

What's Happening at Cornell Farms

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We've been really busy the last few weeks and had quite a bit of excitement. All of the cattle are now on pasture and the calves look really good. Here are a couple of pictures of them.



We also purchased a new disc bine for \$20,000 US to help reduce the time we spend haying. It has already saved on fuel costs by reducing our haying time by two-thirds.

We've had two events in the barn since our last report.



The first was the "Concert of Excellence" and featured all local talent. It started off with a bang when one of the beams cracked and the floor sunk three feet. Everyone just rearranged and the concert continued. Here are a couple of pictures of some of the performances. (even Garnet sang – a solo and a duet and our niece Shannon Darby performed a violin concerto).



Our second event was a 50th Birthday Party for a neighbour. It was a "Fifties" theme with decorations, a juke box, and diner menu. It was a lot of fun and everyone dressed up in "fifties" clothing – even the teenagers.

We did have to repair the beam. A neighbour gave us a 22 foot, 13 inch square white pine beam to use (the perfect size) and some other friends helped us install it. Here are a couple a pictures of that adventure. One is of Rebecca using a winch and an a-frame to help raise it in place from above. We also used the tractor on the other end.



Rebecca is again working for MNR doing lake surveys north of Dryden. Some of you may have heard that there was a tornado in the Ear Falls area. Three men were killed. Rebecca was right in the vicinity and had just gotten off this lake about 45 minutes before it happened. The MNR crew were some of the first on the scene and helped where needed. It was quite an experience. Here's a picture of the tornado.

Our next concert is on August 5th. It will feature singer-songwriter and cello player Kevin Fox with local vocalist Sarah Hebert as the opener. Details can be found on our web site www.cornellfarms.ca.