

## Cow Sunday Sharing by Harry & Eva Martens - OMC Sept. 27, 2015

Dick wanted me to mention some things we've learned from cows.

1. Commitment – through snowstorms, power outages and tornadoes.
2. I think cows have a therapeutic effect on people that work with them.

I remember when Prince Albert Penitentiary (P.A. Pen.) , North Battleford Mental Hospital, Rosthern Youth Farm and Weyburn Children's Hospital all had a dairy herd.

I remember my friend picking up the cows at P.A. Pen. When they were sold. One inmate hugged a cow and said to the cow: "if we don't meet in this world again, maybe we'll meet in the next world."

Another fellow hugged a cow and said: "I'm in here for a reason, but you've never done anything wrong."

It amazes me how cows in a big herd can eat, sleep and work together and never seem to have big fights.

Cows love their calves and if they had a chance, they would not give them up for adoption.

I had a cow I made fun of by telling her what an awful hairdo she had, as she stood close to me in the parlour. I said she would never find a bull friend. Suddenly she bit into my winter jacket and ripped it apart. I guess enough was enough.

I think cows are like Mennonites. They like to keep things simple and keep doing things the way we've always done it. And they don't like yelling or screaming.

1. Holstein People have everything in black and white.
2. All we have, we owe to udders.
3. The strength of the dairy industry is we're always pulling for each udder.

Here are a few highlights of other things I've learned in the barn:

We believe if there is a heaven for cows, our cows will be there. They made this world a better place by feeding a lot of hungry children.

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