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MILK FROM GRASS TO THE GLASS

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## ON THE FARM...

Warm weather has allowed the cows to be out on pasture earlier than they ever have been. It was an enjoyable experience yesterday to let the cows onto a new paddock (small part of pasture). The only sound was that of some songbirds and the tearing sound of cows ravenously devouring the fresh green grass.

This transition from winter ration of stored foods to the summer ration of largely fresh pasture can cause a subtle change in the flavor of the cows' milk. Years ago, it was a much more pronounced change and it was generally considered to be caused by dandelions. Over time we have gotten better at managing the transition

and making it more gradual, so the effect should be minimized. This is one of the factors involved when obtaining milk from only one herd or a single source.

We seeded a new section of pasture with a mix of grasses and clovers (slow establishing perennials) along with barley and peas (fast growing annuals) which have already grown to 2 inches tall. This is known as a nurse crop or cover crop. Approximately sixty days after planting we will harvest the green barley and peas mechanically and make silage out of it for winter feed or, if we are experiencing dry weather and are short of pasture, we'll let the cows on it to strip-graze (giving them a small strip at a time). After the barley and peas have been harvested, the grass and clover will provide pasture for several years.

## COW OF THE MONTH

*Sharlene Daninger*

Minnie is April's Cow of the Month. Now 6, she has been a family pet for many years.

Our son, Luke, began showing her when she was just a small calf.

Often times, the 4-H animals can be the most clumsy as they enter the barn and Minnie is no exception. She is a large cow, but she has to be in the first stall and turn a particular way to enter or exit the stall or her routine is broken. She is truly a creature of habit!



## AUTUMNWOOD FARM CITY DAY JUNE 6TH · 1-4 PM

**Hayrides, Barn Tours, Creamery Tours,  
Princess Kay of the Milky Way Elizabeth Olson,  
Cow Milking Demonstrations,  
Baby Animals, and a Hog Roast\***

*\*while supplies last*

*Sponsored by Minnesota Farm Bureau, Washington-Ramsey County Farm Bureau, Washington County American Dairy Association and the Minnesota Soybean Growers Research and Promotion Council*

**FREE ADMISSION**

*Free will offering, with proceeds going to agriculture scholarships*

### Autumnwood Dairy Store Hours

Monday- Friday • Noon-6pm

Saturday, 10am-4pm



## WHAT'S NEW?

### NOW IN EAGAN!

Autumnwood Farm milk is now at Kowalski's in Eagan

### NOW AT KNOWLAN'S!

Maplewood and South St. Paul Stores

### GROUND BEEF

Ground beef grown on Autumnwood Farm is now available at our farmstore

### OUR FARMSTORE

We not only carry our complete line of milk products, but we have locally produced items including Maple Syrup, Honey, Cheese, Beef, Jam and MORE!

## WHERE TO PURCHASE OUR PRODUCTS

Autumnwood Dairy Store

Forest Lake • M-F Noon - 6pm, Sat 10-4

Bock Creamery - Bock

County Market - North Branch

Cub Foods - Arden Hills, Forest Lake, Stillwater

Festival Foods - Andover, Bloomington,

Brooklyn Park, Hugo, Lexington,

Vadnais Heights, White Bear Lake

Grundhofer's Old Fashion Meats - Hugo

Hagberg's County Market - Lake Elmo

Knowlan's - Maplewood, South St. Paul

Kowalski's - Eden Prairie,

Eagan, Oak Park Hgts,

White Bear Lake, Woodbury

Mississippi Market

- St Paul at Selby & Dale

The Marketplace - St. Michael

