



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!

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,

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

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Boiling Water Canning (Spalding)
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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24	25 Egg Candling (Crawford)	26	27	28	29	30

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8	9	10 Kids Can: Preserve Food (Spalding)	11	12	13 Summer AGvacation (Upson)	14
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22	23	24 Late Summer Garden Preservation (Spalding)	25	26	27	28
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