

HAPPY CHICKEN FARMS & MERRY MILK MAID®



THE CHICKEN COOP CHRONICAL



DECEMBER 2016

Egg prices may decline as the holiday season nears the end. The reason for the low prices is the high number of laying hens nationwide. There has been a decline in the institutional demand of liquid eggs for cakes, pastries, and other foods. Because of the Avian Influenza outbreak in 2015, the shortage of liquid eggs drove the institutions to look for alternative products and sources to keep their production going. (But remember, Happy Chicken Farms never ran out of eggs, even through that tragic period of time.) Bad news for the egg producers is that the lost business has not returned yet. The good news for egg producers is that the grain harvest this year has hit a record high, reducing their costs. Regardless, the egg producers are reducing their flocks to reduce egg inventory. As 2017 draws near, we will revisit what to expect next year.

Milk prices are returning to just about where they were in September. Please see the changes below.

The following price change will go into effect December 5, 2016

Estos precios se inician el 5 de diciembre 2016

	<u>WHOLE (3.25%)</u>	<u>2%</u>	<u>1%</u>	<u>SKIM-Fat Free</u>
Dispenser	+0.900	+0.900	+0.900	+0.900
Gallons	+0.180	+0.180	+0.180	+0.180
Half Gallons	+0.090	+0.090	+0.090	+0.090
Quarts	+0.045	+0.045	+0.045	+0.045
Pints	+0.022	+0.022	+0.022	+0.022
Half Pints	+0.011	+0.011	+0.011	+0.011

*Happy Chicken Farms and Merry Milk Maid wish you a season filled with beauty, peace, joy
and a new year bright with happiness and prosperity.*

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will be closed on Saturday, 12-24-16 and Saturday, 12-31-16 to allow our Stakeholders to celebrate the holidays with their families. Please note, we are always closed on Sundays.

Although, the delivery day schedules will not be changed for the holidays, we will need orders no later than Friday 12-23-16 and 12-30-16 for the following Mondays, 12-26-16 & 1-2-17. Our staff will remind you of these dates as we get closer. If your business will be closed any days through the holidays, please keep us informed so we can serve you best.

It was brought to our attention that there was an incident at a nitrous oxide facility in Florida. This has caused the discontinuation of the production of the gas which is used in the aerosol whip topping spray. Because of this incident and for safety factors another facility in Canada has also shut down. We quickly responded to the consequences of the situation and stocked up as much as we were able to. Unfortunately, we do expect to run out of aerosol cans soon. In the meantime, we are reaching out to other sources to keep you supplied as long as possible resulting in different brands. It has been projected that the original products will be back in February 2017.



Ask About Our Holiday Treats!



STAKEHOLDER OF THE MONTH, APRIL GRIFFITHS!



A big congratulations is due to Stakeholder, April Griffiths for being elected Stakeholder of the Month! Her fellow workers say, "...April stays productive, does a good job on sales, stays busy with her job, makes sales with customers, works hard, great job on sales, she is funny and has a good personality, and makes good sales."

April has been working for Happy Chicken Farms & Merry Milk Maid since July 2013. She calls customers for their orders, processes orders, and many other office tasks for the company, and did we mention that she does a good job selling our superior products to customers?

April says, "It's easy being a good employee when you work for a great company and with great people."

WAY TO GO, APRIL!

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