

The CREAM Bulletin



345 “Jolt”

Jolt, born 7/23/05, was a well-known member of the CREAM herd. In her lifetime, she gave birth to only bulls with the exception of one heifer 449, who is no longer at the barn. In her prime she was one of the top producers at the barn! She was culled earlier this semester due to lameness and feet problems.

Fun Cow Facts!

- A cow stands up and sits down about 14 times a day.
- The highest milk yield for a single day is 241 lbs, by a cow named Urbe Blanca.
- It takes 12 pounds of whole milk to make one gallon of ice cream.

Cream Activities

Coppal House Corn Maze

Cream planned our first group trip to the Coppal House Corn Maze. We started by learning about their farming techniques and ended the night racing through the corn maze, answering clues about turtles along the way!

Potluck!



Clean Cow Contest

- 1st: 457 (Discover) –Annie
- 2nd: 521 (Rhythm)- Barbara
- 3rd: 342 (Morgan) - Marlene
- Honorable Mention: 528
(Leah) –Katie V.



Calf Births!

Heifers

- 705- "Macy" dam: 527 (Ikea)
- 706- "Milkweed" dam: 519 (Dandylion)
- 707- "Twitter" dam: 275 (Bird)
- 708- "Liberty" dam: 528 (Leah)
- 709 "Tag Along" dam: 478 (Tim Tam)

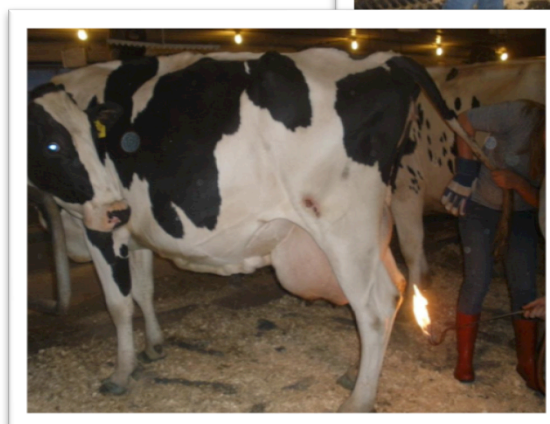


Bulls

- 577 (Mojito)
- 398 (May)
- 516 (Amity)
- 508 (June)

Flaming Udders

Some of the CREAM'ers got together to flame their cow's udders in preparation for our first clean cow contest. Our TA, Nicole, demonstrated for us and then we took turns flaming our cow's udders. Udder flaming is a quick and convenient way to singe the hair off of the udder and keep it clean. This technique does not harm the cows one bit, although some were curious as to what was going on back there!



CREAMer Bio's!



Katie Velez

My name is Katie Velez and I'm a junior pre-vet major, dairy minor (hopefully) and wildlife ecology minor. I do not have a cow in the CREAM string I have Leah and Dopey (Who by the way don't understand how to eat apples.) After my four years here at UNH I hope to be accepted into vet school and preferably in the United States, as I do not want to leave the country. My goal would be Tufts.

Lindsey Peterson

My name is Lindsey Peterson! I am a senior Dairy Management major with an agri-business minor. I am serving as this year's CREAM class president! My CREAM cow is Dijon (#575), who is a first-calf heifer. Due to her lack of personal hygiene, I don't think we will be winning any clean cow contests any time soon. After I graduate from UNH, I would like to be working in the dairy industry in some form of on-farm management. I am very excited about this year's CREAM class and I can't wait to see what we can accomplish!



Blair Chowansky

My name is Blair Chowansky. I am a junior Pre-Vet major with a marine bio minor. My CREAM cow is May (#398). She just recently returned to the milking string after having the cutest little bull calf! After I graduate from UNH I would like to do service in the Peace Corps and then continue to veterinary school to be a surgeon.

Meet Our TA, Nicole!



-How much experience with cows did you have before cream?

I had zero cow experience before CREAM. I patted them once a year at the local fair. I knew nothing about them, how to take care of them, or anything else related to the dairy industry. I had always been a horse person from the time I was a really little kid, right up through college. I've learned a lot in 2 years!!

-What part of cream did you find most difficult/challenging?

The most challenging part of CREAM for me was to learn that it's ok to be wrong sometimes. CREAM is a class that basically throws you in the middle of a lake and you can either sink or swim. The advisors are there to help, and there is plenty of support and help from Drew and the barn staff, but sometimes you just need to do something to learn it. If you don't stray from the line a little sometimes you won't learn what works. We made a lot of cool changes with the herd based on the "possibility" that it could be an improvement. You don't need to be 100% concrete about whether something will work or not to give it a try!

-What made you want to come back and be a cream TA?

I didn't really decide to come back and TA for CREAM (although I was more than happy to!). I am going to grad school to get my masters in Dairy Nutrition, and I got an assistantship to do so, which basically means that I work for UNH as a TA and they pay me and waive my tuition in exchange. I was very happy I was assigned to the CREAM class though!

-What was your favorite part of cream?

I don't know if I had a single favorite part of CREAM. I loved the experience as a whole and I loved how hands on it was. I came in to the class thinking I wouldn't like it very much but I took it to help my vet school application process. Turns out I loved the cows and I loved farming and everything about it and I got hooked! As weird as it sounds, I loved being able to go to an 8AM class and know that I'm the only one in the room who was already up for 5 hours, had milked a herd of cows and was more than started with my day. I also really loved the people I met in CREAM. My best friends now I didn't know before I took that class. It's such a team-work type atmosphere that I feel like the friendships you make do last.

-What are your plans after school?

After I get done with my masters in another 2 years, I'm not exactly sure what I will be doing. Right now I am thinking about working as a feed consultant of sorts, but who knows. I would kind of like to see some farms out west since I have never been there, so it might be fun to see what's out there for a little bit before I settle into a steady career. It's so far away though that I honestly have no idea! Haha



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