



December 2016

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. We also received Artisanal Chicken quota so raised 600 broilers to sell at the markets. Since most have been sold, we applied for an increase in 2017 – 800 birds. We still haven't heard whether we have been approved.



Rebecca continues to work as a large animal veterinarian at the Kirkton Veterinary Clinic and lives in St. Mary's Ontario. She and Kelsey come home and helps us throughout the year – especially with pregnancy checks and calving. Rebecca is also helping us with herd health. By following her advice, we had a reduction in calf scours this spring. Rebecca won't be coming home for Christmas this year. She will be spending it with Pat's family.

Garnet is now working full time as an Environmental Technician for New Gold - Rainy River Project. Although it is long hours, he is enjoying it very much. They are in the construction stage of the gold mine so there is a lot to do. He also helps us around the farm when we need him which is great. He's moved into one of our other farm-houses and has been busy with major renovations. Pat's sisters, Marie and Dianne came up and helped paint the house from top to bottom.



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. 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.

We all had a few trips this year. Rebecca to Jamaica, Ohio and New York State. Pat and Kim to Southern Ontario a few times and all the way out west to Slave Lake to visit long-time friends, Jan and Lester Perrott. Along the way, they made stops in Yorkton, Saskatchewan to visit Mike and Joanne Neilson; Edmonton, Alberta to visit Twyla and Martin Darrah and then a stop in Airdrie, Alberta to see Doug, Janet and Jaydon Cornell (Drew was away). Then it was off to Elko, Nevada for the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering.

The entire family went to Orlando, Florida for a great family vacation. We had a great time at Walt Disney World, Universal Studios and attending a Tampa Bay Lightning and Winnipeg Jets hockey game. The kids made all the arrangements. We would



definitely do something like that again.



Pat, all 5 sisters and her Mom and Dad made a special trip to Las Vegas, Nevada and Flagstaff, Arizona for a wonderful family vacation. A special thank you to Pat's youngest sister Brenda for making all the arrangements – activities included the Grand Canyon, Route 66, Barrington Meteor Crater, Lowell Observatory, Petrified Forest, Walnut Canyon Cliff Dwellings, Hoover Dam and of course, the Las Vegas Strip. It was the trip of a lifetime.

Pat and Kim also travelled to Prince Edward Island for the wedding of Rachel Dutton. While there, we visited the Beatons and Gunn McQuillans and even found time to visit some local Hereford and Angus farms.



We had two barn concerts this year. Eli Barsi, a singer-songwriter from Saskatchewan who we saw perform in Elko was back in June to perform after having to cancel last year. Ted O'Flaherty, a budding musician from Kenora, Ontario was the opener. Les Filles D'esprit, one of Kenora's best-kept secrets performed at Cornell Farms in August. These nine women are well known for their unique arrangements of everything from pop to gospel, classical to Broadway and everything in between. Check out the Cornell Farms YouTube Channel to see these performances.



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](mailto:cornellfarms@cornellfarms.ca). We have been doing more regular updates on Facebook and Twitter. Just search for "cornellfarms".

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