



Shenandoah Dairy

Moo News



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Farm Happenings

Great opportunities for 2017

We're looking to make Shenandoah Dairy a better place... better for the people, better for the cows, better for the community. Milk production has never been better. We are stroking 90 pounds & more per day per cow. The best we have done previously was 86. Reproduction and herd health are cruising along very nicely as well.



Parlor one is finally finished and back in production. It has been a struggle to

figure a workable schedule. But, I think we are on the right track now. It will take a few years to fill it up. The plan will be to increase cow numbers gradually through excellent care of the young stock and growing heifers. There will be several phases, but ultimately we will get to a total of 5000 cows milking through both parlors, that will be maximum capacity. Each phase will have plenty of changes, but it will all work out. The goal is to take the very best care of the cows will providing ever

improving livelihoods for all the people.

You'll see some improvements going on all around you. One is the free stall loops being repair in the tunnel barns. It's beginning to look like a new barn again. Best of all, you'll see cleaner cows. We replaced the skid steer with a mini loader. Honorio says, "you can look, but you cannot touch." This should really help us clean lanes and therefore, clean cows. We added a new (well... new to us) dump truck. It's a good bit larger, so it should help move the crap. We're adding some new water troughs and feed bunks. Using this double wall corrugated pipe is a new idea. We'll see. The calf department should not be left out. They got some new pens for their weaned calves.

We'll continue to look for improvements. One item being discussed is covered walk ways to and from the parlors (for the cows of course). We're also trying to update some silage trucks and the manure spreader. We need more free stall barns. The dry cows are first on the list (they most recently lost their barn where the 8th herd is).

When you have an idea, share it with us. It's your place. Help make it better.



*Miss January/February 2017
Cow #1537*



Cow of the month is 1537 she is producing around 170 pounds of milk a day. She is in her 5th lactation. She has had 1 heifer and 4 bulls. She has produced 120,000 pounds of milk in her lifetime so far. That is equal to 13,900 gallons of milk. Her highest lactation she produced 32,000. She is on pace to produce 36,000 lbs. of milk this lactation.

Her daughter is in her second lactation and her number is 6998. She is currently milking 120 pounds of milk and is projected to produce 31,000 pounds of milk this lactation.



Daughter 6998

**Interview with
Zach Fox**



- 1. How long have you worked at Shenandoah Dairy?** Two years 7 months
 - 2. What is your job?** Tractor driver for the Feed department.
 - 3. What do you like most about your job?** By myself most of the day.
 - 4. If you could change one thing about the dairy what would it be?** A more comfortable seat and A/C in the tractor.
 - 5. What do you like most about Shenandoah Dairy?** My job.
 - 6. If you could vacation anywhere in the world where would it be?** An island.
 - 7. What do you do in your spare time?** At home with my family.
 - 8. What one thing that is unique to you?** I'm a hard worker.
 - 9. How many children do you have?** Two, a boy and a girl.
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January Birthdays

- 1 Nick Henderson
- 7 John May
- 10 Gonsalo Dominquez
- 11 Machon Beeche
- 12 Juan Villalobos
- 17 Antonia Martinez
- 30 Charles Frazier

Anniversaries

- Medardo Chavez-Ramirez 15 years
- Alfredo Gonzalez 15 years
- Bobby Davenport 5 years
- Ramiro Garcia 3 years
- Santiago Cerro 1 year

New Recruits

- Nick Henderson
- Norma Lopez
- John Price
- Wealthyan Johnson

February Birthdays

- 2 Roberto Gonzalez
- 8 Adalberto Antonio
- 11 Javier Quistiano
- 12 Carlos Gutierrez
- 12 James Shiver
- 14 Hoziel Gonzalez
- 16 Juan Rumulo
- 16 Robert Woodworth
- 19 Ignacio Hernandez
- 20 Santos Jacinto
- 25 Deanna Battista
- 28 Juan Gomez

Anniversaries

- Javier Quistiano 11 years
- Santos Jacinto 5 years
- Froylan Mendoza 2 years

New Recruits

- Gonsalo Dominquez
- Charles Frazier
- Luis Hilario



CHEESY EGG BREAKFAST BASKETS



Ingredients:

For the Basket

- ½ cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 egg, beaten
- ¾ of a (20oz) bag refrigerated hash browns
- Salt/pepper to taste

For the Filling

- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 6 eggs, beaten
- 2 TBS melted butter
- ¼ cup half and half
- ¼ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 green onion, thinly sliced

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425.
2. Lightly coat muffin tin with non stick spray.
3. In a bowl, combine the hash browns, egg, salt and pepper and cheese.
4. Spoon into prepared muffin tin, and using the back of a spoon press into and up sides to form a “nest”.
5. Bake 12-15 minutes until golden and crisp.
6. Beat eggs with butter and half and half, add the baking soda, scallions and cheese.
7. Cook over medium heat, stirring often until opaque and creamy.
8. Spoon into prepared baskets and top with cooked bacon slice as basket “handle”.