Past Dairy Classes & Buildings

Professor Smith created the dairying program after arriving on campus in the 1890s. He began classes in cheese and ice cream making, cow testing, and barn management. Students and farmers from all over the state came to learn from Smith, and the college needed buildings to fit all of them.

The first three Dairy buildings built between 1900-1930 were small and quickly outgrown. MSU realized the need for a complete facility. In 1955 Anthony Hall was constructed and had everything the college needed, including equipment for classes to make cheese and ice cream, as well as the Dairy Store to sell their products. The same Dairy Store we visit today!

Belle Sarcastic: MSU’s Famous Dairy Cow

Belle Sarcastic, owned by Michigan Agricultural College, (an early name of Michigan State University) set a world’s record in 1897. She produced 23,190 pounds of milk and 722 pounds of fat in a single year. She held this record for eleven years.

Her son, Sarcastic Lad, was grand champion at the St. Louis Exposition in 1903 and became a noted sire of the breed.
Ice cream has been part of the lives of students for over a century! Check out these ads in the school newspaper from 1910.

**Important People in MSU’s Dairying History**

1. **Manly Miles** – The “father of scientific agriculture,” Miles took a scientific approach to farming. One of his jobs was to build up M.A.C.’s cattle herd.

2. **Clinton Smith** - Smith introduced dairying to campus by teaching classes and conducting experiments. He was hired as Professor of Agriculture in 1893.

3. **G. Malcolm Trout** – Trout has been awarded Medals of Honor around the world for creating homogenized milk after he became assistant professor of Dairy Husbandry in 1928.

**Dairy Adventure Word Search**

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- Belle
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- Miles
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