

# What's Happening at Cornell Farms

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All the cattle are now out on pasture so we can get busy with the planting and harvesting of hay. We have two out of the three fields seeded. This involves breaking up the topsoil with the disc, cultivating, spraying to kill all the weeds, planting the seeds and then using a roller to make sure they are planted well.

We have chosen to plant some grains because the cost of feed for our animals has sky-rocketed in price due to the plan to use food crops for fuel. This is just one example of how a political decision for one sector can have a major impact on a different sector altogether.

Sometimes we forget how interconnected we all are.

Haying has started but it's still a bit of a challenge with the changing weather patterns. A hot, breezy day is the best weather for haying.



The highlight of the month was Kim winning one of the Regional Premier's Awards for Agricultural Innovation. He was one of 2 winners from Northwestern Ontario and won the award for his innovative use of a wireless debit/credit card machine at farmers' markets and his beef products that use wild rice as one of the ingredients.



Garnet has graduated from high school and so is now home full-time to help us on the farm. He received a variety of Athletic, Academic and Music Awards. Here's his pictures of him graduating and also with some of his trophies. We joined four other local families and hosted a barn dance to celebrate graduation.



Here's a few pictures of the party. The dance floor was full! Shannon Darby (Rainy River Elk Company) joined the band with her violin for one of the songs and Garnet sang "Ain't No Sunshine". We even had a couple of bag pipers join with the band. It was a great way to end the school year.

We hope to have another barn event on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Watch for the details the next time you visit the market.

