

On being a farm wife - And other hazards

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June. Month of roses, brides, graduations, strawberries and the beginning of the swimming season.

June. Month of cows. Month when the dairy industry has traditionally invited our consuming public to join us in celebration of the production of what many of us still uphold as "nature's most nearly perfect food."

Original intent of June Dairy Month was to encourage a little extra consumption of dairy products at the time of year when cows were turned out to pasture, chomped up volumes of fresh green grass and in their own magical, miraculous way, recycled it into seasonally-high amounts of fresh milk.

Herd management improvements and the ability to convert extra milk fairly readily into storable cheese, butter and powdered product have made the cow's springtime response to fresh grass more manageable in recent times, while providing a stable, steady supply of dairy foods year-round.

How about a June Dairy Month salute to your cow.

You don't have a cow? No, I guess most of you don't have cows, do you? You don't get to experience the affection, the attachment, the endearment one can develop for these big (black and white in our case) bovines. Or the chasing, feeding, cleaning up.

CDows are "in," they're "hot," they're marketable. Just look around. Plywood, painted cow lawn ornaments graze in numerous non-pasture stretches of lawn. Cow potholders turn up regularly in kitchen-item sales. Cows have sprouted on everything from cotton shorts to notepaper, blankets to beverage mugs, weather vanes to wind chimes.

Cows seem to represent a sort of lifestyle, a slower pace, a wholesomeness, a tie with nature too-fast slipping away from the computerized, digital, technologically-advanced civilization of this late-20th Century. Cows are a symbol of roots, of family, of heritage, of tradition.

All that said, we're prepared to offer our own June Dairy Month cow marketing specials, for the discriminating country-look shop-

per searching for cow atmosphere with no long-term commitment.

For just a touch of cow in your life, how about a packet of Holstein Hair-itage?

Hair-itage adds that final accent to your country-casual dress, handy for light sprinkling over your farmer's hat brim and dusting across your bib overall and denim shirt. Of virgin cow hair, carefully curried from genuine cowhide, one shade only, a blend of black and white. May include a touch of meadow-lane dust, all natural of course.

If you'd like to additionally enhance the look of having been around cows, but are a little squeamish about a hands-on encounter, we have a special on Dairy De-Tails. Hand-crafted of genuine cow-switch fibers, De-Tails lightly swished across your nose and ears simulate the atmosphere of being cow-side. Slosh in the accompanying bottle of liquid manure for a more lifelike effect and sprinkle your hair with bits of straw or sawdust.

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And for all your gardening friends, we recommend some all-natural, organic MooPoo. Manufactured here on-site, MooPoo is full of nutrients for giant tomatoes

Berks Society 6

Eleven members of the Berks Co. Society of Farm Women, Group #6, enjoyed an Everybody's Birthday Party at the Pleasantville Diner. A poem, "On Your Birthday," was read by Janet Schlegel.

Flower plants were given to each one present, and gifts were exchanged. The County Board Report was given by the president, Pearl Hoffman. The Reading Scenic River Days will be July 29, through August 1. Janet Schlegel, Mary Fizz, and Pearl Hoffman will be in charge of the display. The June 15 meeting will be in the home of Nora Schweitzer, Limekiln.

Lancaster Society 18

Lancaster County Farm Women #18 met May 15 at Zion Lutheran Church, Brandt Blvd., Landisville. Hostess was Elizabeth Greider.

Vice President- Ruth Landis conducted the meeting.

Roll call was answered by a 911 personal experience.

The speaker was Joel R. Marcellia from the East Hempfield Police force.

Meeting adjourned with the singing of the theme song. The next meeting is scheduled for June 19.



Berks Society 1

The May meeting of Berks County Society of Farm Women Group 1 was held at the home of Joan Haas. The special feature of the evening was a presentation on counted cross stitch by Nancy Wenrich entitled "The Pursuit of Excellence," during which she showed many samples of counted cross stitch items and gave helpful hints on the art of counted cross stitching.

President Ruth Walters presided at the meeting of which 16 members and one guest were present.

The June meeting will be hosted by Evelyn Heacock and will feature a youth program.



and tasty cantaloupes, richer soil and greener lawns. Comes in straw pack, liquid, pungent fresh or low-odor sun-dried and aged.

What better way to celebrate June Dairy Month than with real cow products? On the other hand, maybe you'd just as soon have a big bowl of ice cream with strawberries. Enjoy!



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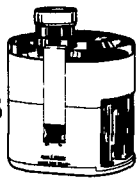
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