



AUTUMNWOOD FARM

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MILK FROM GRASS TO THE GLASS

HOLIDAY 2009 • NEWSLETTER

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ON THE FARM...*The long delayed harvest has been completed and equipment is being stored for the winter. The last few calves are being born. The warm November weather provided comfortable conditions for outdoor calving. Eight calves were born during the month, the most recent, the morning after Thanksgiving. The air temperature that morning was 25° F, but the new mother took care of her new arrival and had cleaned him off well. We got him inside, milked his mother and fed the newborn half a gallon of warm colostrum. We are taking measure of the feed supply on hand. Both the hay and corn silage crops were smaller than expected, the hay due to the dry summer and the silage due to the wet fall. Though not enough to meet all our cattle forage needs, we are thankful for what was harvested.*



Most families have Christmas traditions and ours does as well. On Christmas Eve day, only the necessary chores are done. We then gather with other Christian believers to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Evening chores must be finished before any of the celebration at home can begin. I stand amazed each Christmas Eve at how quickly all the animals can be fed, cared for and milked when we have a crew of kids who are very motivated.

After chores are done, we sit down and enjoy a delicious meal Sharlene has prepared while the rest of us were in the barn. No gifts can be opened until supper is finished, so I enjoy needling the kids a bit by having an extra piece of

pie or another helping of the main dish. I enjoy watching them get antsy, though I don't think they think it's very funny.

Before opening gifts, we gather around the tree and read the Christmas story from Luke, chapter two, so we remember why we celebrate. When our kids were little, we read it to them and as each child learned to read, they each read part of the story and now Sharlene and I listen as they read it to us.

We then turn on "It's a Wonderful Life" for background while we open gifts. We all get to bed too late, but the visitor from the North Pole still stops by.

Christmas Day is a slow one, with morning and evening chores punctuating a day full of visiting, eating and watching football.

- Pat Daninger

From the Autumnwood Crew and the Daninger Family, we wish you a Very Blessed Christmas!

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



WHAT'S NEW?

EGGNOG IS HERE!

Pumpkin Spice Eggnog is now available for a limited time through the holidays. Delicious!

AUTUMNWOOD GIFT CERTIFICATES

Available at our farm store, in any amount. Great Gift Idea!

GIFT BOXES TOO!

Fill them with locally produced cheese, sausages, honey or jams. Add a Gift Certificate for milk!

COMING IN 2010

Autumnwood Ice Cream!

WHERE TO PURCHASE OUR PRODUCTS

Autumnwood Dairy Store

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

For more information on our current locations call 651-464-0776 or visit our website.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

When you purchased our milk you paid a bottle deposit of \$1.50. When the bottle is empty, please rinse it out and return it to any store that carries our milk and you will receive your \$1.50 back**MORE IMPORTANTLY**, we need your bottles returned because we wash and sanitize them in a very hot wash before they are filled. We need your help to make this system work. Thanks for your cooperation!

