

## Things to do and see at Maine Farm Days 2011

- Children's Milking Contest
- Food Vendors
- Corn Maze
- Skid Steer Rodeo
- Forest Service Presentation
- Dealer Equipment Demonstrations
- Antique Tractor Demonstrations
- Maine Dairy Princess Kickoff
- Agribusiness Exhibits
- Helicopter Spraying Demo
- Farm Tours
- Children's Learning Center
- Craft Tent
- Forage Harvest Trials
- Pie and Whoopie Pie contests
- Chicken Barbeque



## Maine Farm Days 2011

August 24-25, 9:00am - 5:00pm

### **Pesticide Credit Workshops Maine Farm Days, Misty Meadows Farm, Clinton, Maine 1 credit per workshop (pending) Wednesday, August 24, 2011**

**10:00 am to 11:00 am** *Common Pesticides and Their Applications on Dairy Farms* with David Marcinkowski - Dairy Specialist UMaine Cooperative Extension

**11:10 am to 12:10 pm** *Rodent Control Strategies on Farms* with Dr. Anne Lichtenwalner - Extension Veterinarian, UMaine Cooperative Extension

**1:00 to 2:00 pm** *Introduction to Successful No-till Corn Production* with Rick Kersbergen - Extension Educator, UMaine Cooperative Extension

**2:10 to 3:10 pm** *Farmers, Farm Workers, Gardeners and Ticks* with Clay Kirby - Entomologist, UMaine Cooperative Extension

### **Thursday, August 25, 2011**

**10:00 to 11:00 am** *Pesticides and Pollinators* with Tony Jadczyk - State Apiarist, Maine Dept. of Agriculture

**11:10 am to 12:10 pm** *Bird and Other Wildlife Control Tactics* with Kirk Shively, Wildlife Disease Biologist, USDA APHIS

**1:00 to 2:00 pm** *Disinfectants and Their Effective Use on Farms* with Dr. Gary Anderson - Animal & Biotech Specialist, UMaine Cooperative Extension

**2:10 to 3:10 pm** *Fly Control Strategies on Maine Farms* with Kathy Murray, Entomologist - Maine Dept. of Agriculture

**Maine Farm Days**  
Renewable Energy  
Innovation For Our Energy Future

Public Welcome!  
FREE Admission!

Wednesday & Thursday  
**August 24-25, 2011**  
**Misty Meadows Farm**  
308 Hill Road, Clinton, ME  
Exit 138 of I-95  
www.mainefarmdays.com

Farmer's Market \* Food Booths \* Children's Learning Center  
Proud Sponsor of Pine Tree Camp

*An Agricultural Trade Show*

*Held on a Working Farm*

**Misty Meadows Farm**

*Hours 9:00 am — 5:00 pm*

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## Maine Farm Days 2011, August 24-25

Maine Farm Days gives the public and farmers the opportunity to visit a working farm, see the operation of new equipment and technology, and provide an atmosphere for everyone to walk through, observe, and educate themselves about the different areas of agriculture. This is Maine Farm Day's 27th year. The program is coordinated by the host farm, agricultural associations, farm equipment and service dealers, the USDA, state agencies, and several volunteers.

Misty Meadows Farm of Clinton, Maine is owned and operated by John and Belinda Stoughton with 10 employees, three of which are family members. John manages the daily operations, and Belinda also works off the farm. Her son Thomas Wright Jr. also works on the farm and is a graduate of Northern Maine Community College in Presque Isle, Maine with a degree in diesel hydraulics. His duties include feeding the cows and overseeing the cattle operations, paying particular attention to sire selections. His wife Kimberly also works on the farm while attending Kennebec Valley Community College. Her duties consist of feeding and treating all the calves as well as breeding all the cows. Kimberly and Thomas are both active in showing beef animals and working steers at the fairs. The oldest son Shonne Wright is employed by the Wright Place LLC. He has two sons Dylon and Cooper. Dylon plays baseball as well as football and loves farming. His son Cooper also plays t-ball and football and loves to play in the mud and ride bike. Her daughter, Katrina, is employed by Monitor's Of Maine, and Katrina's husband David, is employed by CMP. They are very involved with their kid's sports and giving a helping hand around the farm. They have two girls,



Aerial view of Misty Meadows Farm in Clinton, Maine



Monique and Briannah who are both active in 4-H and two boys, Thomas, who is also in 4-H and Derek is their youngest who is still to little to be involved in much but he does love the animals and tractors.

The cows at Misty Meadows Farm are housed in 5 free stall barns with a current milking herd of 550 and a total of 400 young stock. The total number of milking cows has risen from 200 cows in 1997. Milking cows are separated into 3 milking groups, fresh cows and first calf heifers together, the high production herd, and the low herd. These herds are milked 3 times a day in a double 12 Herringbone Parlor at 8 hour intervals. The farm is currently averaging 78 lbs of milk per cow for a total of 32,600 lbs shipped per day. Milk quality is a key success area with 120,000 somatic cell count on milk and a current 24,000 lb herd average. All their milk is shipped to Oakhurst Dairy in Portland, Maine.

Freestalls are bedded with sand; the farm uses about 46 yards of sand per week to keep stalls clean and comfortable for their cows. The cows calve on a sawdust bedded pack. Heifers start their career in individual calf hutches graduated to group housing. Ninety-five percent of breeding is done by artificial insemination, with the average age of calving at 22 months.

Their farm is comprised of 950 acres of cropland with 500 in corn production and 450 acres of grass silage, of this total 300 is rented. Forage quality is top goal for Misty Meadows with special attention being paid to getting a crop in very efficiently at the peak of quality: first crop harvest averages 12 days from start to completion. Silage is stored in 2 large bunker silos with chopped hay and a protein mix stored in a commodity shed. Other grains are stored in upright grain bins. The high forage quality is reflected in the use of 51% forage in their current total mixed ration. The farm is a land steward and utilizes a conservation plan that includes seeding down their corn ground, strip cropping, use of cover crops and diversion ditches.

