

Happy Chicken Farms and Merry Milk Maid®

THE CHICKEN COOP CHRONICAL



Celebrating 70 Year Platinum Jubilee!

MAY 2023



The national egg market has made large decreases the past few weeks in April bring them back to a level which has not been seen since the start of March 2022. That was shortly before the first wave of infected migratory birds spreading Avian Influenza in the western part of the United States. This caused a drastic hit to the US egg industry, the worse since 2015. The second wave of the Avian Influenza was such a blow to the farmers in the latter part of 2022, the egg market was driven to historical highs. As of this writing, there are no reports from the US egg producers of Avian Influenza infections.

The United States Department of Agriculture, USDA, has decided to raise the amount which the milk bottlers are to pay the dairy farmers for their raw milk. Please see price changes below. The increase is mostly due to fewer milk producing cows than was originally forecasted.

Happy Chicken Farms & Merry Milk Maid will be:

CLOSED ON MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY MAY 29, 2023.

All Monday accounts will be delivered on Tuesday, 5-30-23. All Tuesday deliveries will be delivered Wednesday 5-31-23. Please call our office at 614-875-9300 if you have any questions. We wish you and your families a reflective time this Memorial Day.

The following price change will go into effect May 1st, 2023

Estos precios se inician el 1 de mayo 2023

	<u>WHOLE (3.25%)</u>	<u>2%</u>	<u>1%</u>	<u>SKIM-Fat Free</u>
Dispenser	+0.350	+0.350	+0.350	+0.350
Gallons	+0.070	+0.070	+0.070	+0.070
Half Gallons	+0.035	+0.035	+0.035	+0.035
Quarts	+0.018	+0.018	+0.018	+0.018
Pints	+0.009	+0.009	+0.009	+0.009
Half Pints	+0.004	+0.004	+0.004	+0.004

THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF OUR 70 YEARS OF HISTORY

Smith's Deli & Pizza

Happy Chicken Farms & Merry Milk Maid first started delivering to Smith's Meats in the early spring of 1975, 48 years ago, which makes this location one of our longest served customers! Launched in 1961, Smith Meats maintained meat lockers to store the sides of fresh beef which a public customer would purchase from Smith's and cut to ordered specifications. At the time, Smith's Meats was owned and operated by Jack Smith, Sr. a contemporary of our founder, Lee Lackey, and also offered a variety of deli meats and cheeses. Over the years, the demand for meat lockers declined, but not so for great prepared food at affordable prices. That was the reason Smith's Meats transitioned to Smith's Deli under the leadership of Jack Smith, Jr. and his family. Pictured below are photos of Jack Jr. and our CEO, Bruce Lackey, from 2003 during a catering event and from 2023 where it looks like Bruce is going to apply for a job and get a uniform shirt! You will notice the statue of a Black Angus in the background which is an ongoing tribute to Jack Sr. and the legacy of the family business. Jack Jr. attended Watterson High School with our very own Merry Draghi and Bruce attended elementary school with Jack's younger brother Brad, so the family connections go back beyond the start of the business connections. During our 70th year anniversary, we congratulate the Smith Family for their 62 years in business and the 48 years of allowing us to supply their egg and dairy needs.



STAKEHOLDER OF THE MONTH

DENNIS CLEVENGER JR.



With pride, Happy Chicken Farms & Merry Milk Maid announce Dennis Clevenger Jr. as Stakeholder of the Month. Dennis has been working for our company since January 2013 starting as a Class A CDL truck driver and has advanced to a management position in our office. He is no stranger receiving honors for his leadership among his peers.

Dennis' fellow Stakeholders say, "...he can work many jobs, can and will take any route that needs to be covered, Dennis is working hard on the new Driver Training Manual, he is a hard worker doing an overall good job and takes ownership of his responsibilities."

CONGRATULATIONS, DENNIS!