

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Cheeseburger Macaroni Casserole

1lb lean ground beef  
 1/2c. chopped onion  
 1c. uncooked elbow macaroni  
 1 med. Tomato chopped  
 8oz. can of tomato sauce  
 1/2tsp. seasoned salt  
 1/8tsp. pepper  
 1c. shredded cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees, grease 8X8 cooking dish. In a skillet cook beef and onion until done, drain excess grease. Boil macaroni until cooked and drain. Spoon macaroni into pan, cover with beef mixture and chopped tomato. Pour tomato sauce over noodles and beef and sprinkle with seasoned salt and pepper. Sprinkle with cheese. Cover loosely with foil; bake 35 minutes until cheese is bubbling.  
 Can double or triple recipe.



We would love to include your favorite recipes in next month's newsletter. If you would like to submit a recipe, please email it to [Amanda@plainviewmilk.com](mailto:Amanda@plainviewmilk.com) or call Mary in the office, ext. 116.

## From Dallas' Desk

As you know, last spring we had investigated the possibility of re-entering the bulk butter manufacturing market. We found that with the closure of Land O Lakes' Madison WI butter facility, a great opportunity exists as a supplier of bulk butter to the Midwest region. We had planned to move forward with rebuilding and updating our Pasilac continuous butter churn (which has been in storage) to meet current U.S.D.A. standards, when the FDA issue arose. As the opportunity still exists and, as the economic feasibility of continuing in the instant NFD market has been compromised following the recall, we are once again moving forward on the bulk butter manufacturing project. The churn itself will be sent out for rebuilding to convert this machine from a hydraulic drive to a power based system based on 480 VAC 3 Phase 60 HZ Electric motors, with new Electronic Variable Frequency drives for motor protection, control of speed, and efficiency. The changes to the churn will increase efficiency and ease of operation and meet all current U.S.D.A. requirements. The former instantizer area will house the churn. We also own drying and agglomeration equipment

that has not been in use for some time. This unused equipment is being sold off to pay for project costs. We anticipate that this addition to the Cooperative will provide some much needed diversity to income sources, will create additional jobs, and enhance income for the Cooperative. We anticipate that the project will reach completion in late May to early June 2010 and already have intense customer interest. We also plan to expand this project in the future to include 1/4 lb sticks. We will keep you posted as the project develops.

I would also like to take this opportunity to discuss the Domestic Production Activities Deduction. This deduction has been available to you as an individual manufacturing producer for several years on your income tax return. You may have heard more about it in the last several months in relation to Cooperatives as the IRS made a ruling this year which will allow us as a Cooperative to "pass along" a credit to you. There is not a credit pass through for fiscal year ending 2009 as the IRS ruling was too late for us to put the credit into place. When we investigated

the credit 18 months ago, offering the pass through involved extensive and expensive legal maneuvering in order to make it possible. The new ruling from the IRS makes the pass through available without having to go through that maneuvering. The pass through will be offered next (fiscal year 2010) year. The credit is related to having W-2 (employee) wages and is, in short, a calculation involving the ratio between wages and production income. You, as an individual, can opt to either take the credit based on your personal operation's calculation, or you can take the pass-through credit the Cooperative will have available to you – you cannot use both (no "double dipping"). If you have not been claiming this credit in the past and do pay wages, you should consult your tax professional and find out about this credit. Please note – this is not an amount that will be paid out to you by the Cooperative – it is simply a tax credit which will reduce your taxable income. Many inaccurate rumors regarding this credit have been circulated. Please contact your tax preparer for clarification.

## Field Service Report

Just another reminder to our Wisconsin patrons that we will be having an interstate inspection in your area sometime in March or April. Please begin preparing accordingly. Field service will be sure to issue another reminder when it gets closer.

Due to medical issues Jim will not be on the road for the next six months. He will continue serving the coop in field service spending some extra time on office work and riding along with

Lonnie and Amanda when need be. Please still feel free to contact him with any field service related issues. He will be happy to help.

Field service is trying a few new soaps on some PI problem on a few farms. We are hoping to beat some cold weather related water issues. If you feel your PI count is climbing up please contact field service to hear more about other soaps available.

Jim, Lonnie, and Amanda

## WI Awards

We would like to recognize several Wisconsin patrons on earning the Wisconsin Achievement Award in 2009. Congratulations on a job well done!

Brett Evans  
 Nelson, WI

Joseph G. Massman  
 Taylor WI

Anton or Mary Ann Konkel  
 Independence, WI

Joe P Kramer  
 Cochran, WI

Jayme or Jeff Sygulla  
 Whitehall, WI

## Classifieds

### For Sale...

45 foot 3pt hydraulic fold spray boom with 20 inch spacing, 3/4 inch plumbing and Ag Chem foam markers. \$1500. Call Kelly at 507-259-6281. 2/10

Registered breeding bulls for sale from top cow families. 1 black and white and 1 red and white. Brothers in AI. Call Matt Zabel 507-251-1260. 10/09

18 springing heifers, holstein/ayrshires and ayrshires due to start at the end of Feb. also 14 due in June. 507-273-7722. 2/10

Wood livestock rack for 3/4 ton Ford pickup, good shape. Rear windshield for tractor for pulling corn picker. Soap box derby car, good shape. 507-251-0378. 9/09

20 Ft LP Tube heater. Asking \$250.00. 507-523-3504. 11/09

2001 JD 250 John Deere Skid loader, 2700 hours, good condition. Everything else is ok. 507-273-0695. 11/09

Holstein starter steer calves. Approx. 200-240 lbs, castrated and dehorned. 507-259-8910. 12/09

WW Livestock trailer 16ft. recently repainted. Lights and brakes work, good condition. 507-272-8401. 12/09

1270 Hesston 14ft. haybine. Excellent condition. 715-307-0518. 2/10

20 foot Cross bale conveyor \$125, Water tank and pump for silage preservatives \$100, 8 Cast iron closing wheels for JD 7000 \$35 each, Heads for 534 Ford \$400 for pair. 260 gallon fuel barrel with stand hose and filter \$100. Call Kelly at 507-259-6281 2/10

Rabbits for sale. 507-272-0005. 1/10

JD 317 Skid Loader. Bought in August of 08 has 140 hours on it, forks and bucket included. 651-380-8668 or 507-767-4952, asking \$25,000. 11/09

MX200 with 4100 hours. 520X85R46 rears, 480R34 Fronts. Nice tractor, asking \$69,000. 507-951-8642. 11/09

20 foot Cross bale conveyor \$125, Water tank and pump for silage preservatives \$100, 8 Cast iron closing wheels for JD 7000 \$35 each, Heads for 534 Ford \$400 for pair. 250 gallon fuel barrel with stand hose and filter \$100. Call Kelly at 507-259-628 12/09

### Wanted...

Cement J Bulks. 507-259-1642. 9/09

Hog Feeders, 20-60 bushel in good shape. 507-689-4355. 1/10

Milker pump, 16 milkers, pulsators, receiver jar, free stalls, and 3 inch low line, feeder wagon. 507-273-1035. 1/10

Wanted to buy Holstein bull calves and jersey heifer calves. 507-534-3950. 2/10

### Services...

Wolf Ferrier Services. Trimming and Shoeing for horses, mules, mini horses, and ponies. Reliable and professional, references available. Ethan Wolf 507-696-6227. 10/09

Part time milker available. Call 507-534-0162. 11/09

16 yr old with Drivers license is looking for a job on the farm. Can drive skid loader and tractors. 507-534-3897

Available for farm help. 507-421-5934. 1/10

U of M graduate pursuing employment as a herds person or in another dairy related field. 952-250-7809. 1/10

## Feed Store Update

Once again we will be hosting Seed Day at the Plainview Milk Products Commodity Super Center. Please join us on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Seed representatives will be on hand to answer any questions and we will also be offering 5% off your seed order. Stop in and join us for lunch, we will see you there!

## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Animal Expo & Small Animal Swap Meet

**April, 3 2010 from 10AM to 1PM**

**At the Wabasha County Fairgrounds at the intersection of HWY 60&61 on Coulee Way Rd**

Cost is \$3 per person, no additional cost for livestock brought in. The purpose of this event is to bring sellers of quality livestock together with prespective buyers to enhance 4-H and FFA projects. If you have any questions about this event please contact Sheri Sexton at 507-798-2331 or email questions to [webmaster@wabashacountyfair.org](mailto:webmaster@wabashacountyfair.org)