

What's Happening at Cornell Farms

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Now that it's warmed up a bit, we've been able to get some of the cattle out on pasture. We have completely used up all the hay so we really had no choice.

Because of the late spring, we had to purchase 200 more bales (\$35 each). It was one of those unplanned purchases that keep farming interesting.

Here's a picture of "Nugget" out on pasture.



We've lost a few calves – most happened a few weeks after they were born. That's always a bit sad but it does allow Rebecca, her friend Steph (from Toronto), Garnet and his friend Sarah to do a few autopsies. Rebecca and Steph are hoping to apply to vet school in the fall. Garnet and Sarah bring some of the organs to Biology class to provide a real hand-on experience.

It's been quite busy around here. We are now going to three markets – Sioux

Lookout, Fort Frances and Thunder Bay. We did get one field planted with oats but we have two more fields to go. We were interrupted by the wet weather. Our bull sales have started. We sell both yearling (1 year old) and 2 year old bulls as breeding stock.



We always know when spring is here because Garnet gets his clipped. Here's Rebecca in action. Her experience with cattle clippers comes in handy.

On the personal end, Garnet's soccer team made it to the NorWOSSA final but lost to Kenora. Here's a picture of Garnet getting one of their goals. He's now starting summer basketball as part of an international league with high school students in



Minnesota. Prom is now over and Garnet and Sarah looked just wonderful.

Rebecca just started a summer job in Thunder Bay with the Ministry of Natural Resources. She will be doing lake surveys and thus will learn a lot about working with fish. We are really going to miss her help around the farm but it will be a great learning experience for her.

We are in the midst of planning another Barn Dance/Grad Party at the farm. We are being joined by four other local families to plan this event. It's always a great time.

