



VIRTUAL FARM TOURS 2020 UNIT

Maple Bottom Farm Tour Discussion Guide

Name: Answer Key

- How many cows are milked at Maple Bottom Farm? **78 cows**
- How long has the Baker family been dairy farming? **14 years or since 2006**
- What crops are farmed?
Corn, soybeans (in the past), sorghum and sunflowers
- Name the breeds of cows milked on the farm.
Guernseys, Jerseys, Holsteins, Brown Swiss and Milking Shorthorn
- What do the cows get only by going through by the robotic milker? **Water to drink**
- What breed of dairy cattle carries A2/A2 betacasein primarily?
Guernseys
- What is the goal of Maple Bottom Farm in the future?
Downsize herd to 60 cows and only milk Guernseys with the robot
- What is fed to calves right away after birth and then eight hours later?
Colostrum
- How are the calves housed on the farm?
Calves live in individual hutches so they can social distance from each other.
- What was the design of the sunflower maze in 2020?
Milk bottle with the word MILK inside it
- What is the average age of the cows on this farm? **5 years old**
- What is the main reason for calves being separated from their moms?
Health for the calf; the calf is not born with an immune system and needs to build it.
- What dairy products are made from the cooperative's Guernsey milk currently?
Cheese (cheddar) and cheese curds
- How many pounds of milk are shipped every other day from this farm?
7,800 to 8,000 pounds of milk

