



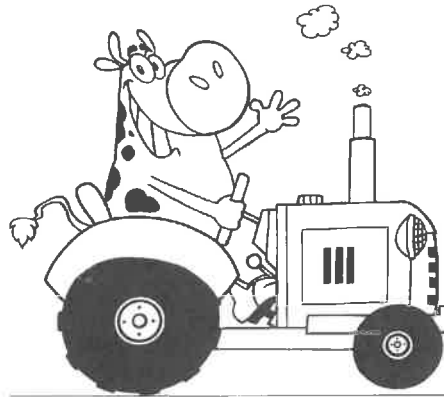
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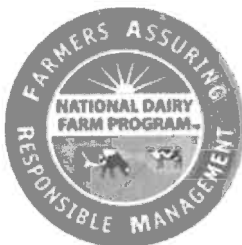


Thanks and Farewell

After nearly 12 years at Northwest Veterinary Associates I will be leaving the practice in March to join the veterinary faculty at the State University of New York in Delhi. There I will be teaching Veterinary Technology Sciences. Northwest Vets was my first job as a Veterinarian and I will always appreciate the patience and support of my colleagues, office staff, and you the farm clients as I navigated bovine practice. I will take with me many great memories of my time working in the dairy industry, as well as with my many other beef, sheep, goat, alpaca, pig and even duck patients.

FARM 4.0 – Farmers Assuring Responsible Management program update

The fourth rendition of the U.S. dairy industry's national animal care standards program will be in place from January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2022.



Farmers Assuring Responsible Management, or “FARM,” is a program created by the National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF), with support from Dairy Management Inc. According to the NMPF, “FARM works with all U.S. dairy farmers, co-ops and processors, to demonstrate to dairy customers and consumers that the dairy industry is taking the very best care of cows and the environment, producing safe, wholesome milk and adhering to the highest standards of workforce development.”

By design, the FARM program and its standards are reviewed and updated every three years. The current updates are the result of a rigorous, 16-month stakeholder reviewed that included input from dairy farmers, veterinarians, researchers, animal welfare experts and dairy industry leaders.

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