



Down on the Farm

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Special points
of interest:

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us on the
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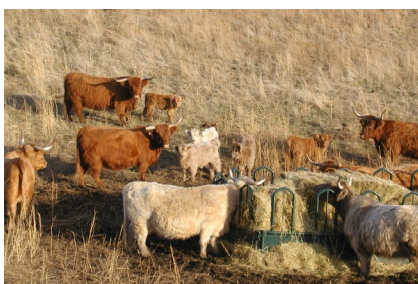
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Fall Calves

With the reduction in breeding animals this year, our fall calving was smaller in number but just as cute and unintentionally just as long. We only had five cows to calve but they still took from the end of September until mid-November.



Our last calf looked like she was going to be twins based on the size of mom, but she was just taking her time. We ended up with four heifers and one bull with three

dun color and two red. Despite the cold temperatures they are growing quickly and fun to watch.



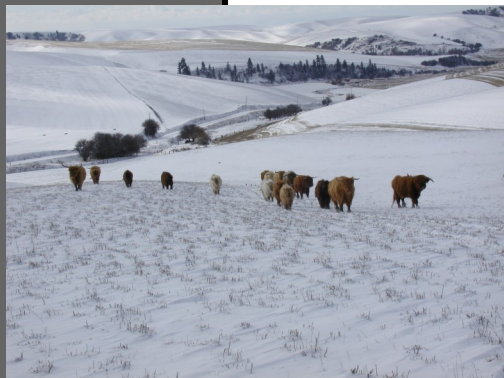
For the past couple of years we have used our Dodge pick-up to deliver beef. It

has been able to haul the amount needed but it is not necessarily the most economical unit and being a

Beef Wagon

4X4 quite high to load. This summer we were lucky enough to acquire a Ford delivery van that will allow us to load and unload more easily and still be easy for our customers to identify. Painted our traditional green and white with our farm logo on the side, we felt it only appropriate to license it according to its purpose, the “BEEFWGN”.

Weather?!



As is true of all farmers, we spend a good deal of time monitoring the weather.

We are thankful this year that (so far) we have not been buried in snow like the previous two years. We have had very cold

temperatures with highs in the mid-twenties and lows in the teens but without all the snow, feeding has been much easier. The cattle have been handling the cold well and don't seem to mind the temperatures at all except when their water freezes and they have to wait for us to break ice. They let us know if we don't show up on time.

We figure they must have all gotten watches from Santa because they all seem to know what time of day we are supposed to be there.



"Follow-up"

Just a note to follow-up



Grace & Kellan

Kellan celebrated his first Christmas with the assistance of big sister Grace.



For the last two months Tom has been working with the two calves we are showing in Denver. This show is the largest Highland show in the world. We will be showing a bull and a heifer, each nine months old. We are lucky enough to have our friends from Yakima transporting the

animals this year. We will fly down for the four days of the show.

The preparation for the show includes halter training, working with a show stick, desensitizing to noises and activity, and walking in the show ring. To prepare, Tom will walk the calves around the barnyard and occasion-

ally up and down the road which can be a little disconcerting for our mail lady or anyone else driving by.

The trip to Denver is always interesting and the show (though smaller this year) is always a good time to visit with old friends and meet new ones.



Heading to Denver

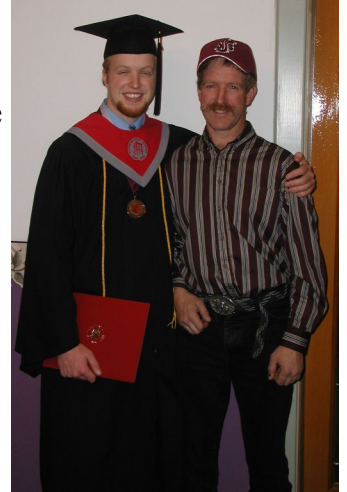
Comings and Goings

The next few weeks will involve lots of moving in and out for the family of Maple K Farms.

Sam has graduated from WSU as the Outstanding Honor Student in the vet program. He graduated with a degree in neuro-science. He

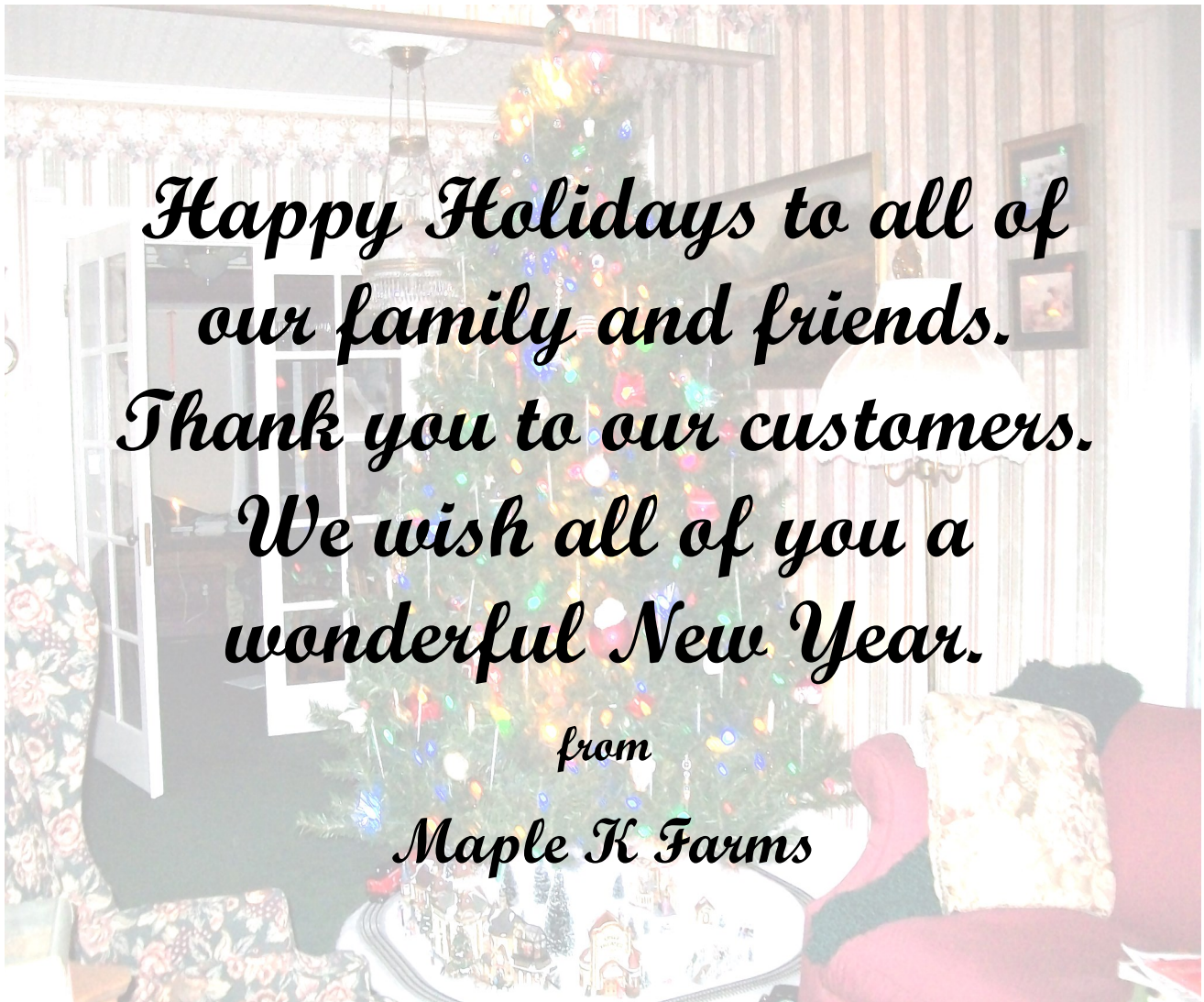
will be leaving soon for China where he will marry in April. He met Peach while studying in China and they were engaged last Christmas. Liz and Dustin will be moving back to the Palouse after living in the Denver area for the last four and a half years.

We are really happy to have them closer.



*Happy Holidays to all of
our family and friends.
Thank you to our customers.
We wish all of you a
wonderful New Year.*

*from
Maple K Farms*





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Spring Meeting

of the general membership meeting. To complete the day, we will also host a BBQ and campfire. Please visit our website for more information.

In May, Maple K Farms will be hosting the spring meeting for the Northwest Highland Cattle Association. We have hosted before and the event is always a good time. The presentations will consist

information about show training and preparation and animal handling facilities. The event also includes a photo contest, a silent auction as a fundraiser for the association, and

