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Cattle-Our cattle herd has had some changes in the last few months. In the beginning of March we welcomed three new calves to the herd, with more on the way in the next few months. We also hosted two members of the American Milking Devon Board of Directors, Ray Clark and Dexter Randall, to come and evaluate our herd as well as host a workshop for our staff. During this week long experience all of our adult cattle were graded for breed standard. Breed standard is based on qualities that the "perfect" cow would have. Two of our cattle Peach and Juno scored very high! As we strive to become a center of excellence for our rare breeds this was an important step in making sure we continue to keep and breed the top quality of animals.

Also during the process we had the chance to help another milking Devon breeder start his own herd. Daisy, and her new calf, who were out with the other calves in the historic area, were two of the cattle sold during that time and have moved to Michigan! We are happy to report that they are both doing very well in their new home!



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<u>Sheep</u>- Lambing season is over! We have just ended the final wave of lambing here at CW. We had total of 15 lambs this season. They are currently in the pasture at the corner of Nassau street and Francis Street. You may notice some of the ewe's have had a fresh hair cut, this is for their own health as well as that of the lamb. It is much easier for the lamb to nurse with out wool getting in the way as well as easier on mom while giving birth.



<u>Cleveland Bays</u>- Our first foal has finally arrived!! Early Sunday morning, our first purebred foal, Valiant was born. Not only is he the first foal to be born here in 16 years, he is the first of our embryo transfers to be born. He was the first embryo from Willow bred to our stallion Clarence. He is a very energetic and happy foal. He and his mom, Fudge, are doing well and will be out in the Historic Area very soon!

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<u>Horses-</u> We had another visit from our friends at Woodside Equine Clinic this month. While we not only have our bi-annual check ups we have specialized visits. In the photo here, Dr. Hirsch is examining one of our horses Duke using an ultrasound to examine a potential injury to his leg.

