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### **Milk House Promotes Happy Cows at the Dutchess County Fair**

Rhinebeck NY – The Milk House located on Livestock Hill between the Poultry Barn and the Livestock Office has been a fair favorite for many years at the Dutchess County Fair. During the Fair, exhibitors can be seen walking their dairy cows into the milking parlor where fairgoers can see just exactly how their milk is produced.

Milking takes place at noon and 1pm where a couple of cows are brought in to be milked. At 4pm almost every station in the Milk House is taken.

The Milk House was built in 1998 and since then, it has been managed by Harry Baldwin and Deb Phillips who are there to talk to fairgoers about the milking process. Both Harry and Deb have farming backgrounds and have been involved with the Milk House since being built. Harry, although semi-retired from the Milk House just couldn't walk away. He continues to oversee the operations but handed the reins over to Deb about 5 years ago.

"Many people do not have a farm background and they are pretty fascinated by the sight of a cow being milked. During the demonstration we talk about milk nutrition, animal care and what they eat. We answer all kinds of questions. But to the fairgoer, seeing the actual milking process and milk being generated, that's the education," said Phillips.

The Dutchess County Fair begins its six day run starting August 22 through August 27. Visit [dutchessfair.com](http://dutchessfair.com) for more information.

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