

Dairying, a job worth 1000 pictures



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LANCASTER — If a picture is worth a thousand words, then too shouldn't a randomly selected word conjure up about 1000 felicitous mental images?

Let's try it. Our word will be . . . dairying. (Now, really, what word were you expecting?)

When you hear the word "dairying," what picture comes to your mind? Undoubtedly, it's the weekly coverage of dairying in *Lancaster Farming*. But, if not, maybe it's kittens snuggled around a milk bowl in a cob-webbed barn corner. It could be a field of large bovines grazing peacefully against a pastoral setting or goats frolicking in the barnyard as their kids plan tomfoolery outside mom's sight.

Whatever the picture, if it's conjured from the word "dairying," then we're receiving it in our dairy photo contest.

We decided to take a look through our files of photos and see how we have depicted the dairy industry in the past. What we found is a conglomeration of humorous, most times unplanned pictures sure to provoke a chuckle in the gruffest of dairy farmers. A photographer for *Lancaster Farming* never knows what he or she will encounter on "a trip to the farm." In addition to these by-chance pictures of crazy cows, kittens, and kids, we have memories of a dog bite, a ripped pair of pants, several broken cameras, lost car keys, locked-in car keys, ruined shoes, forgotten notebooks, and flat tires.

Take a look at these unpurposed snapshots and maybe you'll get a new inspiration for your submission to the Dairy Photo Contest.

As we at *Lancaster Farming* can attest, nothing is too crazy to submit!

