate Dairy Farms in Matsqui for old and new clients. Beautiful weather prevailed as farmers gathered to network and to learn more about their robotics. Just one of the many events Rose Gate hosted this summer!

Just couldn't resist these mini-models for Agriculture! The kids from Blackwell Dairy have been our cover-children before, but with the message that they are promoting, we thought they were worth a repeat! Become an Ag More Than Ever partner by purchasing T-shirts for your kids or grandkids, and get your Ag-Swag on! AgMoreThanEver.ca

Our three smaller banner photos highlight three of the biggest events held this summer.

First was the Maple Ridge CountryFest, where B.C. 4-H kicked off their celebrations of 100 years in BC, by hosting an alumni showmanship event. Here, past members listen intently to the words of wisdom from their judge (more info on page 26)!

The next photo is from the first big event of the summer, the Hyljon Dispersal Sale. Little Kade Crosbie watched in awe as his grandparents' fine Holsteins paraded through the show ring (more info on pages 18-19).

And our third photo is from WCC - "It's OVER!" Relieved BC members of the organizing committee of the 2014 WCC competition whoop it up after the five day event comes to a close after the awards banquet festivities. A successful job!



Well done! Thank You ALL! (L-R) Kristin Dahl, Angela Hamming, Carl Barclay, Brenda Stoker, Theo Stoker, Ken Schwaerzle, Yvonne Roemer, Brian Hamming, Debbie Baars, Gerard Baars, Tracy Schurmann and Roy Schurmann.

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4-H Winners at Chilliwack Chilliwack Fair 4-H Show

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Junior Champion showmen of the Chilliwack 4-H show: (L-R) Judge D.R. Vaandrager, Reserve Justin Kooyman, Junior Champion Jessica Kampman, and presenting award, BC Branch President Kevin Antonsen.



Intermediate Champion showgirls at Chilliwack Fair: (L-R) Judge D.R. Vaandrager, Reserve Intermediate Champion Carolyn Kooyman, Intermediate Champion Shaelyn Kooyman and Andy Vershuur – sponsor.



Senior Champion showmanship winners: (L-R) Judge D.R. Vaandrager, Reserve Champion Daisy Sunder, Martin Rypma, Senior Champion showman and Brian Goertzen presenting the awards.



Grand Champion calves of the 2014 Chilliwack Fair 4-H show are: (L-R) Judge Angela Hamming, Clayton Kooyman with Reserve Grand calf BENNER ATTIC JOJO, Grand calf WESTCOAST DOORMAN AMBER shown by Justin Kooyman and Kevin Antonsen presenting.

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Blackwell & Kennedy Families

Warm Welcome at NOK Dairy Tour

By Karen Booy



The first stop of the North Okanagan Dairy Tour on August 19 was Blackwell Dairy Farm in Kamloops, where we were welcomed by Reid, Emily and Mathew Hunter (our "cover kids" for this issue! They also graced our Christmas 2011 cover.) Here is the iconic red barn featured on the Blackwell Dairy logo.



While most people call it irrigation, rather than irrigation, it is pretty amazing what a little water will do! Blackwell Dairy is straddled high atop a plateau just outside of Kamloops, and is probably one of the most unusual farm locations we have visited. The Blackwells have been farming here since 1913.



Then it was on to Tappenvale Farm Ltd., the Kennedys' new farm in Pritchard. Located just across the bridge and perched on the bluff, the farm overlooks the river and the entire farm has been built from the ground up. Duncan, Jill, Bill and Nolan are now settling into daily farm life in the new location.



A great turn out for lunch at Tappenvale! Many thanks to BMO and Mark Bishop of Nesbitt Burns for sponsoring the lunch, to Mountain View Electric and J&D Farmers Dairy Services Ltd. for providing the refreshments, and to Otter Farm & Home Co-Op for the ice cream treats. □



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Well-known and well-liked, long time Milner dairyman, Hugh Davis celebrated his 90th birthday at Newlands Golf and Country Club, amid 240 friends and family on September 6.

The Davis' were pioneer farmers in the Milner area, since the late 1800's. Hugh was born in 1924, in the 'old' Davis farmhouse – in the same room as his father was born! While he moved four times over his life, he never moved off the family farm!

In 1930, six-year old Hugh milked a cow with the first automated Surge milking machine in Langley, and in 1933, he witnessed electricity come up the road.

Hugh was an AI technician for BCAA Centre from 1951 to 1961, after which, he returned home to begin his own dairy farm adventure. He married Esther Stroyan in 1953, and they have three children – Linda, Diane and David, seven grandchildren and two great grandkids!

A regular at nearly all dairy events around the Fraser Valley, Hugh is easily recognized and quick to engage in friendly banter with friends or strangers.

We at *BC Holstein News* wish you another happy and healthy year Hugh!



In the middle of a corn field, shielded from the brilliant sun by tents, friends and family gathered to celebrate Bill Kampman's 80th birthday. All of his seven children and their spouses, and most of his 28 grandchildren and their spouses, with 16 great-grandchildren were in attendance on this beautiful day. Thanking the Lord for our dear Dad, and wishing him many more in health and happiness are Allen and Cindy Kampman (Springbreeze Dairy, Oakbank, MB), Tom Kampman (Kambro Farms, Abbotsford), Helena and Ron Vanderwal (R&H Mechanical, Abbotsford), June and John Pool (John Pool Construction, Abbotsford), Doug and Wannetta Kampman (Kambro Farms, Abbotsford), Chris and Jason Maarhuis (Maarway Dairy, Abbotsford), and Will and Janice Kampman (Kambro Farms, Abbotsford).



On May 31, 2014, Mark Robertson and Chanel Jones were married in a beautiful ceremony at Whonnock Lake in front of friends and family. Mark is the son of Wayne and Grace Robertson of Dewdney and Chanel is the daughter of Christopher and Nathaly Jones of Sumas.

The happy couple is also pleased to announce that they are now expecting their first child, due March 22. Huge congratulations to Mark and Chanel and wishing them many years of happiness! Pictured with Mark and Chanel is PETITCLERC JASPER FIREBALL EX 90.



Congratulations to Monika Schroeder and Jordan Voorhorst, who were engaged on May 31 2014, and are looking forward to their December wedding at Cultus Lake. Monika is the daughter of Klaus and Venice Schroeder, owners of Oakridge Dairy. She works for Fraser Health, and Jordan is currently working for Heppells Potatoes, and is looking forward to his future in Police. They plan to live in Matsqui after they are married.



Roger and Sue Taylor of Prince George and Ralph and Heather van Dalfsen of Trinity Dairies in Enderby are thrilled to announce the marriage of their children, Jori and Ryan. The outdoor wedding took place at Trinity Dairies on August 9, 2014. The happy couple took a short getaway to Whistler, with a honeymoon planned at a later date to Europe. Jori and Ryan now reside and work on the family dairy farm in Enderby.



David and Melinda Matlak of Matlak Dairy Farm on Nicomen Island are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Lisa to Dave Deobald of Abbotsford, son of Denise Deobald of Mission and George Deobald of Maple Ridge. Lisa and Dave were engaged on August 9 while camping at Shuswap Lake. Lisa is currently going to Travel Tourism College in Vancouver and working part time at Fraser Valley Ace Hardware and Dave works in the office at Fraser Valley Ace Hardware. Wedding will take place next year. Congratulations!



Duncan Kennedy is pleased to announce the birth of his twin brothers, Jasper Collin and Brody Arthur. They were born on April 4, 2014 at Langley Memorial Hospital. Proud parents Katie and James Kennedy (nee Ness) would like to extend a big thank you to all who helped with their safe arrival. They were born at 36 weeks weighing 5lbs. 4oz. (Jasper) and 5lbs. 14oz. (Brody). Grandparents Donna and Andy Ness (WestGen) and Joan and Arthur Kennedy of Kamloops are thrilled. The twins are numbers 18 and 19 for Great Grandmother Brenda Sims and 35 and 36 for Arlene Collins.

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Dan and Kristen Steenbergen of Red Deer, AB are excited to announce the arrival of their twins Ada Grace and Beckett Daniel, born on May 7, 2014. Ada weighed 5lbs 10oz, and Beckett weighed 6lbs 14oz. Their older sister Sydney (2) welcomed them into the family. Proud grandparents are John and Thelma Vanderwal of Rockledge Farms (Enderby), and Henry and Helga Steenbergen (Wingham, ON). Proud great grandparents are Tony and Nicky Vanderwal of Cedarwal Farms (Abbotsford), and Bert and Marie VandenBerg (Oakwood, ON).



William and Samantha Chard of Joamy Farm Ltd. (Dewdney) are thrilled to announce the arrival of their first child, Adalynn Marie Chard. She was born three weeks early on August 13, 2014, weighing only 5lbs 1oz. Proud grandparents are John and Judy Chard (Joamy Farm Ltd.) in Dewdney and Edwin and Annette Pedersen of Maple Ridge. Big cousins Aiden and Jake can't wait for Adalynn to join them out on the farm!



Adam and Bailey Gisler (Hiding Acres Ltd., Glenn Valley) are delighted to announce the arrival of their baby boy, Wyatt Carter Gisler, born August 2, 2014 at Abbotsford Hospital. Wyatt weighed in at 7lbs 15oz., and measured 53cm. A handsome grandson for Laura and Henk Gisler of Glenn Valley, and Todd and Shari Pratt of Maple Ridge.



Addison Elizabeth Kielstra, a daughter for Kevin and Megan Kielstra (Vyefield Farms and Driessen Dairy) of Abbotsford, was born August 15, 2014 weighing 10lbs 2oz. Excited grandparents are Larry and Punk Kielstra of Vyefield Farms and Opa Tony Driessen of Driessen Dairy. Very proud big brother Dominic (8) is a great help to Mom. Congratulations!



Congratulations to Raymond and Michelle Brink (Brinkland Dairy, Chilliwack) on the birth of their second daughter. Lilly Jaelynn Brink was born April 4, 2014, weighing 7lbs 15oz. Big sister Shayna (2) loves having a little sister and loves to help Mommy. Proud grandparents are Gary and Jeannette Brink of Brinkland Dairy, and Jim and Jeannette Buhler of Abbotsford.



Another grandchild for Gary and Jeannette Brink of Brinkland Dairy! Tayshawn Joseph Stackard was born July 31, 2014, weighing 8lbs 13oz to proud parents Joseph and Kara Stackard. Big brother Jayden loves his new brother and can't wait to play with him. Proud grandparents also include Phil and Jewel Westin of Chilliwack.



Scott and Julie de Boer of Forefields Holsteins Ltd., Enderby are extremely proud to announce the birth of their fifth child and first baby girl, Matzen Hope Rose de

Boer! She was born June 28, 2014 at 3:29pm at Vernon Jubilee Hospital, weighing 7lbs. 10oz. Her adoring crew of older brothers are Ike (9), Jesse (7), Kooper (5), and



Lewis (4)! In love with their newest grandchild are Donald and Evangeline Piche of Abbotsford, and grandpa Jentje (Joe) de Boer is sadly missed at this time.



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Doug Rennie

February 20, 1928 – February 19, 2014

It is with great sadness, that the family announces the passing of Douglas David Rennie on February 19,



2014 in Mission at the age of eighty-five.

Doug Rennie was born on February 20, 1928 at the Cottage Hospital on McCallum Road to Dave and Jean Rennie who emigrated from Scotland in 1924. Under the Soldiers Settlement Act, they took up land on Glenmore Road in the Gifford settlement of Matsqui. Doug was the fourth of seven siblings: Tom, Nancy, Jean, Helen, Jim, and Bonnie.

In 1952, Doug met the love of his life, Kathleen Anderson (June 14, 1929 - July 22, 2010), they married in 1953. They had seven children: Alan (Myrna) Rennie, Catherine (Essie) Villaluz, Colin (Ingrid) Rennie, Donald Rennie, Margaret (Tom) Brent, Rosalie Rennie, and Joanne (Keith) Nelmes.

Doug was a proud grandfather and prouder great



also trapped muskrats and minks, of which the proceeds were used to purchase his first piece of property.

Up until Doug's passing, he was actively involved in the day to day farming operations with his son Donald and grandson Tyler at Legendairy Farms. In fact, just a few weeks before he died, Doug was greeting visitors to the farm on the farm tour day.

He will forever live in the hearts of his family, and be missed by many in the dairy community.

Doug Rennie joined son Don and grandson Tyler to welcome visitors to Legendairy Farms during the BC Dairy Expo Farm Tours in January.

George Boeve

July 6, 1936 – May 13, 2014



George Boeve was born on July 6, 1936 in Heerde, the Netherlands. He grew up with his older sister Stein and younger siblings Rudy, Patsy, Dick, and Luke.

The family immigrated to Canada in 1952 and lived in Wetaskiwin, AB. George had finished his schooling in Holland so began working when they arrived. He saw an ad for "an adventurous young man needed for work in the North," so he applied. He began working for the Hudson's Bay Company and went by train to Kitimat, BC. From there he went north of the Arctic Circle to Tuktoyaktuk. The natives would bring in furs which he would measure and ship to Montreal. He registered the births and deaths in the area with the Canadian government. He had time to hunt and fish, which partly was for pleasure and partly because they needed the food. His parents wanted him to come home but his contract wasn't up yet, so he needed to find his own way home. He met with the workers of the DEW line (Distant Early Warning) which was being constructed. He got a job driving truck and stayed another year. He returned briefly to Alberta but then in 1955 followed his family who had come to the Fraser Valley. He worked finishing concrete and for a farmer on Sumas Prairie.

He married Florence Huttema on February 19, 1959.

His next move was to take over the dairy farm his Dad had on 40th Avenue in Cloverdale. His description of this time was 'poverty hollow'. By this time, Tom and Mike were added to the family. From there they moved to Sim Road in Matsqui and farmed with his brother Rudy for six years. During this time, Roger and Stuart were born. They attended the Abbotsford Canadian Reformed Church shortly after it was instituted. George served as an elder at Church for many years. Now that they were farming again on their own, they bought the dairy farm (Riverbreeze) just up Sim Road and here they farmed from 1968 to 1995.

After selling the different parts of the farm to the boys and setting Stuart up in Alberta, George and Florence would often travel in their fifth wheel trailer. George had a major heart attack in 2000 followed by surgery. He no longer could do much physical labour but was able to offer advice and enjoy time with his grandchildren. He travelled with Florence through the Prairies, to Holland and Australia, which he greatly enjoyed. He loved his family and instilled in them a great love for the Lord.

George is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Florence and four sons Tom (Jane) of Vernon, Mike (Rose) of Matsqui, Roger (Helen) of Matsqui, and Stuart (Darlene) of Taber, AB, as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family thanks the doctors and nurses at Abbotsford and Royal Columbian Hospitals for their care. A Memorial Service was held May 17, 2014 at the Canadian Reformed Church in Abbotsford.

Tina Huizing

March 17, 1931 – August 7, 2014



Tina Huizing (nee VanNes) was received into the glory of her Lord on August 7, 2014 in Abbotsford.

Tina was born March 17, 1931 in Rijsoord, Netherlands. Tina lived and worked in the Netherlands, earning her nursing training at VanderBergstichting, Bethesda and Eudokia in the Netherlands, working until 1958 when she moved to Alberta.

Tina married Berend (Bert) Huizing on January 22, 1959 in the Netherlands. Shortly after, they returned to Canada to build their life here.

Tina was passionate about her love for the Lord, her family, gardening, and animals. She was a great example of showing love to all creatures of our God and King, and was passionate about helping those for whom life was not easy, a daily example of being the hands and feet of Jesus. She was very involved in working with the physically and mentally challenged throughout the years; providing respite, and forging loving friendships with so many.

Tina is preceded in death by her parents Flora and

Klazina VanNes, her siblings Annie Schop (VanNes), Kees VanNes, Dirk VanNes and Bill VanNes.

She is survived by her beloved husband Bert Huizing, and their children, Chris (Diana) Huizing, Phil (Karen) Huizing, Howard (Sarah) Huizing, Joy (Bart) Saathof, Marlene (Andreas) Kammenos; their grandchildren, Nicole (Justin) Dudney, Joel Huizing, Megan Huizing, Amanda Huizing, Kari Huizing, Leah Saathof, Daniel Huizing, Bethany Saathof, Rebecca Huizing, Luke Saathof, Caleb Saathof, Nicholas Kammenos, Anna Kammenos, Joel Kammenos, Liam Huizing, Noah Huizing and Elijah Huizing, and their great-grandchildren, Levi Dudney, Malachi Dudney and Hannah Dudney; her honorary sons Sebastian (Anu) Naslund with their kids Asha and Jaiden, and Zebulan Naslund. She is also survived by her sisters Corrie (VanNes) Meyers and Hennie (VanNes) Wubs.

A memorial service was held on August 14 at Living Hope CRC, Abbotsford, with Justin Dudney officiating.

The family would like to thank all the wonderful doctors and nurses who worked with Tina as she was treated for cancer, with special care to all the ER nurses at ARH who helped keep her as comfortable as possible in her last hours, and supported the family. Special thanks to Dr. Milne for his love, concern and compassion.



Betty Verdonk

December 11, 1941 – April 10, 2014

Alice Elizabeth Brown was born in Vancouver during a war-time blackout on December 11, 1941 to Mary Ross (Sue) Harvie and Claude John Angus Brown, who was serving in the Royal Canadian navy. After release from service, her father, "Brownie," joined Trans Mountain Pipeline, and the family lived in Edmonton, Edson, Stony Plain, and Jasper before settling in Abbotsford. Betty learned from these moves to love mountains with fierce weather, close to prairies, preferably with a river running through them; and when she arrived in Abbotsford in 1959, she found Sumas Prairie, which to her was "absolute heaven."

After graduating from Abbotsford Senior High School, Betty took secretarial training at Vancouver Vocational Institute, then joined BC's Department of Social Welfare and subsequently the Royal Bank.

On September 7, 1963 she married Jim Verdonk, a Sumas Prairie dairy farmer from a large Dutch family. She was advised, "Never learn to milk a cow, learn to cook, to make cheese, or to grow vegetables". She did.

When Jim moved to Mission to start a panir plant, Betty joined the RCMP's Victims Services program as a volunteer. Her enthusiasm for the

Women's Institute, Victims Services, her Sumas Prairie Wives Luncheon Club, and the wild weather of Sumas Prairie never died.

She was predeceased by her husband Jim, and is survived by her sister Claudia of Abbotsford, her son David of Ridgecrest Dairies of Mission; and her son Steven of Canal Farms of Abbotsford, his wife Wendy Smorenburg Verdonk, and granddaughter Katelyn Daisy Mary Verdonk.

Betty's last wish was to die surrounded by laughter and to not be in pain. The staff and volunteers of Christine Morrison Hospice made her last wish come true and her family sends their deepest thanks. Betty asked for a special thank you to the executive committee of the HotDog Club, Janet and Jeff Bryan.

A celebration of Betty's life was held at the Rancho on May 3, 2014.



Geertje Timmer

June 17, 1924 – May 29 2014

Eulogy submitted by
Nellie Smid, Geertje Timmer's daughter:

Geertje Timmer was born June 17, 1924 with an identical twin who still lives in Holland. Mom went to be with the Lord her Father May 29, 2014, on Ascension Thursday. How appropriate for a darling loving wife, mom and Oma. Mom was tired and wanted to go home to be with Dad who had passed just eight weeks before. It was as if Dad was encouraging her to come. They were soul mates for almost 63 years of marriage.

The last ten months of her life had been a real struggle for Mom. She had a few strokes and lost all her capability of being an independent, vibrant, loving woman.

This all took time for Mom to adjust to; it wasn't fair for her, but in her way she could still connect with us; a weak smile and those loving brown eyes and gentle hand. Mom would say a few words like, "It's all in the Lord's hands." Dad knew Mom was not well and just tried to always be with her and love her. Mom had been Dad's care aid for many years and devoted her time to caring for and loving Dad.

If there is one thing that we as children have learned

from Mom in our lives with her was her devoted love for Dad and her children and grandchildren. Mom always made time to call and find out how we were and give us an encouraging word or card for any occasion. We know that Mom always brought things to the Lord in prayer and devotion. She pondered everything in her heart, always in her quiet way. Mom was very hard to shop for; all she ever wanted was to spend time with us.

For all who have had the pleasure to know our mom, she always would welcome one into her home for a coffee or tea and often some fresh baked goodies. If someone had worked on the farm for a job or bucking bales, one always had to stay for a meal and not go away hungry. She was always kind to all and trusted so much and had a huge forgiving heart.

For Mom's memorial service, the Bible passage of Proverbs 31:10 describes Mom as the following: "A wife of noble character who can find?" Our Mom and our children's Oma was near and dear to all our hearts and we were all blessed to have her in our lives.

May Mom and Dad rest in peace and journey on together in heaven, where we will see each other again.

Our parents leave behind son Marten, Mercedes and children Mark, Chris and Tanner; son Bill; daughter Hennie and her son Hank; daughter Nellie, Oeds and children Mathew and Adam; son Richard, Maureen and children Jordan, Robyn and her husband Logan. □

Dream Following

4-H AgriVenture Scholarship 2014

Six Months to New Zealand departing early October

By **Bridget Wilson**

I have always wanted to travel. But, truth be told, you would be hard pressed to find *any* young adult that *doesn't* dream of exploring how other people live in other places and what it must be like to live in a different climate or be surrounded by a different landscape or live a different lifestyle. At a time when you're out on your own, discovering who you are and who you might become, what you think you want to shape you; you are curious.

I am a rural-raised daughter of dairy farmers, having grown up amidst the hills of Celtic Cape Breton, Nova Scotia on the East Coast of Canada. I have lived the life of the average small community kid, always very active in sports and in extracurricular activities at school, right up until this past spring when I completed my Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture, majoring in Animal Science at the Dalhousie Agricultural Campus.

It would seem obvious to you given my background, aside from traveling, my dreams have always been of agriculture, getting close to nature and learning from the people who connect the two.

As a long-time 4-H member, I was fortunately given many opportunities in this area already. 4-H has gifted me with invaluable experiences, meeting new people and learning about Agriculture and its different viewpoints in

Wisconsin, Manitoba, across my own home province of Nova Scotia and in the big city of Toronto.

So naturally in the fall of my final year of University, I picked up a 4-H AgriVenture Scholarship application sent out by my local 4-H office and sat down to fill out seven long, detailed pages of information that, potentially, could see me going somewhere across the world to work on a farm and live amongst a different culture. I had to complete a biography, give details of my work experience, education, public speaking, desired country to work in and desired agricultural sector, amongst providing reference letters and recommendations.

I hoped after my schooling was done to take part in some sort of opportunity such as that which AgriVenture provides regardless of whether I won the scholarship or not, but I can't pretend that it wasn't both a shock and an honour and a thrill when I got the call from Saskatchewan that I had been selected as the National recipient of the 4-H AgriVenture \$3,000 Scholarship. And if that wasn't good enough, plans were in motion for me to find a placement in my top location in my top program: a dairy farm in New Zealand.

Excited couldn't even begin to describe how I felt to know that one of my dreams was about to come true, but first there was paperwork to be done. Copies of my passport

and driver's license, more passport photos, an \$800 deposit and an interview were in order

before I had my final test in an interview. Luckily I didn't have too far to go as AgriVenture had representatives right on my University's campus and they were familiar faces to boot! AgriVenture regularly sent out e-mails and helped me through every step along the way. All my documents including my original application form, reference letters and details of my interview were stored on my AgriVenture account online making it easy to track my progress.

Once my interview was OK'd, my information was passed on to the New Zealand offices so they could find me a suitable placement. Before long I had an e-mail forwarded to me from New Zealand saying they had found me a placement and the only question was if I could start sooner and stay longer. I stuck to my original plan for a six and a half month stay from October to April and was soon sent the first details of my host family; a family of four on a 400 cow dairy farm on the Hauraki Plains on the North Island of New Zealand. Coming from a rather



smaller dairy farm milking just 50 cows, it was interesting to find that all of their breeding and calving was done at once and compared to our small farm which boasts four tractors of all different makes, models and sizes, they only had one.

AgriVenture drew on the information I provided in my application form to pair me with a family that sounded equally athletic to my own competitive family, taking part in many sports. They found a location with an active young farmers group, noting my career interest in becoming a dairy farmer one day. And it was a comfort to know that even though I would be leaving my own dog and four younger sisters at home, in New Zealand I would be living with two young boys and their own dog. I was able to check out a farm that my hosts had filled out, saying the type of person they were looking for and at the same time I was able to get a good feel for what kind of people I would be living with for half a year. "A good sense of humour and willingness to become a part of our family" were words encouraging enough to set aside any apprehension or nervousness I felt about making the big move.

Applying for a Visa was my next step which was both fast and easy to understand. AgriVenture again was with me every step of the way on this front with the application form provided on my account as well as a useful "how to" guide, plus further instructions provided by e-mail. Within a few weeks my information went to the New Zealand Embassy in Washington and back to me again with an approved Visa.

It is now July and I'm just a few months away from lifting off to travel to the other side of the world for what I expect to be the adventure of a lifetime. So far I have nothing but praise to sing of the AgriVenture program with regard to its efficiency and support in getting all the

little details set up. Lists are scattered all over my house of things to pack and things to see and do in New Zealand.

As a part of my scholarship, I plan on writing a blog on my experience and I am working on figuring out how I can spread the word about this program as much as possible. Most of all, I can't wait until the start of October when I start my real AgriVenture story and begin to follow this great dream. I can't wait to see the farm and meet my host family, I can't wait to meet new people and see New Zealand soil and pastures and cows and culture. I just can't wait!

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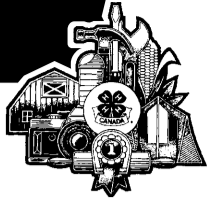
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Agassiz Rainbow 4-H Club

Club Reporter: Brooke Webb

The Agassiz Rainbow 4-H club has had a very successful summer! We participated at the Maple Ridge fair, the Chilliwack fair, and the PNE, with four different projects including dairy, swine, lamb, and horse. Some highlights of this fair season include getting second place in dairy interclub at the PNE, Peyton Thomas taking first

place in her calf placings class, and Hallie Bryant taking second place in her placings class.

Everyone did very well, and we all had a lot of fun. We are all very excited for the Agassiz fall fair on September 13th, where our club will be achieving. We wish all participating members good luck, and we hope to see you there!

Cowichan 4-H Holstein Club

Club Reporter: Annemarie Taylor

The last two shows of the 2014 4-H season have now been completed, and for the Cowichan 4-H Holstein Club it has been a good and educational year.

The first week of August, members who had been in the club for three or more years hauled cattle over to Abbotsford for Agrifair. It was so much fun learning how to better take care of the animals and learn more about preparing your animals for the show ring, through clipping and making sure every last inch of the calf is perfect! It's hard, but fun and satisfying work! And it just makes you that much better prepared to walk into that show ring with the calf you've raised. Agrifair was great fun!

A few members of the club also took part in the Western Canadian Classic that took place in Abbotsford this year. You have to be 13 or over to apply, and four members of our club were accepted: Danielle Groenendijk, Christian Taylor, Mike Brandsma and Matt Brandsma. It was a very hard week filled with fun and challenges, but each of these four did

their very best.

The Cowichan 4-H Holstein Club just had its last show this past weekend (September 6-7), which was the Cowichan Exhibition, at the fairgrounds in Duncan. The Grand Champion Showman was Jenna Bakker, and the Reserve Champion Showman was Christian Taylor. The Grand Champion Calf was shown by Mike Brandsma, Reserve Champion Calf by Jenna Bakker, and Honorable Mention went to Annemarie Taylor. Also at the fair was a Hand-Milking Competition organized by Mr. Bill Wikkerink, and won by a 4-H parent, Mr. Chris Groenendijk. Katie Balme represented our 4-H club well in the competition! The club's annual ice cream sale fundraiser was also a great success, as the weather was sunny and hot, and the ice cream lineup lasted all day for three days!

It was such a great year with fun shows and learning more about our spectacular animals, and even though we are sad to end the year, we always look forward to next year.

Chilliwack 4-H Holstein Club

Club Reporter: Vanessa Romeyn

Hi all! Our club has been busy since the last time I wrote. We have attended both Abbotsford AgriFair and the Chilliwack Exhibition, where members worked hard and did well. Our club achievement was held August 8th at the Chilliwack Exhibition, and congratulations to our Junior Champion Showperson Justin Kooyman and Reserve Junior Champion Showperson Levi Kooyman. And for our

Senior members, Christopher Kooyman won Senior Champion Showperson and Vanessa Romeyn won Senior Reserve Champion Showperson. It's good to see that all your hard work paid off! Congratulations to all members on a job well done! Everyone is looking forward to our club awards banquet that will be held in mid-October, where awards and badges will be presented.

Eagle Valley 4-H Club

Report submitted by: Joni DeWitt, club leader



Top (L-R): Cassandra Wagstaff, Brittney Northway, Jasmine Gossen, Kaitlynn Sherlock, Taylor Wagstaff. Bottom (L-R): Malachi Gossen, Levi Dewitt, Owen Dewitt, Kailey Jefferey, Daphne Miller.

The Eagle Valley 4-H club has been very busy since spring time. We have worked with our projects...some were easier than others to train for the show ring. Hard work paid off and the challenging calves learned that the halter was not a bad thing! We became flexible with training times, as a summertime heat wave hit our neck of the woods.

In August, members enjoyed an evening swim and supper at the beach. We made decorations for the upcoming Sicamous Days Parade at picnic tables and two days later climbed aboard a homemade float for a downtown parade route. Lots of smiles and waving made our little community aware of an active 4-H club in their midst. Some members and relatives rode horses while one led her mini horse project and another

dressed her Terrier in a sporty outfit and walked the course. Previous to the parade, we had a tie-dying work bee...lots of creativity was rewarded with beautiful colors and designs. We wore these shirts in the parade, at fundraisers, and at the two fairs that we attended.

Our members worked hard at two ball tourney concessions...and managed to raise enough money for two new sets of clippers! These were put to good use: at a clipping clinic, Steffanie DeWitt instructed members on clipper care and techniques when clipping. Thanks Steff!

Lindy DeWitt spent an evening with all members. During a showmanship session, she gave valuable tips to each 4-Her...a natural encourager; many became more confident at the halter with their heifers. Both Steffanie and Lindy participated in



Inter Club Group of Four, placed second: (L-R) Brittney, Taylor, Kaitlynn, Daphne.



Malachi, Levi and Jasmine.



Owen and Malachi.



Levi Dewitt.

the BC 4-H program as youths and will be joining our club as leaders next year!

As for the IPE and Salmon Arm Fall Fair, members really enjoyed the anticipation of packing, travelling, bathing, clipping, showing, decorating the stall, and fair activities. A very special thank you to our supportive parents and family at home that did chores while we were away.

With only two Juniors and three Senior members, I would like to acknowledge the leadership and clipping skills of Brittney Northway who did all the top lines of not only club members, but also took on four Pee Wee open calves! Owen and Levi Dewitt and Jasmine and Malachi Gossen say THANKS SO MUCH! These youngsters had strong finishes in Showmanship at both fairs and can hardly wait to be old enough for a calf project in our 4-H club.

We will put finishing touches on our record books, attend Catch the Clover in November and an awards banquet for our club families shortly afterwards.

This year our harvest time fell over fair time. I really appreciated all of my co leader's help at the show. Thanks Lexi for taking care of all of our members, their calves and organizing meals. The fairs are always a highlight for everyone and you had your hands full!

Our club reporter suffered a very serious injury to her hand (30 stitches!) four days before the IPE and was not able to show her calf...but did one week later in Salmon Arm. Great effort, Kaitlynn! As she recovers, I stepped into the reporter's shoes. Lexi and I are so proud of our members - well done everyone! See you all next year!

Matsqui Holstein 4-H Club

Club Reporter: Jessica Kampman



Celebrating 100 years of 4-H, former Matsqui 4-H Holstein club leaders, Mr. Frank and Mrs. Julie Keis.



Lexie Kampman holding her calf in front of our club display at Agrifair.



Junior Achievement champions, Jessica Kampman and Lindsey Sunder.

Matsqui 4-H Holstein Club has had a great year!

Club Results

Junior Educational Displays: 1. Karlina Postma, 2. Lexie Kampman, 3. Mikayla Chamberlain

Senior Educational Displays: 1. Justin Kampman, 2. Shania and Martina Postma

Junior Clipping Competition: 1. Sarah Breukelman, 2. Jessica Kampman, Lexie Kampman, Karlina Postma

Intermediate Clipping Competition: 1. David Driesen, 2. Martina Postma

Senior Clipping: 1. Martin Rypma, 2. Emily Sunder, 3. Shania Postma

Junior Showmanship: 1. Lindsey Sunder, 2. Jessica Kampman, 3. Karlina Postma

Intermediate Showmanship: 1. Daisy Sunder, 2. David Driesen, 3. Martina Postma

Senior Showmanship: 1. Martin Rypma, 2. Shania Postma, 3. Emily Sunder

Champion Calf: Jessica Kampman
Reserve Champion Calf: Lindsey Sunder
Honorable Mention Calf: Emily Sunder

Maple Ridge Fair Results

Jessica Kampman – Grand Champion Calf

At this fair we celebrated 100 years of 4-H. We had a mini Olympics where we played games and won medals. We also had the huge annual water fight which was a blast!

Agrifair Results

Junior Fitting Competition – 1st Sarah Breukelman

Intermediate Clipping Competition – 2nd David Driesen

Senior Clipping Competition – 2nd Martin Rypma

Junior Honorable Mention Showman – Jessica Kampman

Chilliwack Fair Results

Junior Champion Showman – Jessica Kampman

Senior Champion Showman – Martin Rypma

Senior Reserve Champion Showman – Daisy Sunder

Junior Fitting Competition – 1st Jessica Kampman

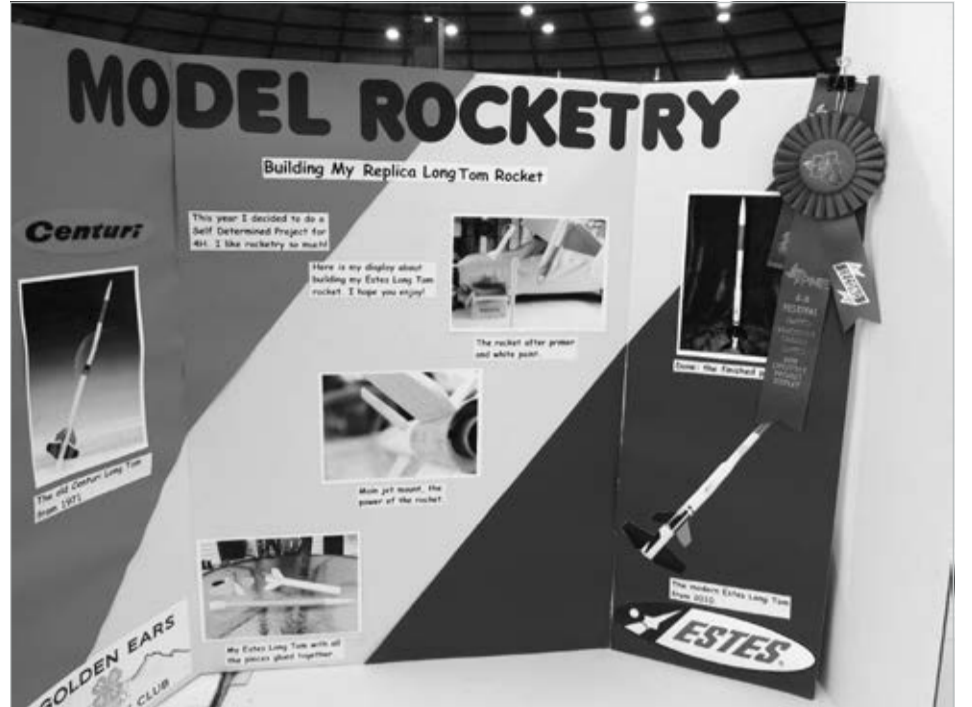
Senior Clipping Competition – 1st Emily Sunder

Some of the kids in our club participated in round robin at this fair. We showed animals like llama, sheep, dog and did a quiz. It was a great experience!

Thank you to all of our sponsors!! Thank you to all that have hosted events, judged, supplied animals, come out and educated us in many different ways. Looking forward to our club awards banquet in November!

Golden Ears 4-H Community Club

Club Reporter: Nadine Laity



Golden Ears 4-H Community Club has had a great summer, participating in Country Fest, the PNE, and for dairy, Agassiz.

Our two Self-Determined members have completed their displays and a special highlight was Christian Rachel's rocket launch at Brookfield Farm!

Our Cloverbuds (ages 6-8) had a fun year, learning about honeybees, sheep, beef, safety at home, poultry, outdoor living, and horticulture. They also participated in Country Fest and PNE with their entries.

The dairy group has been very busy with Country Fest and PNE. At the PNE, Lauren Kozol got Grand Champion Dairy Showman, Jeremy Laity got Reserve Champion, and Nadine Laity (me) followed as Honourable Mention.

Our cooking project had a great year. They made iced honey cakes, pita bread, guacamole, and Thai noodle salad. At Country Fest, Fiona Rachel won Grand Champion for her baking. At the PNE, their poster won third place.

Overall, it has been a great year and our members are looking forward to continuing in 2015!



North Fraser 4-H Dairy Club

Club Reporter: Caitlin Tolson



Our year ended off very well, after all our training and hard work on our dairy projects. We went to Maple Ridge Fair and Agrifair. Maple Ridge Fair had 96 participants for the hundred-year celebration.

All of our members did very well at

both fairs. Some of our members got championships for showmanship and calf placing.

I would like to thank all of our sponsors. We appreciate all you have given us. I can't wait for what next year will bring us. Good job everyone!

Milky Way Dairy 4-H Club

Club Reporter: Pauline Ferguson

Hello again! Our 4-H club has been really busy since last time I wrote, so here it goes. In June we had a showmanship practice day and potluck dinner. Thank you to the Whites for hosting. In July we had a fundraiser at Askews in Armstrong. A special Thank you to Askews and everyone else who supported us. In August we had a fun day at Atlantis Water Slides in Vernon. We also went to IPE in Armstrong. On Wednesday the 27th we

showed and Thursday morning we did a clipping competition and our Senior team of Elizabeth Ferguson and Kyona Bruns came first and our Junior team of Pauline Ferguson and Talia Rees came second. Way to go! In September we went to Salmon Arm Fair and showed our calves on Saturday the 6th. Our club has sure been busy! Still lots of time left in the year to do more things. Talk to you in the next issue.

Shuswap 4-H Dairy Club

Club Reporters: Cassidy Schwaerzle and Madison Dewitt



Recently, at the IPE in Armstrong, the Shuswap Dairy 4-H Club decided to do its part in raising awareness and funds for ALS research. The entire club participated in the "ALS Ice Bucket Challenge". Throughout the morning the club raised

money from fair attendees, then after the midday judging rally, they all got wet for a good cause. The other dairy 4-H clubs were more than happy to dump buckets of icy water on the members of Shuswap Dairy 4-H!



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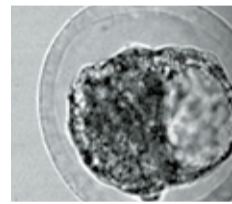
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Abbotsford's EcoDairy and Science World Launch Perfect Partnership

By Kaitlyn Gisler

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"We wanted a place where people could learn about farming in the 21st century and Science World has added their magic to EcoDairy," noted VanderKooi.

Bryan Tisdall, President and CEO of Science World, was thrilled with this "rewarding partnership with EcoDairy"

and a chance to extend beyond Science World's recognizable dome "and into the province."

EcoDairy's restyled, interactive center gives visitors the chance for a hands-on experience, from milking a cow (and then seeing a real one out in the barn!) to learning about a cow's digestive system, mix and matching bovine breeds, and much more.

Those small hands that explore the center today might be the very hands that work in agriculture tomorrow, but regardless, we applaud the partnership, the science and all the future fun to be had on the EcoDairy demonstration farm.



(L-R) EcoDairy President Bill VanderKooi, Abbotsford South MLA Dr. Darryl Plecas, Deputy City Mayor Dave Loewen, and Science World CEO Bryan Tisdall cut the ribbon.



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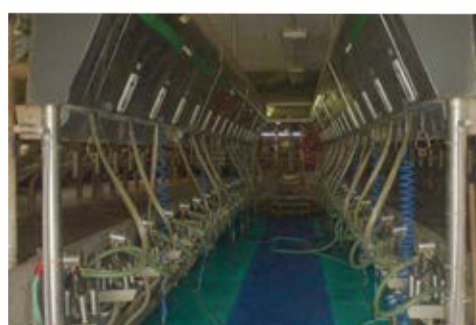
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PNE 2014 Dairy 4-H Results

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Junior Showman: Reserve Champion Jonathan Lalande, Grand Champion Nadine Laity, both from Golden Ears 4-H Community Club.



Intermediate Showman: Reserve Champion Aimee Tjernagel from Golden Ears 4-H Community Club, Grand Champion Sasha Beeksma from Richmond Delta Holstein Club.



Senior Showman: Reserve Champion Jeremy Laity, Grand Champion Lauren Kozol, both from Golden Ears 4-H Community Club.



Overall Showman: Grand Champion Lauren Kozol from Golden Ears 4-H Community Club.



The kids were really happy to receive 4-H 100 year celebration belt buckles! Golden Ears 4-H Community Club Showmanship belt buckle winners, from left to right: Lauren Kozol, Champion Senior Showman and Overall Champion Showman; Jeremy Laity, Reserve Senior Showman and Reserve Overall Showman; Aimee Tjernagel, Reserve Champion Intermediate Showman; Nadine Laity, Champion Junior Showman; Jonathan Lalande, Reserve Champion Junior Showman.



Champion Senior Fitting: Joe Collier-Pandya from Richmond Delta Holstein Club.



Champion Intermediate Fitting: Cassidy Schwaerzle from Agassiz Rainbow 4-H Club.



Champion Junior Fitting: Nadine Laity from Golden Ears 4-H Community Club.



Winners of Dairy Interclub: Richmond Delta Holstein Club.



Dairy Alumni Show, judged by the PNE's 2014 Overall Champion Dairy Showman, Lauren Kozol from Golden Ears 4-H Community Club.



Alumni Honourable Mention, presented to Clara Knight by Lauren Kozol. Clara started in 4-H in 1949!



Golden Ears 4-H Community Club Dairy members get ready for the dance!

Results courtesy of the PNE office.

Showmanship

Junior Champion

Nadine Laity,
Golden Ears Community Club

Reserve Junior Champion

Jonathan Lalande,
Golden Ears Community Club

Intermediate Champion

Sasha Beeksma,
Richmond Delta Holstein Club

Reserve Intermediate Champion

Aimee Tjernagel,
Golden Ears Community

Senior Champion

Lauren Kozol,
Golden Ears Community Club

Reserve Senior Champion

Jeremy Laity,
Golden Ears Community Club

Overall Champion

Lauren Kozol,
Golden Ears Community Club

Reserve Overall Champion

Jeremy Laity,
Golden Ears Community Club

Dairy Placings

Champion Dairy Calf

Hallie Bryant,
Agassiz Rainbow 4-H Club

Reserve Champion Dairy Calf

Tomas Collier-Pandya,
Richmond Delta Holstein Club

Dairy Fitting

Junior Champion

Nadine Laity,
Golden Ears Community Club

Reserve Champion

Billie Shore,
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B.C. 4-H Silver Club Award

By Kaitlyn Gisler



On behalf of the *B.C. Holstein News*, I had the chance to attend a luncheon at Aldor Acres in Langley with B.C. 4-H youth, while they partook in a week-long Food for Thought program. I accepted the B.C. 4-H Silver Club Award for the *News'* generous, in-kind contributions to 4-H over the last year. Afterwards, Brian and Erin Anderson of Aldor Acres Dairy Center treated everyone in attendance to an excellent past and present milking demonstration – definitely a day of good food and thinking! □





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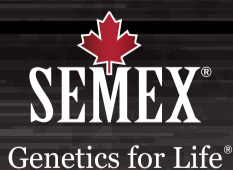
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