



"Sundae" on the Farm June 15, 2003

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- American Farmland Trust
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- Saratoga County Dairy Promotion Committee
- Saratoga County Farm Bureau
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Thank you to the Arnold Family, the volunteers, and the many contributors who make this event happen!

Half Gallon:

- Arnold's Feed & Grain Service, Inc.
- Ballston Spa National Bank
- Monsanto Dairy
- Premier Dairy Service, LLC
- Scotch Ridge Farm
- UAP Northeast
- Washington County Co-operative Insurance Co.

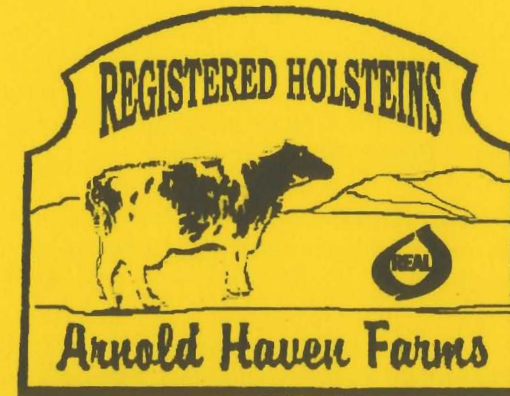
Quart:

- Accelerated Genetics
- Dairylea Cooperative, Inc.
- Genex AI Cooperative
- The Calf Barn
- John Stokowski & Sons, Inc.
- Leon R. Walker, Inc.
- New York Holstein Association
- Village Home & Garden

CONTRIBUTORS OF GOODS & SERVICES

- Agri-Mark: Cabot Cheese
- Allen Farm Equipment Co., Inc.: One tractor, one Gator
- Boot Hill Band: discount on musical entertainment
- Country Power Products: livestock pens, watering tubs
- Dream Ponies: Discount on pony rides
- Ellms' Christmas Trees of Charlton: trams
- Hanchan Family Dairy, LLC: two-way radios
- Nightingale's Maple Farm: Maple Walnut ice cream topping
- Salem Farm Supply: One tractor, One utility vehicle
- Saratoga County Fair: microphones
- Saratoga Hannaford: gift certificate
- Stewart's Shops, Inc.: Ice cream, dip cart, refrigerated truck and assorted supplies
- Sundae's Best Hot Fudge Sauce: hot fudge sauce
- Washington County Cornell Cooperative Extension: microphones

**For more information about Saratoga County farms visit
www.saratogafarms.com**



Welcomes you to the 8th Annual Sundae on the Farm

Hosted by
Charles & Richard Arnold
Rt. 147, West Charlton, NY
Sunday, June 15, 2003

Sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Saratoga County, American Farmland Trust, Saratoga County Farm Bureau, and the Town of Charlton with support from the Saratoga County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board

This is an active dairy farm. Please be responsible for your children at all times!



Charles (Chuck) and Richard (Rick) Arnold own and operate this historic dairy farm in West Charlton, which was established by their grandparents James and Bertha (Holbrook) Arnold in 1914. James Arnold received the prestigious honor of being named New York's "Master Farmer" in 1936.

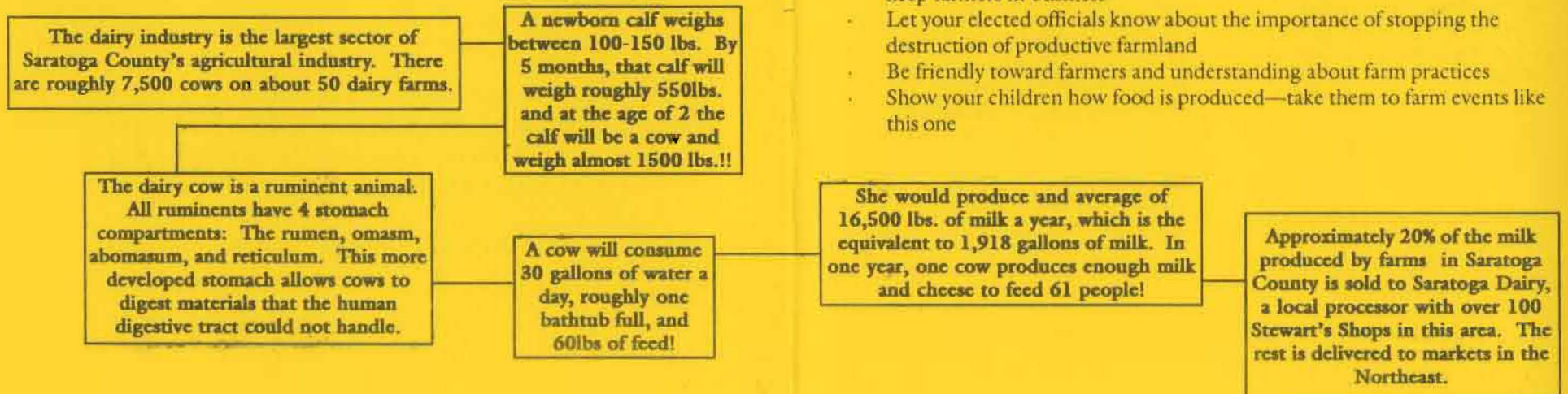
James and Bertha's youngest son Elwood and his wife Donna Lou (Rick and Chuck's parents) took over this farm in 1957. Their relatives also operate several other farms in the Charlton area.

Today, ArnoldHaven Farm produces high-quality milk for sale. The farm milks 69 cows and raises an additional 70 replacement heifers. ArnoldHaven produces approximately 642 gallons of milk—an average of 9.3 gallons of milk per cow—each day. The farm also grows hay and corn on 320 acres (206 owned, 114 rented). The crops are used to feed the farm's 140 Holstein cattle.

The farm was named a Dairy of Distinction in 1985. On the tour, you will see much of the farm's milking facility and its tie stall barn. You will also learn about some of the conservation practices that ArnoldHaven and other farms have implemented to protect the environment.

Family members have been instrumental to ArnoldHaven Farm's success. Rick's wife Cathy helps operate the farm while working as a Formulation Scientist at Fortitech. Rick's two children, Nathan, 14, and Stacey, 9, help out on the farm. Chuck's two boys, Jason, 14, and Preston, 10, also are involved in farm activities.

ALL ABOUT DAIRY!



Why should we support Saratoga County farms?

Saratoga County was the second fastest growing county in the state between 1990 and 1998. Because of the county's population growth and increasing urban development, American Farmland Trust's national *Farming on the Edge* study identified Saratoga County as part of the top ten most threatened farming regions in the nation.

Although Saratoga County has more than 400 family-owned farms and 70,000 acres of farmland, in the past four decades we have lost nearly 25 percent of the county's farmland. That's the fastest rate of farmland loss in the Capital Region.

As we lose our farms, we lose the many benefits they provide: scenic landscapes and open space, access to fresh local farm products, rural heritage and wildlife habitat. Farms also add more than \$100 million annually to Saratoga County's economy and contribute greatly to our tourism industry.

In a Zogby poll conducted last year by American Farmland Trust: 95 percent of Saratoga County voters said that farms make our county a better place to live; 96 percent of voters said that it is important to protect farms in Saratoga County for future generations of residents.

You Can Help!

Support local farmers:

- Shop at local produce stands and farmers' markets whenever possible
- Encourage your town board to support Purchase of Development Rights, Right-to-Farm Laws, Agricultural Districts and other programs that help keep farmers in business
- Let your elected officials know about the importance of stopping the destruction of productive farmland
- Be friendly toward farmers and understanding about farm practices
- Show your children how food is produced—take them to farm events like this one