



Our life. Our work. Our home.

Quarterly Moos - Fall 2017

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

On June 28, we had the honor of attending the sixth annual U.S. Dairy Sustainability Awards, a program recognizing dairy farms, businesses and partnerships whose practices improve the well-being of people, animals and the planet. We are humbled to share that Kinnard Farms was one of three national winners in the Outstanding Dairy Farm Sustainability category.



**U.S. Dairy Sustainability
Award Winner**
Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy®

Words cannot describe how grateful we feel receiving this award. We take great pride in caring for our land and our community. The judges are highly respected sustainability professionals working for organizations such as the World Wildlife Fund, The Nature Conservancy, National Resources Conservation Service, General Mills and Walmart. We are truly honored to be recognized by some of the best and brightest in the industry.

Most importantly, we would like to say a BIG “thank you” to Nathan Nysse, our agronomist who nominated us, and the rest of the Kinnard Farms team for your instrumental role in being recognized for this national award. We received this award because of your commitment to our community, our cows, and our land. Because of you, we are able to continue to carry on the dairy tradition started by the generations before us. Our parents, Alvin and Milly Kinnard, would be so proud.

Lee, Rod & Maureen Kinnard

Jackie and David Stewart



David and Jackie Stewart, Lee Kinnard, and Matt Nuckols, event M.C. and Virginia dairy producer.

“The Kinnard family is dedicated to continuous improvement in cow comfort and soil health, allowing them to grow the farm sustainably and preserve their rural community’s agricultural roots. We commend them for their impressive practices.”

- Chad Frahm, senior vice president of The Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy

Amanda Hintz Our Herd Manager



Amanda Hintz

We make cow comfort and health a top priority, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Our dedicated team of employees works around the clock, led by our herd manager, Amanda Hintz.

Growing up on her family's beef farm in Oconto, Amanda knew from an early age that she wanted to work in the agricultural industry. At 12 years old she saw a news story on milking cows, and she turned to her dad and told him that is what she wanted to do. Shortly after, Amanda began working on a friend's dairy farm and started showing cows through her local 4-H program. Her passion for dairy cows and the dairy industry continued to grow throughout high school, and, as she began applying to college, she knew she wanted this to be her future career.

Amanda attended the University of Wisconsin-River Falls to study dairy science and agricultural business. While pursuing her degree, she worked as the calf manager on two dairy farms near the university. As graduation neared, Amanda began looking for herdsman positions on dairy farms. In April 2016, Amanda accepted a herdsman position on our farm and was promoted to her current position of herd manager in June.

As herd manager, Amanda oversees the health and well-being of the cows. She also manages her team of eight employees who help her perform daily visual examinations of each cow and record their observations in a computer software program that tracks each cow's activity. If the team notices an abnormality in the daily activities (walking, eating, milking) of a cow, they perform a more thorough examination. Amanda and her team will work together to create a plan to return the cow to prime health.

Amanda cares for our cows at all times of the day, if needed, because she lives across the street from the farm. "I like living near the farm because it feels like home to me. Hearing the hustle and bustle as the sun comes up and being a part of something bigger is humbling," says Amanda. "Knowing that I take a small role in helping feed the world makes me proud."

Amanda pays special attention to the calves that need a little extra care, like her new preemie calf she has named Sweet Pea. Along with Sweet Pea, she also has two dogs, two goats and a cat. Amanda cares for the cows on our farm just as she cares for her pets at home—with a passion and enjoyment that makes her happy to go to work every day.



Sweet Pea & Amanda

2017 Excellence in Agriculture Scholarship Recipients

Earlier this summer, we proudly awarded three of our local graduating high school seniors with the Kinnard Farms Excellence in Agriculture Scholarship. This scholarship recognizes students who are interested in pursuing a career related to agriculture and demonstrate a true passion for the industry. The recipients of the 2017 scholarships are Taylor Paye of Luxemburg-Casco High School, Sarah Calaway of Denmark High School, and Rachel Malcore of Southern Door High School.



Taylor Paye was born and raised on her family's dairy farm and, ever since she can remember, has wanted to be a veterinarian. In 2012, she began raising her own herd of Brown Swiss dairy cattle, allowing her to further develop her passion for animals. This September, Taylor begins her freshman year at University of Wisconsin-River Falls, majoring in dairy science/pre-vet. She then hopes to attend University of Wisconsin-Madison for veterinary medical school to fulfill her childhood dream of becoming a large animal veterinarian.

Sarah Calaway has had a passion for agriculture for as long as she can remember. Growing up on her family's dairy farm, she helped her dad with everything from field work to feeding calves, and milking cows. These experiences inspired her to start breeding her own Herefords on the farm six years ago. Sarah has always known she wanted animals and agriculture to be a part of her future, and she is excited to expand upon her knowledge of the industry as she begins her freshman year this September at University of Wisconsin-River Falls, where she will major in animal science.



Growing up next to her great uncle's farm and going on hunting trips with her father, Rachel Malcore developed a respect and appreciation for the environment and a passion for science at an early age. This passion inspired her to join her high school's FFA Program, where she competed on the floriculture team for the FFA Career Development Events and the opening and closing ceremonies team at the FFA State Convention. She looks forward to utilizing the knowledge learned through her FFA experiences as she starts her freshman year at University of Wisconsin-Green Bay this fall to pursue a degree in environmental science.

For more information on how to apply for the 2018 scholarships, visit kinnardfarms.com/scholarships



Do you have questions about our farm, or do you just want to talk with us? We're always available. Give us a call at 920-837-7644 or visit kinnardfarms.com.



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Interested in life on our farm?



This was Mom's "go-to" recipe when she needed a quick dessert. With seven crazy kids (well, six for sure) and chores to do, I don't think a week went by without Blonde Brownies. Quick, easy and tasty, too! We hope you enjoy them as much as we do.
- Jackie

Mom's One Pan Blonde Brownies



Ingredients:

- 1 cup butter (2 sticks)
- 3 cups brown sugar
- 4 eggs
- 3 cups flour
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- ½ cup chopped nuts
- 1 cup chocolate chips

Directions:

Melt butter in 2 qt. saucepan over low heat. Stir in remaining ingredients except chocolate chips. Batter will be stiff.

Spread in greased and floured 13x9 pan.

Sprinkle chocolate chips over top.

Bake at 350° for 25-30 minutes.



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