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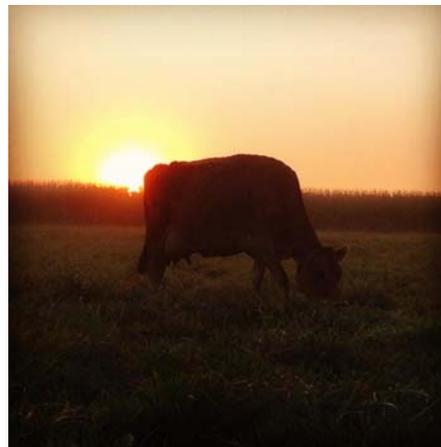
A Family Farm

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Grazing season winding down

This has been our longest grazing season ever, but it's winding down this week. Our herd spent Sunday night in our hoop barn, sheltered from the high winds and cold rain. Most of the leaves have blown off the trees, but there's still a little green left in our pastures, so our herd will get one more trip around our 40 acres of pastures as we begin transitioning them to dry hay.

It was a good hay season--once it stopped raining this spring! We have over 7000 bales in our barn for the winter, which should be plenty



to get our herd of 20 through until next April.

With the change of season comes a transition at market too. As we usually do the first Saturday of November, we'll be moving to our winter location at the CNY Regional Market. Find us from November through the end of April in "A" shed.



Our farm store will remain open this winter, stocked everyday with all of our dairy products. Stop by on Fridays to grab our cheese ciabatta, sunflower flax bread, or cookies. We take most of our baked goods to market, but we're always glad to leave special orders at the farm for pick-up on Saturdays.

For more frequent updates and photos of happenings on the farm, [follow us on Facebook](#). We always enjoy your questions, comments, and feedback, whether in person or online.

Farm family update

Speaking of transitions, our family is preparing for a huge change next year. Our only son, Hugh, is a senior at Jordan-Elbridge High School, so he's in the process of applying to colleges and enjoying his last year running cross country and track with friends.

We've been mentally preparing ourselves for years for this change, but I'm afraid that's not going to make it any easier! Even though he is busy with school and sports, he's always willing to lend a hand when we need him. Although he doesn't plan to be a farmer, his father didn't either, so who knows?



Touring colleges with Hugh over the past year inspired me to crack the books again too. After leaving my position at Bailiwick last August, I enrolled in an online program through UC San Diego Extension, and I completed a certificate in copyediting this June. Since then, I've been editing text for authors, businesses, and non-profits. I especially enjoy working on non-fiction, and I've worked on a wide variety of materials: blogs, articles, books, websites, brochures, annual reports, meeting minutes, presentations, technical documents, etc. If you need a fresh set of eyes on something you've written, drop me a line at megschader@gmail.com to learn more.

Along with editing, I've also been exploring a couple of courses at SUNY-ESF as a visiting student. I'm taking Foundations of Environmental Studies and Environmental Journalism, and although I am the oldest student in the room, I'm really enjoying both the academic challenge and the opportunity to network with others interested in the environment. I'm hoping to matriculate into a graduate program next fall, and with luck, maybe Hugh and I will both graduate from college in 2022!

Your farmers,



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