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Dairy Month

It's DAIRY month! I would like to give a huge thanks to all the dedicated individuals that work hard to produce all the dairy products we love so much. We appreciate all that you do!

Cow Facts

- The average dairy cow weighs about 1,400 pounds.
- Cows have 32 teeth, all of them on the bottom with a dental pad on top.
- A cow spends about 6 hours eating and 8 hours chewing its cud every day.
- A cow produces an average of 6.3 gallons of milk daily.
- A cow is more valuable for its milk, cheese, butter and yogurt than for its beef.

Milk Facts

- U.S dairy farms produce roughly 21 billion

gallons of milk each year.

- 99 percent of all U.S. households purchase milk.
- The average American consumes almost 25 gallons of milk each year.
- About 72 percent of the calcium in the U.S. food supply comes from dairy foods.

Dairy Foods Facts

- Americans eat more than 300,000 tons of yogurt per year.
- About 300 varieties of cheese are sold in the U.S.
- The most popular cheese in America is cheddar.
- The most popular ice-cream flavor in the U.S. is vanilla.
- It takes 10 pounds of milk to make one pound of cheese.



Southeastern Hay Contest

It's that time of year again! Time to start pulling samples for the **Southeastern Hay Contest**.

Samples submitted to the SE Hay Contest must be pulled with the County Extension Agent Present.

Please call the Upson County Extension office to

set up a time to get your samples pulled.

It costs \$25 to submit each sample into the contest. That covers contest registration, as well as postage.

The description to the hay contest can be found at the link provided. The link can also be found on both Up-

son and Lamar County's websites.

If you have any questions feel free to call the Extension Office, or email Hailey Robinson at:

hrobinson@uga.edu

Contest Link:

<https://site.caes.uga.edu/sehaycontest/>



The Talsma Dairy Crew

“Growing up on a dairy farm, you certainly learn discipline and a commitment to purpose.”

**—Mike
Johanns**



Talsma Dairy Located in East Texas.

My Ag Hero

Conveying the truth about farming and ranching has been a difficult struggle for awhile now. There has been a lot of talk about how the “agricultural industry should be more transparent to the consumer”, without many ideas on how to make that happen.

With the explosion in new social media sites, many farms are now trying to incorporate transparency into their daily activities on the farm, by utilizing many of these new outlets.

An extraordinary example of a farm currently doing this is

the Talsma Dairy, located in Mount Vernon, Texas.

Talsma Dairy’s, Syke Talsma graduated with a bachelors in Agribusiness Management from Tarleton State University. She has taken it upon herself to show the public what happens everyday on their dairy farm.

She utilizes Facebook, Instagram, and SnapChat to post pictures, videos and informational articles over their dairy practices. She not only highlights the positives of life on a dairy but shows the struggles, as well. They even host people from the com-

munity out at their farm, to see the production in-person.

She has been invited to attend and speak at many conferences and events. She has even given a presentation at the Fuel up to Play 60, where she talked about her dairy. They currently have a total of about 600 head of cattle on the farm with 300 of them being cows that are milked twice a day.

Syke is in charge of raising all their calves and heifers at the dairy and loves every minute of it!

Upcoming Events

The June **Lunch ‘N Learn Preservation Series** this summer at their office in Griffin. Important dates for that are June 9 & 14 and July 10 & 24. Please RSVP to the Spalding County Extension Office if interested in attending those dates.
(770)467-4225

On June 15, 2018 Butts County is having a **Mid-Georgia Beef Field Day**. Please RSVP to the Butts County Extension Office by June 8, 2018.
(770)775-8209

UGA Horticulture Specialist Bob Westerfield will be our presenter for the morning. It is a \$5 charge, with lunch provided. Like the LNL we had in April, it will be held from 10:30am-12:30pm in the Barnesville Lamar County Library. Please park in the back and enter through the back door. Please RSVP to the Lamar County Extension Office by June 8, 2018.
(770)358-5163

Spalding County is doing a **Preservation Series** this summer at their office in Griffin. Important dates for that are June 9 & 14 and July 10 & 24. Please RSVP to the Spalding County Extension Office if interested in attending those dates.
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Crawford County is hosting a **Egg Candling Certification Class** on June 25, 2018. There is a \$10 registration fee with lunch provided. Please RSVP to the Crawford County Extension Office.
(478)836-3121

July 13, 2018 Upson, Pike and Lamar County Farm Bureaus are hosting Summer AGvacation in Upson County. It is a summer Ag day for students ages 8-13 to learn about all aspects of the agriculture industry. Details will be posted on the Upson County Website later this month.

Coupon

“Claim Your FREE Summer Treat at Georgia’s Agritourism Strawberry U-Pick Locations”

The Rock Ranch is one of the many U-Pick locations offering this unique summer deal.

Visit the website included to access your own printable coupon.

<https://www.georgiagrown.com/strawberry-treat-coupon>

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Find participating Georgia Grown agritourism locations on [georgiagrown.com/strawberry-treat-coupon](https://www.georgiagrown.com/strawberry-treat-coupon)



*limit one coupon per family, valid through July 1, 2018

June 2018

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| 10 | 11 Lunch 'N Learn 10:30a-12:30p (Lamar) | 12 | 13 | 14 Pressure Canning (Spalding) | 15 Mid-GA Beef Field Day (Butts) | 16 |
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or
<http://extension.uga.edu/county-offices/lamar.html>

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AG Comic of the Month

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