



December 2017

Another great year for the Cornell Family. Cattle prices are holding well. Bull sales and bred female sales were great this year. We still have a lot of cattle hanging around and with it a lot of work. With our Artisanal Chicken quota we raised 800 broilers to sell at the markets and hopefully be increasing that to 1000 in 2018. We also had an excellent crop of soybeans. They turned out great on our newly tiled land. We'll be tiling some more in 2018.



The big news at Cornell Farms is that both Rebecca and Garnet are planning weddings for 2018. Rebecca and Kelsey will be married July 7, 2018 in a Century Barn north of London, Ontario – close to where she lives and works as a large animal veterinarian. Both of the girls have travelled home throughout the year to help with calving, pregnancy checks and weaning. Rebecca is also helping us with herd health and Kelsey is helping with some of our business planning and education programmes. Both of them will be home for Christmas this year.

Garnet is marrying a young woman he's known his whole life – a close neighbour from a few miles down the road. Garnet and Michelle will be getting married on the farm August 18, 2018. Garnet continues to work as an Environmental Technician for New Gold - Rainy River Project. They have now moved from the construction phase to the production phase with a few gold bars already being poured. He also helps us around the farm when we need him which is great. Michelle is Manager of two local pharmacies.



Kim continues to travel throughout the region for Farmers' Markets in Thunder Bay, Sioux Lookout, Kenora, Fort Frances and Red Lake. Our sales keep increasing in this area and we are always developing new products – the latest is our whiskey burgers. It seems to be an expanding market for us. Kim and Pat continue to be busy with community commitments. Pat continues to work as a Justice of the Peace based in the Fort Frances Courthouse.

Pat and Kim visited the Fawcetts in Scottsdale again this year and then traveled north to Elko, Nevada for the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering. They met up with two of Pat's sisters there – Marie and Dianne and had lots of fun. They had an overnight in Las Vegas. They haven't been there since their delayed honeymoon in 1986 – what a change!



The family trip this year was to the World Angus Forum in Scotland. We all had a great time touring the area together. We even visited the Pope homestead in Brora Scotland. Kim's great grandfather William Pope homesteaded our farm so it was a great experience to visit the home where he grew up.

Kim, Pat and Kelsey also travelled to Ottawa for a Farm Management Conference. We took some side trips to visit some relatives including Kim's Aunt Audette and Uncle Don in Prescott, and Pat's Aunt Muriel in Orillia. Pat travelled down east to celebrate the life of her cousin Jon Marsh who passed away at a young age. She met up with many of her relatives on her Mom's side of the family. It was great to see so many people whom she hadn't visited in years.



Kim's parents, Gordon and Jeannine and Pat's parents, Earle and Joanne are still going strong – very busy!

We had two barn concerts this year. Joey Landreth from the Brothers Landreth did a solo concert at Cornell Farms. As well, the duo Keith and Renee performed. It was great fun for all. In case you think that we spend too much time having fun, we thought we'd include some farming pictures with this newsletter. Notice Kim's Dad (age 88) still comes over and helps every day.



Well, that's all the news for this year. We send out a quarterly e-newsletter with all the happenings. If you would like to be included on our e-mail list, let us know at cornellfarms@cornellfarms.ca. We have also been doing regular updates on Facebook & Twitter.

Kim, Pat, Rebecca, Kelsey, Garnet, Michelle