

What's Happening at Cornell Farms

April/May, 2010



April and May has been a really busy time at Cornell Farms. Besides calving 200+ cows, we have had a lot of visitors. The maternity pen is getting a bit empty. It has been really nice tagging and weighing calves without having to deal with mud. The rain just started a few days ago. It was really needed!!!! There have already been a lot of fires this season and the lakes are very low. A mild winter has not been a good thing. We'll have to wait and see how the hay crop is this year. So far, it doesn't look too promising.

In the middle of April, Kim and Pat, and Kim's parents Gordon and Jeannine headed to Pennsylvania to attend a wedding of one of the young men who worked for us. We were



able to send a day in Lancaster County touring some of the Amish farms. It was a really nice break. Kim had just finished the seeding just before we left so not a lot of worries. Rebecca stayed home and looked after the farm and all the cows and calves. Here are a couple of pictures from that trip – one of the farms we saw, and



Jeannine and Gordon in front of one of the many blossoming trees.



Also some pictures of the cows and calves and Kim working on the cultivator (the seed drill is to the left).



Garnet has arrived home from Guelph and passed everything this semester (whew!!!!). He and Rebecca are hoping to live together in the fall. Our spring visitors have included our friend Jarrod and his aunt (moving to Prince Edward Island from Vancouver Island); Rebecca's friends Robbie and Danielle (from southern Ontario to Red Lake as part of the summer fire-fighting crew); Rebecca's friends Maria and Kaitlin (from southern Ontario to Alberta for summer jobs); and Pat's sisters Sharon and Dianne (from southern Ontario for a quick visit). They usually come for supper, breakfast, a bed for the night and a care package of meat and Pat's famous chocolate chip cookies. Company is always welcome!

The Thunder Bay Market has started; Fort Frances and Sioux Lookout in May and the rest in June. We have our first barn concert of the season scheduled for June 20th – Cara Luft from Manitoba.



Just a few pictures of one of the calves learning to stand (with help from Rebecca).