



# SHATTO MILK COMPANY

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## Milk From Cloned Cows? Not From Shatto Milk Company

With the FDA now stating both milk and beef from cloned cows are safe for human consumption, we have been receiving many emails and calls from our wonderful customers asking about our practices.

Because of the sheer amount of calls and emails I figured I should take a minute in this month's Moosletter to share with you our position. Shatto Milk Company does not have, or plan to have, any cloned cows on our farm, thus this issue is irrelevant to our operation.

We believe the best way for our cows to reproduce is the natural way, the way cows have been reproducing for centuries.

I can assure you that Shatto Milk is all natural and comes from local cows that are treated like family. We do not treat our cows with any type of artificial growth hormones and ensure that they are able to roam our local fields as they choose.

If you were wondering about this topic, I truly hope this answers your questions. If I can be of any further assistance please contact me via email at [office@shattomilk.com](mailto:office@shattomilk.com).

**Warm Up With Some YUMMY  
Shatto Chocolate Milk**  
**Just Heat in the Microwave and  
it will be the best Hot Chocolate  
you Have Ever Had!**

## Easter Egg Hunt – Mark Your Calendars

On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, you and your family are invited to the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Shatto Milk Company Easter Egg Hunt. This free event is one you and your family will not want to miss. Last year we had more than 400 participants in this fun event, and hope to get an even bigger number this year.

The Easter Egg Hunt starts promptly at 2:30 p.m. Kids of all ages are welcome. There will be three areas divided by age, one for children ages 4 and under, another for ages 5 to 7, and a third area for kids ages 8 and older. Prizes will be awarded to those children that find the "special eggs".

There is no charge for this fun event and we suggest participants arrive 15-20 minutes before the event, so everyone has time to sign in, find their line and get ready to go! Hot dogs and other lunch items will be available for purchase. The Easter Egg Hunt is held rain (or snow!) or shine. After all, what else can we do with thousands of eggs?

Peter, the Easter Rabbit, will be present, so bring your cameras and have your child's picture taken with him and a Shatto Milk Company Cow.



## Come Visit Us on the Farm

Ever wanted to milk a cow or maybe just pet one? Would you like to get your chance this summer? If you would like to milk a cow, pet a baby calf, see how we bottle our cows milk on the farm, and enjoy some tasty dairy products consider touring our local dairy farm. Our local family farm is now accepting tour reservations for the entire year.

Last year we hosted more than 45,000 people who came in groups ranging from families and Boy Scouts to summer school classes, church groups, and senior citizen bus tours. With this said, we do also welcome individuals and families as well.

When making your plans for fun and excitement this year, please consider Shatto Milk Company as a possible destination. We are certain you will have a great time here on the farm while also learning a little something about local family farms and how our milk gets from our cows to the stores in as little as 12 hours. We would love the opportunity to share our family farm with you sometime soon!

To schedule a tour please contact us via phone at (816) 930-3862.

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## Limited Edition Milk Bottles Available

For any of you that are milk bottle collectors, I have some good news for you! We have in stock a variety of limited edition milk bottles that we are now releasing to the public.

We have a variety of bottles available ranging from 1953 cream top bottles that pay tribute to our latest Family Day at The Farm, to the same bottle style with information about this past year's National Divco Convention which was held at our local family farm. Also on hand, are a variety of special edition half-pint bottles limited in quantity.

Please feel free to stop by the farm to view these collectors' items or contact us at (816) 930-3862 for more information.



## What's Happening On The Family Farm?

I am not sure if the cows think it is spring or still winter. The fluctuations in temperature truly confuse all of us here.

We were able to get our new boiler into the barn this past month, so for the first time in many months we are now operating with a permanent replacement boiler as a result of the fire we experienced in late summer. We are very happy to have that behind us.

At the dairy things have been going well. The cows love their new barn as it allows them to come in out of the blustery winds and subzero temperatures. Production is going well as the cows prefer the cold weather compared to the hot summer heat. It is interesting that in the winter months the cows typically produce a lot more cream than normal. So, if you are ever in need of some cream, please let us know as we have plenty this time of year.

At the bottling plant and country store things are great. We have been hosting a number of folks for tours and have been preparing for the influx of visitors this spring. As mentioned above, we were able to get our boiler put into place and that has allowed us to get back to normal operation.

With spring in sight, we are all becoming a bit anxious to see the bright green grass return with the sound of birds softly chirping in the background. The spring is truly the prettiest time on the farm. We truly hope you and your family can make it out for a visit in the next few months. See you soon!

## Two Small Companies, One Great Partnership

On the heels of the article in last month's publication, I thought I would share with you a relationship that was built when we attended the Bridging the Gap Ceremony where we received the Environmental Excellence Award for Business.

At that event, representatives from another award winning organization were sitting next to us, Elmwood Reclaimed Timber. At first I did not think much about our kind neighbors, but as I sat there and thought about it, our companies seemed to be a great fit for one another.

Elmwood is a local Kansas City company that is environmentally sensitive as they reclaim wood and other products from old buildings ranging from 100 year old barns to old factory buildings. The purpose of reclaiming this material is to reduce the need of using new freshly cut timber for building and to basically recycle products that still have life remaining.

One key part to their operation is how they recondition this reclaimed wood. They sand it, cut it to fit its new location and then of course install it. As a by product of this process, this local company found itself having a great deal of excess saw dust.

That is where the partnership idea came from. They had excess saw dust and we needed some good quality saw dust to use as a bedding material for our cows when they come in from out in the pasture. So, that evening started a great working partnership that now benefits both small local companies.

I share this story with you as I am often asked to share information about some of the many local companies we partner with in a variety of ways.

## Happy Valentine's Day



This special baby calf wanted to wish everyone a very happy Valentines Day. Since she is not able to see each of you on the 14<sup>th</sup>, and because some of you may prefer not to be kissed by this precious bovine, we figured sending you a picture of her blowing you a kiss would be the best option.

All of us at Shatto Milk Company would like to wish you a very happy Valentine's Day. We hope that the start of your 2008 is going well and would like to host you at the farm sometime this year.

As always, if we can be of any assistance to you please do not hesitate to contact us. As your true local family farm, we welcome your calls and emails anytime. We are your neighbors and want to do all we can to ensure that you are more than satisfied with all of the items we provide. Happy Valentine's Day!

## A Few Cow Related Jokes We Received From A Friend

**What has five fingers and milks cows?**

A farmhand.

**Do you know how long cows should be milked?**

Same as short ones.

**Why did the cow wear a bell?**

Because her horn did not work.