

What's Happening at Cornell Farms

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March is always a busy month at Cornell Farms with bulls and calves. It's the time of year that we're busy getting our bull promotion material out to potential buyers. At the same time, we're busy with calving.

Some cattle producers calve in January and February so that the calves are heavier in the fall when they are sold. At Cornell Farms we have always started to calve in March so that we are away from



the snow and can get them out onto pasture sooner. This year has proved to be quite a challenge with all the snow. We first had to plough a path to get the cows from their winter pasture to our calving area close to the barn. Here are some of the animals on that path.



Feeding was even a challenge. Because there is no frost in the ground, Kim has had to feed over the fence (driving on Pat's prized lawn). Heaven knows what type of tracks will be left on the lawn in the spring! There is still so much snow that we haven't been able to get the animals anywhere near pasture. The nursery



behind the barn is fairly crowded. Hopefully, we won't run out of hay before the grass starts to grow.



Our first calf arrived on March 6th. Our second calf on March 8th and by March 22nd, we had 60 calves including a couple sets of twins. Only 100+ more to go. Here are a few pictures of the calves. The one on the centre is one of the new born twins.



Our nephew Earle came up from southern Ontario and helped us out over March Break.



Our neighbour, Joe came over and helped us clip bulls (give them a hair cut) for their photo shoot for the promotion material. Pat's the photographer and Kim makes sure they are standing correctly for the picture. We're getting pretty good at it – 26 bulls in 4 hours!

