

The Freund & Jacquier Families

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OPEN FARM
SUNDAY

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You are invited to Open Farm Sunday!

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Mark your calendar!

Date: October 9, 2016

Time: 11 am—2 pm

Location: Laurelbrook Farm and Freund's Farm

Come visit our cows, new barns and farmers and ask us your questions about dairy farming.

Open Farm Sunday is sponsored by our dairy cooperative, Cabot Creamery.

Visit: cabotcheese.coop/open-farm-Sunday

During your visit, when you post pictures on Facebook and Instagram, use #cabotfarmers!



Freund family with Cabot Clause at OFS 2013



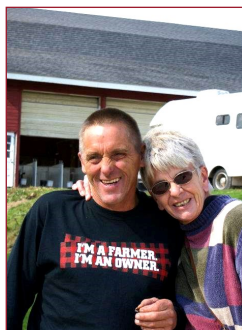
Farm guest on tractor at Laurelbrook Farm

Freund's Farm

- Snack on homemade mac n' cheese and apple cider donuts at Freund's Farm Market.
- Watch robots milk cows and Juno, the feed pusher at work.
- See how we use solar & methane energy.
- Sample our favorite cheese—Cabot cheddar cheese!

Laurelbrook Farm

- Take a hayride around farm and dairy barns.
- Learn about a typical day on the farm.
- Meet a cow nutritionist and veterinarian and learn about animal care.
- Enjoy free ice cream and kids activities!



L to R: Freund's Farm Market sign, Cricket Jacquier leading tour, Freund brothers with Cabot staff, Pete Jacquier and Chickie Osborne, Cabot cheese sampling

Stay connected with our farms all year!

Freund's Farm

Websites: Cowpots.com & Freundsfarmmarket.com

Email: Amanda@cowpots.com

Laurelbrook Farm

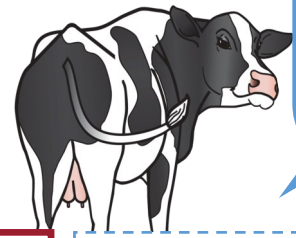
Website: Laurelbrookfarm.org

Email: Laurelbrookfarm@sbcglobal.net

2 Family Farms

Freund's Farm & Laurelbrook Farm

Working Together



Did you know?

Hi Neighbors!

Fall 2016

It has been a busy summer and growing season on our family dairy farms. In North Canaan, there are 4 family farms that are members of the Cabot Cooperative; Carlwood Farm, Elm Knoll Farm, Freund's Farm and Laurelbrook Farm. This newsletter features Freund's Farm & Laurelbrook Farm.

The Jacquier family sent Shelby off to her first year at Cazenovia College and hired a recent Vermont Tech graduate, Alexa to oversee daily care of the cows. The Freund family has trained son-in-law Andy in a range of farm tasks from robot maintenance to cow herding and driving farm equipment. Our families are growing and changing just like yours and we are grateful to have family working alongside us.

The calendar just marked Fall. Come visit us to celebrate the season and see what we have been up to at our Open Farm Sunday on October 9! **You are invited.**

Sincerely,

The farming families from Freund's Farm and Laurelbrook Farm

Connecticut dairy farms have a substantial economic impact.

- Dairy is CT's 2nd largest agricultural product in total sales.
- Over 90% of a farm's supplies are purchased locally.
- 1 dairy cow contributes \$14,000 in economic activity.

*American Farmland Trust and USDA 2012 Ag Census



Isaac Freund & Austin Jacquier

Working Together

The great part about having farms living and working in the same community is that it provides opportunities for collaboration. Over the past year our farm families have worked together to harvest corn, fertilize fields and learn from one another on animal care and growing a family farm.

We also like talking about cheese and dairy together; from traveling to New York City to share our gratitude with city Cabot customers to serving the Canaan Fire Company a macaroni and cheese dinner in February.



Amanda Freund & Jenn Jacquier



Jacquiers and Freunds working together in field

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much" -Helen Keller



Eric Whiting & Rachel Freund during corn harvest



Thank you for being patient on the road while we travel with tractors, trucks and large equipment during this fall harvest season. Our farm equipment moves slowly and we ask that you use extra caution if passing.



Pete Jacquier & Ben Freund in chopper