



On being a farm wife

By
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She loves her life there on the farm; Protects her flock from unknown harm; Hard work brings this gal no alarm. Who's that? Why, the farm mother.
 She tends the garden, mows the grass, Bakes cookies for the first-grade class, And takes each day as it comes to pass, Who else.....but a farm mother.
 She milks the cow; and tends the calf, Picks up new parts on his behalf, Is known at the bank by the entire staff! That's her.....the farm mother.
 She cans tomatoes, corn and peas, Entertains all guests with grace and ease; And dusts the dog when he brings home fleas. You guessed it.....she's a farm mother.
 She cleans up mud and mops up snow, Finds intimacy with the broom and hoe, Wakes up each day with the rooster's crow. That talented farm mother.
 Her job-to sew; her job-to mend; Her job-a sick child to attend; She shares her cares with a cherished friend. They love her, their farm mother.
 She corrects their wrongs, praises the right, Checks baby lambs late at night; Shares his fears about the new corn blight, That concerned partner, the farm mother.
 You'll find her in church early on Sunday, With a basket of wash in the yard each Monday, And she'll clean out the closets—maybe one day, If she can find the time—that farm mother.
 Her favorite color is alfalfa green, By herself, she installs the porch door screen, The chicken house tomorrow she'll clean, Your friend and mine.....the farm mother.
 She drives the truck and also the car, Speaks out on farm problems, near and far, And at night leaves her door just a bit ajar; In case her kids need their farm mother.
 She may protest, but never riot, She'd love some peace, along with quiet, But probably won't get the chance to try it. 'Cause it's hectic being a farm mother.
 She may never get a salute or award, Or a shiny plaque upon a board, But each night she prays and thanks the Lord, For the blessings given her, the farm mother.
 Happy Mother's Day—to Mothers everywhere.

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Brad Ellsworth, an attorney from Grass Valley, Calif., was elected AMSS President by the Board of Directors, and Jim Foss of Kenyon, Minn., was elected Vice-President. Foss; Marcia Schradle of New Providence, Iowa; James Scott of Burgettstown, Pa.; and Fred K. Bailey of Summers, Ark.; were all elected to their second term on the AMSS Board of Directors.

Dr. Charles Young, professor of dairy cattle breeding at the University of Minnesota, was named

"Milking Shorthorn Person of the Year." He was cited by outgoing President Kenneth Alles for his outstanding contributions to the Milking Shorthorn breed through his work with the AMSS Young Sire Committee and other efforts.

The Society's highest honor, Progressive Breeder awards, were presented to five breeders with outstanding herd production.

A four-year-old cow consigned by Clayton DeForest of Bristol, Colo., topped the AMMS's National Sale at \$1500. Red Bird Matilda's Tilly went to Tony Majerus of Homeplace Farms at Albion, Neb.

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