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Newsletter – August 2021

Update On Our Route Truck Driver – Roy Gilkinson

Many of you have asked us how Roy is doing - Below is a note from Roy's family:

Our family is raising much needed funds for my Uncle Roy, also famously known as Gomer, for increasing medical expenses. He is a 57 year old dairy farmer at heart that just won't quit. He is happily married to the love of his life Aunt Kim and together they have raised three children who are a true testament to the love and values they were instilled with. He was originally diagnosed with Signet Ring Cell Carcinoma which is a very rare form of stomach cancer in the form of a tumor in January of 2018. He had a portion of his stomach removed along with the tumor and was able to be treated and he went into remission in August 2018. In December of 2020 the cancer came back with a vengeance. In January of 2021 he had the rest of his stomach, part of his esophagus and some of his intestine removed. He currently uses a J-tube to take all necessary nutrition. He has attempted every treatment offered with no success. At this time he is not taking chemo due to the fact his body is unable to tolerate it and at this point in is completely in God's hands. At this time the doctors are giving him up to four months of time left with his family. Gomer is someone who has and continues to go above and beyond to help other people in there valleys. Would you please consider donating to his family during this extremely difficult time.

If you are interested in donating or even sharing words of encouragement with Roy, Please visit:

<https://gofund.me/1490ff22>



Fair Season is in Full Swing!



A few things to remember when headed to and home from fair:

- ***Double check ear tags and make sure none are missing. If you are missing any or have added any additional tags, please call the clinic ASAP.***
- Don't forget your health papers at home, they are your ticket in!
- Keep a close eye on your animals; they're in a new place and have an adjustment period
- Water, water, water! Fair barns can be HOT, make sure your animals have water available 24/7
- Be safe and have fun! Remember both animals and people can be unpredictable in new situations and environments.
- Clean and disinfect equipment before you go and before you come back home to prevent transmission of diseases.
- Quarantine animals when you bring them home for 2 weeks to prevent introducing any diseases they may have encountered into the rest of your herd.

Impact of Heat Stress

Heat stress may contribute to a reduction in dry matter intake up to 35% and a corresponding significant decrease in milk production. During periods of high humidity, make sure fans are working properly. Sprinklers alone can actually insulate cows, contributing to the heat stress.

Thank you – We Value Your Patience!

Thanks for your continued patience. Our suppliers have many random products on back-order or out of stock. Much of this is beyond our control and I'm sure you are seeing it in other aspects of your life as well. We are trying hard to stay on top of it and be able to fill your orders quickly and completely. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

For Sale:

40 Calf-Tel Calf Hutches with wire panels – very good condition \$225 each.

Will break down for transport - \$235 each // Call Jim Woods 585-590-9115