

# What's Happening at Cornell Farms

April/May, 2011



It's been a cold, wet spring at Cornell Farms. We've had a fairly successful calving season except for a few cows that got stuck in the mud. We were close to running out of hay but finally a few days of sunshine and the grass started to grow.



The cattle have now been moved onto pasture. Here are a couple of pictures of that activity – the holding pen and then the move to the handling facility. With a couple of experienced cows leading the way, it goes fairly easy. We even got all our seeding done before the rains came again.

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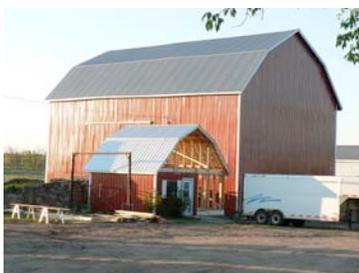


As with every year, our road and fields flooded with the spring thaw. Although it wasn't as bad as other years, the extra rain didn't help matters. Here are some pictures of the road to the farm and one of our fields.

The excitement in at the farm - short. Luckily we barn so it was the burned. The department was tractor was the only able to borrow neighbour for a few



May was a tractor fire probably an electrical got it out of the pole only thing that volunteer fire here quickly so the casualty. We've been another one from a weeks.



We've started construction on a walk-in freezer attached to the existing meat house. The builders have built it to be a small replica of our barn. We are really looking forward to its completion. The market season has already started and we are getting tired of trying to keep up using 7 or 8 chest freezers.

In April, Pat made a quick trip to southern Ontario to visit her parents. Rebecca has stayed in southern Ontario to work at a veterinary clinic in Tavistock. Garnet came home to help us on the farm. His girlfriend, Nicole (on the right) also came and is working at Lowey's Market Garden and Greenhouse. Kristen (on the left), one of Rebecca's classmates from Veterinary school joined us for the month of May to gain some large animal experience. She is now off to Ireland and England.



On a final note, mark you calendars for another play in the barn – "How the West Was Won in a Dress!" – June 24, 25, 29 and 30<sup>th</sup>. Should be fun!!!!