

MIDDLEBURY COOPERATIVE NEWSLETTER

2021/Quarter 4

BOARD MEMBER BIO

Dan Slaymaker started farming while he was still in high school. He now runs a Holstein farm with his wife Jessica and their two daughters Lauren, 12, and Janelle, 9. Their farm is located between Troy and Mansfield. They are currently milking 160 cows in a parallel parlor and 3-row freestall. They raise all their own replacements and crops.

Dan and Jess joined the Co-op in 2007, and Dan became a board member in 2018.

In addition to farming, they starting ClarAva Trucking, a milk hauling company, in 2019.



ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendars, our annual meeting is being held on February 26, 2022, at the Knoxville Community Center. As always, there will be a children's program. Look for the official notice in your next milk check. Please remember to call the office if you plan on attending, the earlier we know who is coming the better we can plan. We look forward to seeing everyone come out, especially after having to cancel our meeting last year.

Did you know?

This year our co-op produced and sold 149 million pounds of milk, which was 2,770 loads of milk. Comparatively, last year (2020) we sold 140 million pounds, equaling 2,593 loads of milk.

Over the course of the year, we sold to 25 different plants, but we didn't sell to all those plants every month. On average, we sold to 16 plants every month. The most plants that we sold to in one month was 19 and the fewest we sold to was 12. Most of the plants we work with are scattered across New York, with a few in Northern New Jersey and in Maryland. We also ship to a plant in Massachusetts and one in Rhode Island.

"A farm is more than land and crops, it is a family's heritage and future."

PMVAP UPDATE

We know that everyone is anxiously waiting for the PMVAP funds to come in, at this point we do not have any further information as to when exactly we will be receiving the funds to distribute. We share in your frustration in the lack of information coming from the program directors. We are prepared to distribute the funds as soon as they come in; we will get them to you as soon as possible.