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MILK FROM GRASS TO THE GLASS

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The Harvest Moon is one of the simple pleasures of an October evening. Seeing the big bright orange sphere illuminate the corn and hay fields and silhouette of the cattle contentedly chewing their cud or peacefully grazing is always a nice treat.

HARVEST MOON

The Harvest Moon has an interesting historic role in agriculture. The fall moon closest to the autumnal equinox actually does provide more early evening light. During most of the year, the moon rises about 50 minutes later than previous day, but around the fall equinox this drops to 10 to 30 minutes.

This has traditionally provided and extended day for farmers to see well enough to harvest their crops, thus the term "harvest moon".

Since the invention of electric lights and power farm machinery, the practical benefits have waned, but the term and the gorgeous moon rise-remain. - Pat Daninger

ON THE FARM...*Rain, snow, rain, snow summarizes the situation.*

Corn harvesting for silage usually begins in late September and is finished in early October. Due to the dry spring weather, much of the corn waited until mid June to germinate. The cool summer slowed maturity, so by late September, the crop was still too wet to make good silage. Precipitation has impeded any harvest progress since that time.

Currently the ground is very wet and the corn plants, having been frozen, are drying to the point where it will be difficult to obtain good fermentation to preserve the silage well...so we wait for a break in the weather....Fourth cutting of alfalfa is waiting as well. We needed to wait for a killing frost to begin cutting it, but since that time a few snowfalls have caused it to lodge and lay flat, which will make harvesting it more of a challenge...so again, we wait for the weather!

Many of you knew we were planning a fall "Eggnog Season Opener" for October 31st. Due to the unusually rainy weather, we have been forced to cancel this one day event. Fall harvest of corn silage and hay has been delayed to the extent that it would conflict with preparations for the event.

Autumnwood Dairy
Store Hours
Monday- Friday
Noon-6pm
Saturday, 10am-4pm



WHAT'S NEW?

HALF & HALF IS HERE!

Sold in glass pints at our farm store and most of our retail outlets.

EGGNOG IS COMING SOON!

Due to circumstances beyond our control, our seasonal eggnog may not be available until mid November. This is later than our customers, or we, would like, but the pumpkin spice flavor is worth the wait...Thank you for your patience.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Erin Daninger, 2009 Homecoming Queen at Forest Lake High School!

THANK YOU!

For your loyalty and support of family farms like ours!

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 - 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

Kowalski's - Eden Prairie, Oak Park Hgts,

White Bear Lake, Woodbury

Marketplace Foods - Forest Lake

Mississippi Market - St Paul

(Selby & Dale & 1500 W. 7th St.)

The Marketplace - St. Michael

