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Always the Local Food

by Don Boelens

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Where does my food come from?

It seems you hear this asked somewhere almost every day. With today's big push among consumers to buy locally grown foods, there is one food that is frequently overlooked in this conversation. Dairy!

When you get down to it, milk is America's original 'local food.' Think about it. The milk that consumers purchase in their local grocery stores comes from family-owned dairy farms that surround their hometown and dot the landscapes across their state. You never pick up a gallon of milk and read a label that says it was produced in Peru, or Mexico. No way! Milk has always been and will always be a locally produced protein source available all year round no matter what the season.

A recent research study found that it takes just 48 hours (2 days) for milk to travel from the farm to the grocery store. That's amazing freshness every day of the year!

It is also possible to source locally produced cheeses, too. While you certainly can find many foreign-made cheeses in the dairy case, it is easy to pick up locally produced, American-made cheeses. Many of these, like the Swiss Valley Farms brands, are award-winning cheeses made right here in the Midwest.



CEO Don Boelens

June Dairy Month is an excellent time to salute dairy producers for working hard all year round, sometimes for generations, to keep these local foods on the grocery store shelves. This tradition continues despite the fact that there are fewer dairies in America every year. Since 1992, America has lost over 80,000 of its dairy farms. There are currently less than 52,000 dairy farms in America. Of the 80,000 dairies that exited the business during the past two decades, the vast majority, or 72%, sold their cows between 1992 and 2002.

It is good to know that 98% of these remaining dairies are still family owned. The other 2% include farms that are university-owned (such as the Iowa State

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Over the Years

Dairy Producers Increase Sustainability

The story of the American dairy industry's advancements in improving its sustainability is extremely positive. In fact, dairy's sustainability keeps improving by leaps and bounds. Below are some key facts and impressions of how far these important efforts have come.

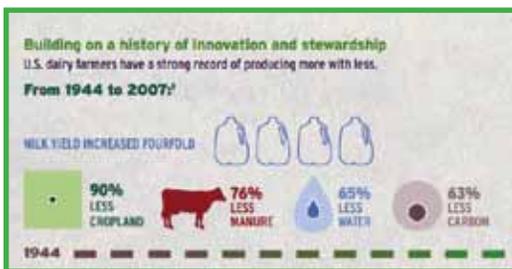
A study conducted by the Applied Sustainability Center of the University of Arkansas found that the carbon footprint of one gallon of milk, from farm to table, is 17.6 pounds of carbon dioxide equivalents (CO₂e) per gallon of milk produced on U.S. farms. The total fluid milk **carbon footprint** is approximately 35 million metric tons, which means that total U.S. dairy greenhouse gas emissions are only about 2 percent of total U.S. emissions, far lower than had been previously reported.

According to Cornell University, the dairy community has already reduced its **carbon footprint** by more than 60 percent between 1944 and 2007, due to improved cow nutrition, cow comfort, quality of the animals and other improvements. Compared to farms in 1960, USDA statistics show that U.S. dairy farms today are producing almost three times more milk with about half the number of cows.

Dairy farmers use **water** responsibly and judiciously. For example, water used to clean the milking parlor is reused to clean feed alleys and then to irrigate fields. Using manure to fertilize the soil has many advantages, including water conservation. Manure increases the water-holding capacity of soil by 20 percent, so less groundwater is needed to grow crops.

Manure can also be composted and sold to local garden stores. Some farmers dry it and use it as a bedding source similar to sawdust. There are even farmers who are able to turn their manure into **energy** using methane digesters.

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*"Through our renewed commitment, USDA and the Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy will continue to help dairy farmers improve the **sustainability** of their operations and reduce dairy's greenhouse gas emissions by 25 percent by 2020."*

--TOM VILSACK, United States Secretary of Agriculture



Graphics courtesy of the Innovative Center for U.S. Dairy. For more details on America's sustainability efforts, download the Center's full report at: <http://www.usdairy.com/sustainability/industry-commitment>

Here Are the 2014 Scholarship Winners



Taylor Przybylski, Krakow, Wis

Each year, Swiss Valley Farms gives out eight scholarships to co-op members. Five of these are for students pursuing an agriculture-based degree and three are for students pursuing any degree. The co-op's Board is pleased to sponsor these scholarships to assist members' in their dreams of achieving higher education.

This year's scholarship judge was Carolyn Liebrand, an ag economist for the USDA, Rural Business-Cooperative Service out of Washington DC. Liebrand frequently contributes articles to the *USDA Cooperatives* magazine. She had something to say about all of this year's winners.

Taylor Przybylski of Krakow, Wis. will receive a \$1,000 ag scholarship. The daughter of co-op members Gary and Diane Przybylski, Taylor attends the University of Wisconsin at Green Bay, where she is majoring in biology with an animal emphasis. She plans on going to veterinary school to become a large animal veterinarian. She is a 2013 graduate of Pulaski High School.

"Taylor has demonstrated leadership skills while participating in both agriculture and non-ag activities. She was active both on the farm and in several off-farm positions. She provided excellent insight when explaining why she chose biology, with an emphasis on animal biology, as her career path. Taylor's ambition is clearly evident in her well-written essay, in which she detailed the steps she plans to follow to accomplish her goal of becoming a large animal veterinarian."



Charlie Hamilton, Cuba City, Wis

Charlie Hamilton of Cuba City, Wis. will receive a \$1,000 ag scholarship. The son of co-op members John and Evie Hamilton, Charlie is a 2014 graduate of Cuba City High School and will be attending the University of Wisconsin at Madison this fall to major in Dairy Science.

"Charlie has accomplished much in his agricultural pursuits, participating at a high level in numerous agricultural organizations. He has won awards for these efforts and demonstrated leadership skills. He is clearly passionate about the dairy industry. Charlie has a plan to pursue a dairy science degree, which he says will also expose him to other fields in the dairy industry that he may wish to pursue."

Swiss Valley Farms director Pat Schroeder from Lancaster, Wis. presented the scholarship to Charlie Hamilton during the senior awards night at Cuba City High School.



Brandon L. Schmitz of Norwalk, Wis. will receive a \$500 ag scholarship. He is the son of co-op members Brian and Roxane Schmitz. A 2014 graduate of Cashton High School, he will be attending Winona State University to pursue studies in Ecology.

“Brandon has been active in a variety of agricultural organizations and won awards in several different sports. In addition to his active role on his family farm, he has had off-farm summer employment. Brandon has decided to pursue a career that aligns with his love of nature, so he will study ecology, wildlife biology, and/or conservation. He already has some potential employers in mind.”

Shelly Steffen of New Vienna, Iowa will receive a \$500 scholarship. She is the daughter of co-op members Wayne and Janice Steffen and a 2011 graduate of Western Dubuque High School. She attends the University of Wisconsin at Platteville and studies agribusiness.

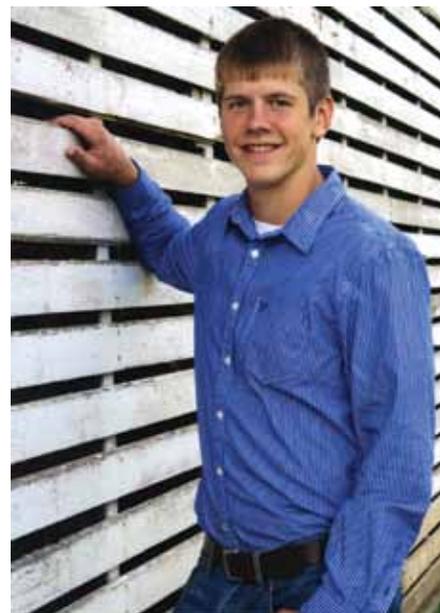
“Shelly provided an excellent narrative regarding how she arrived at her career choice. Her participation in numerous student and agricultural organizations – as well as in some part-time jobs – provides her with a strong foundation for her career in agribusiness.”



Dillin Hofmeister, Geneva, Iowa

Dillin Hofmeister of Geneva, Iowa will receive a \$500 ag scholarship. He is the son of Dallas and Pat Hofmeister and a 2014 graduate of AGWSR High School. Dillin plans to attend Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls and study agronomy.

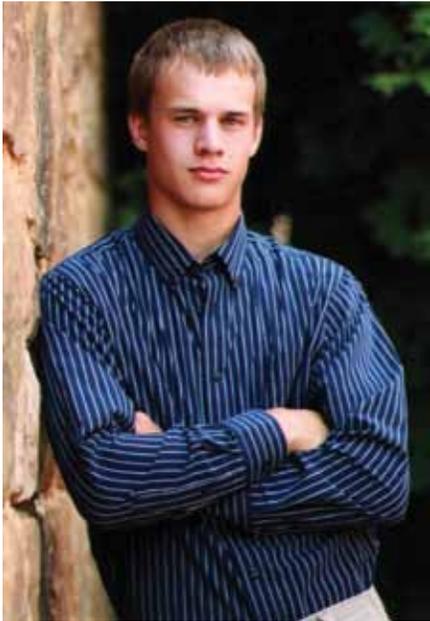
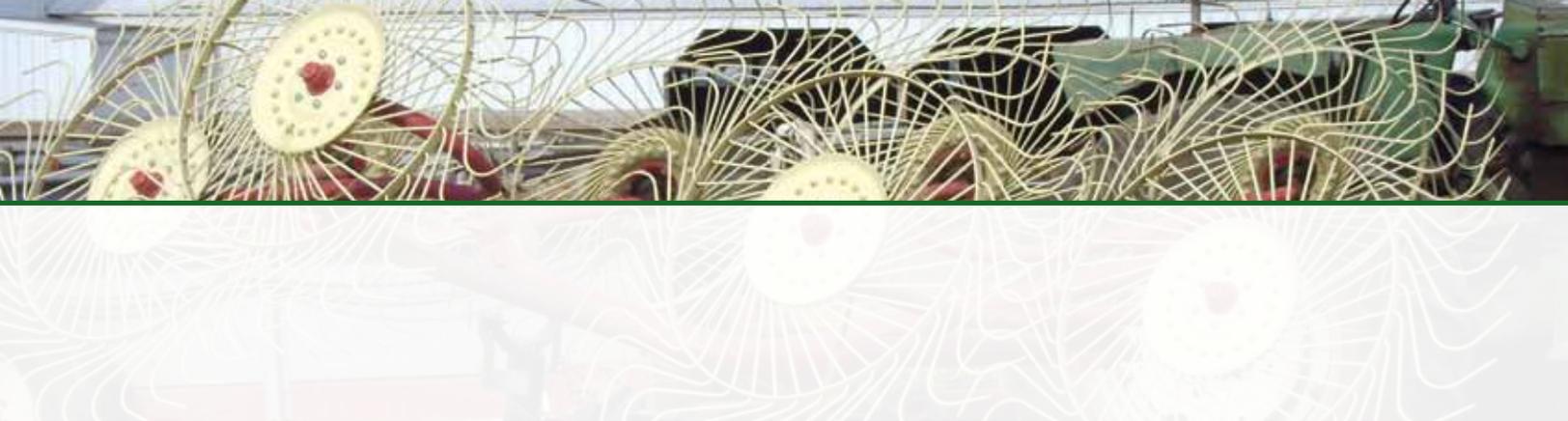
“Dillin ran his family’s farm for two months while his father was incapacitated. He has been active in both agricultural organizations and team sports. He has developed specific goals and a plan to achieve them through the study of agronomy and farm business management.”



Brandon L. Schmitz, Norwalk, Wis

Shelly Steffen, New Vienna, Iowa





Evan Kuhl, Hazel Green, Wis

Evan Kuhl of Hazel Green, Wis. will receive a \$500 scholarship. He is the son of co-op members Thomas and Karla Kuhl and a 2014 graduate of Southwestern High School. He plans to attend Southwest Wisconsin Technical College in Fennimore and study engineering technology.

“Evan served in leadership roles in a variety of organizations. In addition to playing sports, he refereed and coached. Evan provided a clear, concise explanation for his choice to pursue an engineering technology degree.”



Rachel Wagner, Monona, Iowa

Robin Kime of Waucoma, Iowa will receive a \$500 scholarship. She is the daughter of Daniel and Annette Kime and a 2013 graduate of Turkey Valley High School. She attends Kirkwood Community College where she studies English education and public relations with an ag/dairy emphasis.

“As the Iowa Guernsey dairy princess, Robin Kime has been very active in both dairy and community organizations. She convincingly outlined how her interest in public relations studies could even lead to a career in the dairy industry.”



Robin Kime, Waucoma, Iowa

Rachel Wagner of Monona, Iowa will receive a \$500 scholarship. She is the daughter of Steve and Paula Wagner and a 2013 graduate of MFL MAR MAC High School. She attends Northeast Iowa Community College in Peosta where she studies radiologic technology.

“Rachel is her class valedictorian and participated in agricultural and community organizations, as well as on sports teams. Her well-written essay explained the events and interests that led to her career choice of Radiologic Technology.”

‘Second Chance’ Outstanding YC Contest



Kimberly Strait, Preston, Iowa

Kimberly Strait of Preston, Iowa, was presented with the 2014 **Carl and Norma Zurborg Scholarship** for Dairy Science for \$1,000 at this spring's Iowa State Dairy Science banquet. Kimberly is the daughter of co-op members Robert and Tammy Strait. She is a dairy science major at ISU and hopes to eventually enroll in veterinary school. She was a 2012 recipient of a \$1,000 Swiss Valley Farms ag scholarship.

The Zurborg Scholarship was established by Swiss Valley Farms and the Zurborg family after Carl Zurborg retired as the long-time CEO of the cooperative. It is offered to first year ISU dairy science majors who are Swiss Valley members and are in good academic standing and actively involved in co-curricular events in the dairy industry.

How bad was last winter?

It was so bad that none of the YC'ers had time to even think about participating last February in the **Outstanding Young YC Contest**.

Well, it's summer now and everyone will get a second chance.

Announcing the **2014 Second Chance Outstanding Young Cooperator Contest**. All Swiss Valley Young Cooperators will have the opportunity to participate in this contest on Aug. 11 in Prairie du Chien, Wis.

The contest will be held over the noon hour and early afternoon. Any Swiss Valley Farms young cooperator who is 18 to 40 years old is eligible to participate. Winning this contest means you will represent the co-op in the national YC conference at the 2014 NMPF Dairy Summit, which will be held in late October in Dallas, Tex. To get your Second Chance YC Contest application, send an e-mail to nancy.feeney@swissvalley.com.

Deadline to return these applications is August 4th.

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University dairy farm) or company-owned (such as Purina) and corporately-owned (such as Horizon Organics).

The USDA estimates that the average U.S. dairy farm today milks 200 cows. This is roughly a 142% increase in herd size in the past 20 years. Why? Many dairy producers like you have become larger to allow siblings, children or other family members to join the family business. Like many smart business owners, dairy farm families are expanding to improve efficiencies. You take advantage of new technology to modernize your operations and provide better cow care, improve milk quality and use fewer natural resources. USDA statistics show that today's U.S. dairy farms produce almost three times more milk using half the number of cows.

These improvements continue to provide local consumers, as well as hungry people all across the world, with high-quality, affordable milk and dairy foods. Thanks to all dairy producers for working hard and continuing to be part of the local food movement. Let's spread the 'local word' as we celebrate June Dairy month.

Wisconsin Dairy Family Gets An Assist



Three generations of the Berg family were on hand to greet Wisconsin Governor Tommy Walker when he visited their dairy. **Seated from left are:** Helen Berg, Gov. Walker and Jeff Berg. **Standing from left are:** Aaron, Johanna, Macey, Emma & husband Jacob Scriver.

“We were honored to have Governor Walker and other Ag representatives from Madison visit our farm,” says Jeff and Johanna Berg, Swiss Valley Farms members from LaCrosse, Wis. A former Swiss Valley Farms director, Jeff and three generations of the Berg family were delighted to host Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker and Ag Secretary Ben Brancel on their Lane Creek Dairy, LLC in early May to announce the 43 recipients of the ‘Grow Wisconsin Dairy 30x20 Grants.’

“We are grateful for the help we have received from the State of Wisconsin, AgrAbility of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Division of Workforce Development, and

others, to update our farm and keep it running so that our children can take it over, and it can continue to be a working family farm in Wisconsin,” Jeff said.

Jeff started dairying on the home farm with his parents, Ernest and Helen, right out of high school. Today, he farms 160 acres southeast of LaCrosse and milks 60 Holsteins in a robotic parlor he installed in 2012. He gets help on the farm from Johanna, and their children: Aaron, Macey, Carlie, and her husband, Jacob Scriver.

“The dairy farmers will use these grants to make management changes, transition the farm and plan

for future modernization,” Gov. Walker told the group. Representatives from AgrAbility of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Division of Workforce Development were present to highlight the unique partnerships state organizations have to assist farmers in this state with a disability or limitation in production agriculture.

“The farmers in Wisconsin truly are driven and passionate just like Jeff Berg and his family,” said Gov. Walker.

AgrAbility of Wisconsin is a program designed to provide services to farmers, their families or people working in farm-related professions who are coping with the effects of a disability. Jeff is eligible to receive assistance from these groups due to his multiple sclerosis diagnosis. Program staff members design a customized assistance plan based on the type of farming operation and the type of disability. This is a unique partnership between the UW-Madison Department of Biological Systems Engineering, UW Cooperative Extension, Easter Seals Wisconsin and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Now in its twentieth year, the program is funded primarily by a direct federal grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The grant pays for UW-Extension activities and case management by the Easter Seals FARM team. Private foundations also provide some financial support for the program.

“Thank you to everyone involved for teaming together to help farmers and their families continue doing what they love to do – that is, farm!” Johanna said.

At right: Jeff Berg answers Gov. Walker’s questions about the robotic milking process as he peers through the office window.



At left: Gov. Walker faces the group and makes his presentation while standing in the Berg’s new free stall barn.

At right: Ben Brancel, Secretary of Agriculture for Wisconsin, chats with Helen Berg before the ‘Grow Wisconsin Dairy 30x20 Grant’ presentation ceremony begins.



'Day@the Dairy' is an Ongoing Hit

by Nancy Feeney



At left: Owners of Highway Dairy in Darlington, siblings Jean and Jay Stauffacher, stopped long enough to have their photo taken in front of one of the many tents set up on their dairy to host learning stations.

On opposite page, clockwise from left to right: Bob Middendorf of WGLR Radio, interviews Jay Stauffacher during the event. Students experience what it's like to place working inflations on a cow's udder. 2013 Alice in Dairyland Kristin Olson asks students a question during her presentation on the dairy industry's influence on Wisconsin's economy. An FFA volunteer talks about how the cows live and eat in a freestall barn. Jay's son Aaron Stauffacher explains to the students how the cows get milked in the parlor.

For the second year in a row, four dairies in Wisconsin's Lafayette County have teamed up to spread the good word about dairying to all fourth-grade classes in their area. This second annual "Day@the Dairy" was held in Darlington, Wis. on the 600-cow dairy of co-op members Jay and Jean Stauffacher.

With the help of a small army of volunteers, Highway Dairy was this year's host for the 350 fourth-graders who happily climbed down the steps of ten school buses, were handed a bright yellow t-shirt and then were directed to one of ten learning stations set out across the dairy. Dozens of FFA students from across the county assisted at all the stations, lending their dairy expertise as well as organizational skills.

2013 Alice in Dairyland Kristin Olson was there to speak to the children about the important economic impact of agriculture in Wisconsin. All the children rotated among the stations situated throughout the free stall barn, milking parlor and under tents on the dairy. WGLR farm broadcaster Bob Middendorf was on hand to interview Jay

and Kristin, as well as other dairy producers, volunteers and even some fourth graders. A hot lunch of pizza, prepared and cooked on site, was served with milk under cover of a tent as the students rotated among the many stations. Stations topics included nutrition, maternity, dairy breeds, farm safety and cheese sampling.

Enthusiasm among students and volunteers ran high throughout the day as youngsters scampered from station to station. While overseeing the mass of activity, Jay and Jean were proud to host this event on their dairy. They were also proud that among the event's many sponsors, which included the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board, all expenses, as well as bus transportation, were covered for the schools. "This was a fun and educational opportunity at no cost to the district," Jay said.

This annual event rotates among the four key dairies: Darlington Ridge, Red Rock View Farms, Cottonwood Dairy LLC and Highway Dairy.

The day concluded with malts and a group photo of all 350 participants.



‘What Can I Do to Improve My Attitude?’

by Matt Booth

“This is one of the most asked questions I get. Being positive most of the time allows you to enjoy life more.”

Motivational speaker Matt Booth of Dubuque, Iowa, has spoken to the Swiss Valley Farms Young Cooperator group as well as at national YC meetings. Matt strives to make a difference in someone’s life by helping them achieve a more positive attitude. He would love to hear from you. You can reach him at matt@mattbooth.com.



Matt Booth

- 1. Be Yourself** – Do more of the things you love. It is the only way to be happy.
- 2. Improve Yourself** – If you’re improving, even a little bit, you’ll be more positive.
- 3. Help Others** – Nothing makes a person feel better than helping others in need. When you help others, you can’t help but be more positive.
- 4. Take an Attitude Inventory** – This includes your attitude as well as those around you.
- 5. Birds of a Feather** – You will eventually become like the people you hang around. Keep yourself in the company of positive thinking people. Distance yourself from the doom and gloomers; find more positive people to spend time with.
- 6. Be Selective** – Of information you get. Garbage in, Garbage out.
- 7. Be a Doer** – Rather than a watcher. Take a walk rather than watching The Biggest Loser.
- 8. Be an Attitude Warrior** – If you don’t defend your attitude, who will?
- 9. Don’t Be Perfect** – Bad crap happens to good people. Don’t expect to be positive 100% of the time; just try to be positive as often as possible.
- 10. One of Those Days** – It’s OK to have one of those days, just not five years in a row.
- 11. Choose** – You’re responsible for our own attitude; others do not control how you think. Decide to be positive and make it happen.
- 12. Relax** – Don’t fight a challenging situation; it only makes it worse. Relax, breathe and accept it.
- 13. Affirmations** – Think positive thoughts and say positive things to yourself. If might seem goofy but it works!
- 14. Be Grateful** – For what you have. There is always something to be grateful for.
- 15. Laugh** – Bring more laughter into your life. It is a powerful way to improve your attitude.
- 16. Pray or Meditate** – For a couple of minutes every day. You’ll be surprised how positive this can be.
- 17. Celebrate** – Your own successes and the successes of those around you as often as you can.
- 18. Have a Plan** – It lets you stay focused on where you are going instead of getting bogged down in the day to day drama.
- 19. Control Your Environment** – You make choices everyday about where you live, the work you do, and where you go. If your environment isn’t supporting your positive attitude, change it.
- 20. Be Selfish** – Take care of YOU first. Give yourself permission to make YOU a priority.



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ON THE COVER: Our June Dairy Month cover photo was submitted last year as a calendar entry by Lynne Wingert of South Lane Farm, Epworth, Iowa. Thanks, Lynne! She makes a charming cover girl!



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100,001 - 200,000.....	30%
200,001 - 300,000.....	28%
300,001 - 400,000.....	20%
400,001 - 500,000.....	8%
500,001 and above.....	8%



Have Your Lab Counts Texted to You

Swiss Valley members can now get a text message delivered to their cell phones containing their components from every tank of milk picked up on their dairy as soon as the lab sends the results to Swiss Valley, which is usually the next day.

Lab results include components (butterfat, protein and other solids), SCC and MUN score. The text is identified by the sequence number the hauler puts on the sample when picking up the milk.

To get signed up for texting, send your producer number and your cell phone number and cell phone provider to tim.genthe@swissvalley.com.

Welcome
**NEW SWISS
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WILLIAM EATON
Darlington, WI

EMILY PARKER
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Future Milk Contracts Are Made Through the Blimling Office

Future Milk Contracting is open to Swiss Valley Farms members only. All futures' contracts are made directly through Blimling and Associates. To contract milk, call the offices of Blimling and Associates at 1-800-945-8891 and give them your farm number to get the process started. Through Blimling, you will have access to live market pricing and your contracting window will be larger.

You may contract milk from:

- 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday CST and 8:30 to 1 p.m. Friday CST for the Class III-based program.
- 9:05 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday CST for Total Price Contracts (this includes Producer Price Contracts) and Options-based contracts.

For more details on Forward Fixed Price Milk Contracting, Swiss Valley members can log on to the members-only section of swissvalley.com.

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ANTIBIOTIC POLICY

Antibiotic Policy

If a member suspects antibiotics in his or her bulk tank & calls a SWISS VALLEY FARMS field representative to report this before dumping the milk:

- **1st time** in a calendar year, the coop will pay 80% of the milk.
- **2nd & 3rd times** in a calendar year, the coop will pay 50% of the milk.
- **Over 3 times** in a calendar year, the coop will pay **zero**.

On the 1st offense, if a member has purchased a test kit and detects the positive antibiotic milk, SWISS VALLEY FARMS, CO. will reimburse that member \$75.00 toward the cost of the test kit.

All claims must be received by the corporate office for payment no later than 60 days after the milk was dumped.

The earliest dated claim turned in will be paid at 80% payment.

If antibiotics are found to be present in a farm truckload as a result of a screening test, the member will NOT be paid for that shipment of milk, and will be assessed as follows:

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Is all the STUFF in your life driving you crazy? Susan Taylor of Dubuque County Extension will present her insights into how to "DeClutter Your Life." In her workshop, you will develop a personalized plan of attack for clearing out the clutter and reorganizing what really matters.

All Swiss Valley Gals are invited to attend both meetings.

Fall 2014 Swiss Valley Gals Meetings
September 9 – Country Junction, Dyersville, Iowa
September 17 – Gray Dog Deli, Mineral Point, Wis.
-- includes tour of the Pendarvis Historic Site

11 a.m. – Registration Begins 11:45 a.m. – Lunch
12:30 p.m. – Speaker 2 p.m. – Adjournment