

Dairy Market Outlook

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The cooperative has gone a long way in the last seven years. After the fall of the Soviet Union, all the collective farms were broken up. The cheese plants no longer had a supply of milk. They approached Ion to help set up collection stations in and around the village. I arrived just as one truckload of milk was arriving from a collection station. They were unloading it into a cooling tank. It takes about 4 hours to chill the milk for delivery. There was already a second truck loaded up with milk that was to be delivered to a nearby cheese plant.

Milk is a key industry in much of rural Moldova. It supplies the villagers with a steady source of hard currency. They can also use the milk to purchase supplies and

other necessary items. For example, one of the services of the cooperative is to offer credit to their members to purchase necessary supplies. I saw loaves of bread neatly stacked in one of the rooms in the cooperative. The villagers can then barter bread for milk. This is one way the cooperative is helping the villagers,

since bread is an essential part of the Moldovan diet.

Speaking of diet, I don't think I'm going to lose much weight on this trip. I'm staying in a boarding house in the village. For lunch today they served a typical Moldovan soup made of cream, butter, potatoes and other spices. Then, we were served mashed potatoes and fried

ground pork. It was delicious. I just hope and pray that the soup was hot enough to pasteurize the

cream. I guess I'll find out by tonight. Don't worry about me — I have plenty of antibiotics!

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Loaders: 1978 Case W20 pay loader, serial #9123279, articulates, new Cummins engine in 1998; (2) Bobcat 751 skid steer loaders, both 4 yr. old diesels.
4 Trucks: '85 Int. 1900 w/16' dump body, diesel; '86 Int. w/18' dump body, diesel; '73 Int. w/14' dump, gas; '75 Chevy truck w/dump, gas.
Tillage equipment: JD 2600, 4 btm. plow, spring reset, side hill hitch; White 598, 5 btm. plow, variable width 14"-22", spring trip w/side hill hitch; White 400 chisel plow, 10 shank w/3 subsoilers; Brillion 13' cultimulcher; JD 12' transport disc; Brillion fold-up drag; Field sprayer.
Planting & harvesting equipment: NH, FP 240 chopper, dual axle, metal alert, & kernel processor (only chopped 100 acres); NH 3 PN, 3 row corn head (used one season); NH 900W hay head (8 yrs. old). All three sell separate. NH 1412 discbine 10 1/2', bought new midway through 2002 haying season; 2 NH 256 hay rakes; White 6100, 6 row corn planter; Brillion SS-1201 cultipacker seeder; Steel kicker wagon; 3 Hi dump wagons (2 Fargos, one Du Al 588); 3 Hay & grain elevators on rubber (approx. 42', 20' and a 24' Little Giant); Kilbros gravity wagon.
Spreaders: Huskie 3850 gal. liquid manure spreader, dual axle; NI manure spreader.
Misc.: Wood heifer trailer. Not much small stuff. Note starting time, 11 AM.
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