

Farming Is More Than A Job

ELLEN NORMAN
Tioga Co. Dairy Princess

LIBERTY (Tioga County) — Farming is not just a job, but a way of life.

There is always something to do if you live on a farm. If you've ever known a farmer, you know how hard it is to get in touch with him or her. They are always out in the barn, busy in the fields, or away from human contact altogether. There is no doubt about it, a farmer's life is busy and full of hard work.

Many farmers love their jobs. They agree, however, that it is a lot of hard work.

Paul Moyer of Ty-Ly-View Farms in Roaring Branch says that the hardest part of farming is working long hours with little time off. The job can be very demanding.

Ernest Norman of Normandell Farms in Liberty said, "It's not really the hardest part of farming, but the biggest concern, is trying to make ends meet."

For all of the hard work that a farmers does, the income is excessively low. A farmer depends on his monthly milk check to keep him going, and the milk is sold before a farmer even knows how much money he will get.

If farming is so unpredictable and demanding, why do farmers choose this way of life?

"It's the only way of life I know, and it is a great way to bring up a family," says Moyer.

Bringing up a family on a farm can be very rewarding. Children learn values that may not be taught to them anywhere else. They are given an important sense of responsibility as well as incredible insight to nature and life. They may help take care of the animals or help by working in the fields. Sometimes the family helps keep track of the bills.

Moyer said that his favorite part



Paul Moyer, dairy farmer in Liberty, holds the halter of Tin-D-Champ Dottie Donna while talking with Tioga County Dairy Princess Ellen Norman about the future of farming. Moyer farms with his parents near Roaring Branch.

of farming is watching and experiencing the birth of a new calf. "It is special," he exclaimed.

Norman likes being his own boss.

"I got into farming because the family needed help, and I love working with nature and watching things grow," he said. "Working

on a farm gives a farmer first-hand experience in working with nature. This is a rewarding feeling that is hard to find anywhere else."

Norman is concerned about the future of the dairy industry.

"It is too expensive for young people to start farming without financial help," he said.

Summer Recipe Idea



For one year Ellen Norman has been actively promoting the dairy industry in Tioga County with the help of her sister, a dairy maid. The sisters are the daughters of Ernest and Dorothy Norman and have two other sisters and one brother. Ellen plans to attend Bloomsburg University in the fall, majoring in communication studies.

LIBERTY (Tioga Co.) — It will soon be summer and the time for family reunions and picnics. Emily Norman, Tioga County Dairy Maid, said, "I know that you all will be thinking: 'What can I make that everyone will love?'"

She thinks she has just the right recipe for you. "It is both delicious and attractive. It is fairly simple to make plus it contains real dairy products—which we all know we need in our diets."

STRAWBERRY PIZZA

Crust:
1½ cups flour
1 cup butter
¼ cup brown sugar
¼ cup chopped pecans
Mix the above ingredients together and spread onto an ungreased 10x15 cookie sheet. Bake at 400 degrees for 10-15 minutes or until golden brown.

Filling:
8 ounces cream cheese
¾ cup confectioners' sugar
8-ounces whipped cream
Mix these ingredients together and spread onto the cooled crust.

Topping:
3-ounces strawberry Jell-O
½ cup sugar
1 cup water
4 tablespoons corn starch
4 cups sliced strawberries
Mix first four ingredients together and cook until thickened. Cool, then add the strawberries. Place this mixture on top of the cream cheese mixture and chill.

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