



"From our green pastures to your table"

Stoney Creek Farm Herd Share Program

The dairy at Stoney Creek Farm (herein called "SCF") is a small operation consisting of Jersey and Jersey cross cows. Most of our cows are milked once per day, one at a time with a vacuum operated milking equipment. The cows that are milked twice per day are new mommas and are slowly transitioned to a once per day milking. The equipment and cows are cleaned before and after each milking to ensure a quality, wholesome product.

How does the dairy at Stoney Creek Farm operate?

Cows give milk after they have a calf. We "dry up" our cows (or end lactation) for about 6 weeks before they give birth to another calf. This gives their bodies the rest it needs for a healthy birth for the cow and calf. We have staggered our calving times to reduce the amount of time with a decrease in milk production. This may consist of a smaller amount of milk available to the share owner. Our animals live a very low-stress life, receive no hormones or steroids, are given antibiotics only in cases of extreme necessity (and we withhold the milk longer than the medicine requires), and are free to graze at their leisure. While we are not certified organic, we maintain pasture with a variety of grasses and legumes. The pasture is the cows' primary source of nutrition. Dairy quality hay is fed in the winter when pasture is not available. The cows receive a minimal amount of local grain supplement during milking.

What is the herd share program at Stoney Creek Farm?

In Kentucky, it is illegal to buy or sell raw milk. It is not illegal, however, to drink milk from your own cow. This program allows individuals to buy a share of the herd, pay a fee to the farmer to provide feed and labor in caring for the herd, and in return, the individual gets to drink the creamy, sweet and smooth milk provided from their share of the herd.

How much does it cost?

To purchase a share in our herd will cost you a one time expense of \$30.00. In addition to the one time purchase cost, you will have a monthly boarding fee of \$30.00 per share. All payments are due on the first day of your purchase each month. Remember, you are not buying raw milk, rather you are buying a share in a herd and paying me to feed and care for them; having said that, a share is equal to about 1 gallon of milk per week. Your cost per share for one year would be \$360.00 plus the purchase price of \$30.00 and the jars.

My family drinks more than one gallon of milk per week. Can I buy more than one share?

You may buy as many shares as you need.

How does it work?

The SCF is responsible for:

- Refrigeration of milk awaiting share holder pickup
- Daily care, feeding, milking, etc. of the herd at owners request
- All vet expenses if required
- Testing of the herd for Tuberculosis, Brucellosis, and Johnes disease
- Breeding of cows by artificial insemination



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The Share owner provides:

- Transportation to pick up milk
- Containers (share owners clean their own containers and leave a clean container at the dairy each time they pick up milk to be refilled for the next time.)
- We require you purchase 4 - 1/2 gallon wide mouth glass jars always returning 2 with pick up of milk. (We have these available for purchase @ \$4.00 ea. with a 1 piece plastic lid. These jars have a wide mouth and can be cleaned in the dishwasher. Glass does not hold odors like plastic does and milk stays Fresher and colder longer in glass containers and tastes better, too.)

Additional information:

- If the share owner fails to pick up his/her milk, they still bear the responsibility of all fees payments, etc.
- SCF will retain ownership of the calves born to the herd.
- Costs and terms are subject to change as market conditions and /or size of program dictate.

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advance notice will be provided to share holder.

- SCF is not responsible for accidents while share owners are on the property.
- Share owners may not resell milk. It is only for consumption by the owners.
- Share owners are asked not to bring pets to the farm.
- SCF agrees to buy back (at the original cost per share) herd shares for individuals moving out of the area, if share is no longer needed or if circumstances change where we will no longer be boarding the herd.

Liability:

- SCF shall not be held liable to boarder for any sickness, death, loss, or damage from the production of raw milk produced and received by boarder unless Stoney Creek Farm shall have failed to comply with this contractual agreement and the sickness, death, loss or damage shall have resulted directly from it.
- SCF shall not be held liable to the boarder for any loss or damage to the herd or for anything resulting from the care and maintenance of the herd by SCF or from handling of production from the herd by SCF so long as SCF shall have complied with the requirements of this agreement with respect to the herd and the milk production from it.
- Notwithstanding the foregoing, SCF shall indemnify and hold the boarder harmless for any loss or damage. Liability or expense caused by any animal in the herd to the boarder or property of the boarder or third parties because of the gross neglect or intentional act of omission of SCF.

I have read and agree to all of the conditions outlined in this agreement.

Share owner signature: _____ Date: _____
 Address: _____ phone number: _____
 _____ cell: _____
 email address: _____
 number of shares purchased: _____ Date: _____

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