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Local Sustainable Farming

The first Earth Day was forty four years ago on April 22. Earth Day was created because many were concerned about the long term consequences of chemical spills, energy use, and pollution. The country is a different place today and Earth Day reminds us that more needs to be done.

Longmont Dairy was founded in the decade before Earth Day, but right from the start, glass bottles seemed the natural thing to do. They could be reused many times, and recycled into other products when the bottle finally broke.

Today many are concerned about local sustainability. This simply means buying from local farms as much as possible, to reduce trucking fuel, and keep the local food production and distribution viable. When we started this business, many small farmers still had milk routes.

Today Longmont Dairy is one of the few dairies that sells directly to customers, but local produce has made a comeback because so many of you care about maintaining the local farms. We appreciate your efforts to shop locally, which is why we support so many local farmers' markets.

We strongly believe in keeping local food production viable, and thank you for support to us and our fellow Colorado farmers.



APRIL Happy Easter!

Dear Friends,

Many years ago, it was determined that I should be the Longmont Dairy historian, so that we don't forget where we have come from. Twenty five plus years have passed since we first celebrated Earth Day and we are still pleased to be packaging milk in glass bottles and using some of the same processes we used in the beginning days. Plastic was all the rage, but our equipment was still good, and so we kept using glass. As the years went by we realized that plastic was just thrown in the dump, while we used our glass over and over. The bottle design has not changed very much over the years except to accommodate the plastic caps instead of foil, and the glass material certainly hasn't changed.

Over the years, we've employed some very good people in the creamery who've maintained the equipment and keep the process running smoothly. Thankfully technology hasn't changed much in bottle filling. We still separate the milk from the cream, pasteurize the milk and homogenize it in the same way as in the 80s.

Even our present cows are descendants from the first herd David and I purchased in 1988. They are producing more milk than they did back then due to better herd health, but the care and management of the herd remains much the same as back in the day.

So all of that to say, thank you dear friends for your loyalty over the years in keeping us in a sustainable business that will celebrate Earth Day yet another year.

Take care 'til next time,

Susan



MOOO RECIPES

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Easter Breakfast Casserole

- 1 pound bacon
- ¼ cup diced onion
- ¼ cup diced green bell pepper
- 3 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
- 8 eggs
- 2 cups Longmont Dairy milk
- 1 (16 ounce) package frozen hash brown potatoes, thawed

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly grease a 7x11 inch casserole dish.

Fry the bacon in a large, deep skillet over medium-high heat until evenly browned, about 10 minutes. Drain on a paper towel-lined plate. Crumble.

In a large bowl beat together eggs and milk. Mix in cheese, bacon, onion and green pepper. Stir in the thawed hash browns. Pour mixture into prepared casserole.

Cover with aluminum foil and bake in preheated oven for 45 minutes. Uncover and bake for another 30 minutes until eggs have set. Makes 12 servings.

*Adapted from allrecipes.com
Mooo News, April 2014*

Milk Caps for Moola Reminder:

Don't forget to turn the limited gold chocolate milk caps in to your school before April 15th. The schools will earn 25¢ per cap.



Enjoy delicious, locally made Noosa at a 40¢ discount on singles.

For the month of April, order individual tubs for \$2.49 each. Try these flavors: Blueberry, Honey, Lemon, Mango, Passion Fruit, Peach, Plain, Raspberry, Strawberry Rhubarb and Tart Cherry.

Happy Easter Egg Making and Hunting

Dyeing and decorating eggs for Easter is always great fun. (Who wants to hunt for white eggs in the snow?) So we want to help you color those eggs with a great price for white eggs.

In April save 25¢ off of each dozen white eggs.



Spotlight on Cody Lammers

Cody Lammers is one of the most essential employees Longmont Dairy has and will have been with us five years this April. He started as one of our door-to-door sales representatives and moved into the Sales Manager role a few years later due to his exceptional people management skills and training ability. Cody attributes a lot of his success to his father who has been a tremendous mentor and friend throughout the years. Cody grew up in Arvada, and now lives in Frederick with his wife and two dogs. He and his wife Danielle have been together for 11 years now. Cody is quite the outdoorsman and loves to go hunting, fishing and camping. In fact, he loves Colorado so much, he doesn't really like to travel elsewhere. If Cody could have lunch with any person, he would choose Wyatt Earp so that he could pick his brain of all of his history and knowledge. We are very thankful to have Cody as an employee and hope he will be with us for many more years to come!

