

What's Happening at Cornell Farms

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This month has been a bit wild at Cornell Farms. Between getting all the bull sale promotion coordinated and calving season in full swing there's hardly time to breathe.

All the yearling and two-year old bulls we have for sale this year are now on the website www.cornellfarms.ca. It was our first attempt to update the website and create the PDF sheet on our own. We did alright but did have our web designer "F3 Designs" do a little fixing just to get it right. One of the new things we added this year is a Cornell Farms YouTube Channel with some of the bulls on it. We took the video and had "Tom Foley" edit it.



Here's a few behind the scenes pictures of our bull photo shoot. We had our friends Joe, Kim Jo and Laura help get them ready while Pat did the photography.

Kim Jo and Laura clipping; Joe getting the bull's attention; and finally the finished product.



It's been a great spring with little snow and warm temperatures. This changed a few weeks ago when the rain started. It was so muddy in the maternity pen that we had to move the cattle out onto the hill. This adds a bit more work getting the cows in close to the barn when they are calving. The older ones seem to know what's expected so as soon as they begin to calve, they move towards the buildings, just waiting for us to open the gates and let them in (We think they know that they get the best hay if they calve in the barn). If they do calve on the hill, that means bringing the calf



in the tub with the four wheeler and momma following. Each calf is weighed, tagged, and given selenium and a preventative treatment for navel infection. It's just one way to make sure that they get a healthy start to their life.



The rest of the chores continue. Here are a few pictures of feeding time – filling the feeder; feeding the yearling bulls; pail feeding the big bulls grain. Thought you might enjoy the last 2 pictures. The calf at the back of the cow is a "thief", sneaking a suck while the cow is paying attention to her calf. Sometimes the cow doesn't even notice there are two of them sucking at the same time! Can't believe it – now it's snowing! Wet stuff. Looks like about 3 inches!!!