

What's Happening at Cornell Farms

March, 2010



Things have been extremely busy at Cornell Farms. Calving started March 1st and it's been fast and furious. Rebecca's home to help us and it's a good thing. By the 15th, we've had 40 calves which include four sets of twins. We have 170 cows left to go.

Here's a picture of our maternity pen.

All the animals are moved close to the house and barn so that we can check on them every two or three hours. We also try to feed them in the evening (research says that this will help them to calve during the day).



Every calf that's born has to be weighed and tagged. Here's Joe Sletmoen, a neighbour and Rebecca doing this job. (Joe's doing the weighing and Rebecca's doing the tagging).



In the middle of this activity, we also have to get our bull promotion material ready. This means clipping and photographing the bulls we have for sale. Joe and Rebecca do the clipping and Pat takes the pictures. It's really no different than a person getting their head shaved. Here's the finished photograph of CRNL 34W, one of the yearling bulls. You can

check out the finished brochure on our website www.cornellfarms.ca under Breeding Cattle.



At the beginning of March, Kim and Pat attended the Northern Foods Conference in Thunder Bay. It was a celebration of local foods. Pat judged the Iron Chef competition. Three local chefs competed by preparing three dishes – appetizer, main dish and dessert from a surprise basket of local foods. They had to do this in 1 ½ hours. They all did a great job.

On a final note, March is one of the prettiest times of the year when the hoar frost is on the trees. It's beautiful and the trees just shimmer in the sunlight.

