

What's Happening at Cornell Farms

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It has been really busy here at Cornell Farms. We finally got the cattle sorted and out on pasture. The first step in the process is to develop a breeding plan. This is when we decide which bull to breed to each female. Once that's decided, we divide the cows and calves into various groups so that they can be taken (by truck and trailer) to the correct pasture with the assigned bull. This sometimes seems like a monumental task when you take into account that there are 160 cow-calf pairs and 50 heifers.

We also have a special pen for cattle that are to be artificially inseminated (AI). Once they are bred, they are then moved into the assigned pastures (our back-up plan in case AI doesn't work).



Here are some pictures of moving the cattle to the sorting pens. Notice how we block off part of the lane to make sure they turn into the correct field.



We also made a quick trip to southern Ontario for Rebecca's Graduation from the University of Guelph. Her major is Biological Science, Honours. Kim's parents also came with us to celebrate this happy occasion. For those of you who may not be familiar with Ontario, it was a 20 hour drive for us to get there.



Pat, Rebecca, Kim, Garnet



Pat's parents, & Kim's parents with Rebecca



Garnet travelled to southern Ontario a few days earlier to participate in the All Ontario Tournament for High School Soccer. His team was representing Northwestern Ontario. Garnet's in the black uniform.



A'Court is a fantastic blues guitar player and if you get a chance to see him, we encourage you to go. Two local boys, Kenneth Kellar and Ross Kircher opened for him. Our next concert on June 19th is all young, local musicians. We are excited to have them perform at Cornell Farms before they become famous. Details about all our concerts can be found on our web site www.cornellfarms.ca.