



## Facts & Information

### History

The Ebert Family Farm was established around 1908. The farm has always supported beef and dry land wheat farming.

In the 1980s, Alice and Harold Ebert moved from the farm near Byers to a home in Bassett, Nebraska to live near other family. Kerry (son) and Kasey (grandson) stayed at the ranch while most of it was leased out to a neighbor.

In 2002, Kres (grandson) and Julie Ebert took their collective experience in their agricultural roots and decided to try to make a start in agriculture at the farm. They began by leasing the dry land wheat ground back and purchasing a small herd of commercial Boer goats, to raise goat meat.

In 2004, Kres and Julie met David Lynch of Guidestone Farm and began the research to start a raw milk dairy.

During the spring of 2005, the grass portion of the farm began to be leased back and construction began on a dairy barn. The 30-cow Jersey herd was moved from Guidestone Farm to the Ebert Family Farm and the Ebert family began to sustain itself in a life of agriculture.

### Dairy Practices

The Eberts are finalizing construction on a Grade A Dairy facility. The cows are milked twice per day in a closed milk system. The milk is stored in a 400 gallon, cooling bulk tank. The milk is bottled unpasteurized and unhomogenized, thus raw, 10 to 12 times per week.

The Eberts do not allow the use of any hormones on the cows and the cows at Ebert Farms are not vaccinated. The Eberts only use antibiotics to treat cows with serious mastitis or health issues. Milk is always withheld from customer consumption after a cow is treated with antibiotics.

Jars used for bottling milk are sanitized with food-grade hydrogen peroxide instead of traditional chlorinated products.

### The Feed Stuff

The Ebert Family Farm believes in the philosophy of "grass fed is best." While the farm is not Certified Organic, the cows graze all year round on about 800 acres of native grass pasture. The grass would definitely meet organic standards.

A Certified Organic ration of organic corn, palm oil, and organic oats is fed during the morning milking. This feed is supplemented with organic minerals and Redmond's salt rocks. Alfalfa is added when the grass stops growing. The alfalfa for this winter will come from Guidestone Farm, where it has been grown organically for many years at Guidestone's current location. This winter we are also getting certified organic alfalfa from a neighboring farmer, Jim Sauers.

### Milk Testing

The Eberts are performing monthly tests on milk collected from the bulk tank. They have adopted the following standards:

- Standard Plate Count less than 15,000/ml
- Coliforms less than 50/ml
- E coli 0157 – zero
- Salmonella - zero

Additional testing will be performed on the milk as the Colorado Raw Milk Producers Association formulates guidelines.

Bulk tank test results will be made available to customers through e-mail. The herd will be tuberculosis tested every three years. Any new cow entering the herd will be tested for tuberculosis, brucellosis and Johnes.

## Additional Farm Products

In addition to milk, we produce eggs, pork, free-range chicken, and beef. Each is free of antibiotics and hormones. Our cows are raised on grass. Our pigs enjoy a diet full of skim milk and organic grains. They live outside in the sun with room to root for bugs and roll in the mud. Our laying chickens are free-range all year round as we haven't yet built a fence that will hold them. We lock them in a building at night to protect them from predators. In addition to bugs and green growth, we feed the chickens organic corn, organic flax, sunflowers, organic millet, organic oats, and organic alfalfa.

## Membership in the Raw Milk Dairy

To become a member in the Raw Milk Dairy, you must buy in to the cow share program. First you purchase a share in the herd for \$50.00. Then you must purchase jars for \$6.00 per share. Boarding fees are also required, at \$28.00 per share, per month.

Members can choose to pick up their milk at Guidestone Farm if they pay an additional transportation fee of \$6.00 per share, per month. Milk delivery is also an option for an additional \$8.00 per share, per month. Milk is delivered to specific distribution points in the Boulder, Longmont, Conifer/Bailey, and Denver metro areas. All milk must be transported and distributed by shareholders, to shareholders.

Each share of milk allows the shareholder one gallon of milk per week. A member can purchase half, full, or multiple shares in the herd. Being a shareholder also gives members access to colostrum, cream, and other raw dairy products available at the farm.

## Co-op Information

Driving Co-ops exist in various locations around the Denver metro area and along the Northern Front Range. The farm can help you find a driving co-op so you are able to take turns making the trip to the farm. You then pick up your milk at a local distribution point on the weeks you do not drive.

## Contact Information

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## Directions to the Farm

From I-70 in Byers, take Highway 36 northeast approximately 3 miles to Calhoun-Byers Road. Turn north (left) and drive approximately 8 miles to Adams County Road 88. Turn east (right) and drive approximately 2 miles to Behrens Road. Turn north (left) and proceed to 112th. Turn to the east (right). Do not make the next corner onto Horrogate Road, but instead follow our long driveway toward the farmhouse to your right (south). As you approach the farmhouse you will see the barn located to the left (east). The distribution center is located inside the barn.

## Distribution Hours

- Tuesday 9am–5pm
- Sunday 9am–11am & 1pm–3pm

When necessary, we allow our shareholders to come outside of these hours by special arrangement with the farm. Guidestone Farm Distribution is after 4pm on Fridays and 10am–2pm Saturdays.

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