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The Wereldschool (which means "school of the world") provides distance education for Dutch-speaking children who are abroad. More and more often emigrants and future emigrants ask: "Is keeping up the Dutch language luxury or necessity"?



Keeping up the Dutch language

Emigrating basically means choosing a new land. As a consequence children will grow up in different linguistic surroundings. So, is it still necessary to keep practicing Dutch? The answer, according to the Wereldschool is yes, because:

Emigrated children would like to stay in touch with their relatives and friends in the Netherlands by visiting, calling, writing or e-mailing them. Maintaining ties with the Netherlands is important to them.

Also, your children might wish to attend vocational education in the Netherlands. Therefore, having a thorough command of the Dutch language is important, both in speech and writing.

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Market Update

The Mideast Federal Milk Marketing Order, which includes Michigan, Ohio and the majority of Indiana, milk prices are shown to the right.

For daily milk market information, visit: www.dairy.com and go to the "Dairy Reports" section.

*The Class I price is adjusted based on location and will range from \$15.18 to \$15.68 in the Mideast Order.

2006 Milk Prices (announced on March 3, 2006)		
Class of Milk	Price per 100 pounds (or 45.36 kg.)	Change from Previous Month
I Fluid Milk for drinking	\$15.58	+\$0.00
II Soft products: yogurt, cream cheese	\$12.62	-\$0.63
III Cheese	\$12.20	-\$1.19
IV Butter, powder milk	\$11.10	-\$1.10

Straw for Sale

Kevin Fox has 3x3x8 bales of quality wheat straw for sale. Kevin is located in Graytown, Ohio and can be reached at 419-262-3699 or 419-862-3020. Trucking is available.

Bull calves

Jerald Hammer and Doug Cuppers are looking to buy bull calves. They can pick them up on a daily basis anywhere and anytime. Please call 419-722-9846 or 419-435-9024 if you are interested.

Interns

Are you looking for an intern that can help you at the dairy? Please contact our office to see if we have anyone available to help you out.

Beware of the Risks Involved in Selling Raw Milk!

There has been a growing interest by the public in purchasing and consuming raw, or unpasteurized milk directly from the farm. On the surface, this may seem to be a great way to make a few dollars by shrinking the distance between the producer and consumer. However, one must weigh heavily the risks and expenses that just such an enterprise may hold. It could mean a trip to court!



Proponents claim that raw milk tastes better and that it contains essential enzymes that are removed when milk is pasteurized. Pasteurization has been recognized around the world as an essential tool for ensuring that milk and dairy products are unquestionably safe. With standard pasteurization, milk is raised to a temperature of at least 161° Fahrenheit for not less than 15 seconds, followed by rapid cooling. This process is a simple, effective method to kill harmful pathogens without affecting the taste or nutritional value of milk. In addition to E. coli, harmful bacteria, including Salmonella, TB and Listeria, are destroyed by pasteurization.

First, and foremost, we must remember that in Ohio, Michigan and Indiana it is currently illegal to sell raw milk for consumption. However, in Indiana, cow-share programs do exist and are legal. With this program, consumers buy shares in an animal in exchange for part of the milk.

The dairy industry, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recommend that no one consume unpasteurized milk. It's a matter of food safety.

Regardless of FDA health risk warnings concerning drinking raw milk, many individuals and groups become adamant in their attempts to obtain the "right" to purchase and sell raw milk. Several state legislators are now considering a bill which may legalize the sale of raw milk to consumers.

Source: Ohio Dairy Producers

Visa Lottery News

The Congressionally mandated Diversity Immigrant Visa Program makes available 50,000 permanent-resident visas annually, drawn from random selection among all entries to persons who meet strict eligibility requirements from countries with low rates of immigration to the United States.

We like to emphasize again that there have been instances of fraudulent websites posing as official US Government sites. Some companies posing as the US Government have sought money in order to "complete" lottery entry forms. There is NO CHARGE to download and complete the Electronic Diversity Visa Entry Form. Also, the Department of State notifies successful Diversity Visa applicants by letter from May 2006 to July 2006 and NOT by e-mail!

Source: www.travel.state.gov

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From the summer of 2006 onwards, the Wereldschool offers a language program for children of families which have emigrated. Children between the ages of 4 and 14 are offered the possibility to further develop their command of Dutch. Research proves that the language development of Dutch is insufficient when children only speak it at home.

By means of a short questionnaire the Wereldschool would like to find out if Dutch emigrants feel the need to allow their children to keep their Dutch up-to-date. You can fill out the questionnaire on the internet: <http://www.wereldschool.nl/formulier.aspx?ekfrm=256>

Source: The Wereldschool

Feeding High-Quality Forages to Fresh Cows

After a cow has freshened, she often can not eat enough to support her needs. Cows do not eat as much at this time, and feed intake lags far behind their energy requirements. The feed intake of fresh cows simply does not match their current level of milk production. Peak intake occurs several weeks after milk production peaks. Feeding highly digestible forage such as brown mid-rib (BMR) silage hybrids to fresh cows can help offset these production losses. The cow is losing body weight, and dry matter intake (DMI) still is not high enough during this time. These cows will pull body weight right off their own back to satisfy their energy needs. The cow will also shut down reproductively until her energy needs are met. This is why so many high-producing cows may have trouble rebreeding.

This time in the cows' production cycle puts added pressure on the dairy producer's forage program. At this critical stage of production, feeding highly digestible forage is very important. For the first week after freshening, many nutritionists recommend pushing forage or hay to the post-fresh cows. As the cows are fed more highly digestible forage, their grain intake is lowered, which results in overall improved herd health. Cows fed highly digestible BMR silage hybrids during

the dry period can help them maintain feed intake levels after freshening. This ultimately helps the cows produce more milk during lactation. The higher the cows' feed intake in the last three weeks of the dry period, the better. These newly fresh cows will continue to eat more, even after freshening, and maintain this intake advantage due to the more highly digestible diet.



Because the cow's energy needs are higher after freshening, dairy producers may fall into the trap of feeding more grain. Without the presence of higher-quality forage in the diet, cows fed too much grain may

became acidotic and go off feed. Severe metabolic problems may result, such as displaced abomasums and ketosis. The majority of all metabolic problems occurs within the first three weeks of freshening and can seriously damage milk production. It is important to remember at this most sensitive time that the cows' basic nutrition needs still apply. Producers should consult their nutritionist for more details on how to set up a highly digestible forage feeding program.

Source: Mycogen Seeds / Silage Specifics

Air Emissions Study

The National Dairy Promotion and Research Board (NDB) recently approved the authorization of \$6 million on a one-time basis for the purpose of funding a three-year study on air emissions from U.S. Dairy farms.

The National Milk Producers Federation will work with the Agricultural Air Research Council, a non-profit organization formed to oversee research in air emissions from livestock operations, to ensure that the research achieves its stated goals related to the dairy farm emissions. NDB will receive regular reports on the progress of the air emissions study.

Source: Indiana AgriNews

Healthy Students Contest

The Milk Processor Education Program (MilkPEP) is sponsoring a contest to identify schools that have the most active, healthy students. The contest will run through June 15. Students can nominate their schools by filling out an application on MilkPEP's website, www.whymilk.com. The application asks for a 75-word essay on why a school should be selected and includes a questionnaire for background of the school's nutrition, athletics and other health and wellness programs. The 50 winning schools will be announced at an event in Washington, D.C. in late August. Each school will receive a \$1,000 grant to support fitness and nutrition programs and a special "got milk?" recognition assembly.

Source: Agweb.com

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Welcome to the van de Laar family. The van de Laar family relocated from Venhorst, the Netherlands. The van de Laar family will be residing at:
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Dredging Operations

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If you are interested in more information, please contact Eric Dresbach at 888-372-7858 or 740-412-7356. W.D. Farms, Inc. is located in Circleville, Ohio.

Announcements

On April 25 & 26, 2006 the **Tri-State Dairy Nutrition Conference** will take place at the Grand Wayne Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Current information on the feeding of dairy cattle will be disseminated. For more information and registration, please check: www.tristatedairy.osu.edu.

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New Arrival



Congratulations to Leo and Ann Vander Hoff on the birth of their son, Jona William.

Change of Address

The Oolman family has moved. Their new address is:
6741 County Road 144
Antwerp, OH 45813
Phone: (419) 258-2862

In Memory of Mari

On February 12, 2006, Mari Rooyakkers passed away at the age of 49. Our thoughts of sympathy are with his wife, Jonny and his children, Janneke, Els, Willem and Maartje and all other relatives and friends.

Supplies for Sale

Gibson Family Farm Store sells all kinds of agricultural products from plastics for bunker liners to dry hay and silage inoculants. For more information visit www.gibsonfamilyfarmstore.com or call 219-285-2030.

Consulting for DFA members



DFA MidEast announced that it has retained the services of The Dragun Corporation to provide basic consulting on environmental issues to their members. The Dragun Corporation is an environmental consulting firm located in Farmington Hills, Michigan. If you have an environmental concern or question you'd like assistance with, contact your DFA field representative. He/she will ask you some basic questions about your issue to determine if the Dragun team can be of help. Following this initial interview, a Dragun staff associate will contact you by telephone for a consultation. You will receive the first 30 minutes of the telephone consultation free of charge. If your issue can't be resolved within this time, the Dragun associate will discuss several "next step" options with you.

Source: DFA