

Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation

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Hazenberg's Dairy

St. Paul, OR

Sitting in the St. Paul hillsides, Hazenberg's Family Dairy has been operating since 1964. Brandon Hazenberg is a third-generation dairy farmer, working alongside his younger brother to provide the Pacific Northwest with fresh dairy products.



"I love the land, I love the cattle, I love raising my family like this! You get a sense of fulfillment in food production that not everybody gets these days, and it's something I am really proud to do. I know a lot of dairy farmers across Oregon and Washington are proud of that too."

—Farmer Brandon

### Fun Facts with Hazenberg Dairy

- Hazenberg has all female cows.
- 3,000 Holstein cows are milked every day.
- This produces about 30,000 gallons of milk.
- Cows and heifers eat about 130 pounds of food a day (that's about the size of one 7th grader).
- A cow's stomach is made up of four chambers the first chamber can hold around 150 pounds of food!
- Calves spend about 10 weeks in the Calf Raising Program before they can eat the TMR.



Brandon made three stops on today's field trip, showing us different aspects of life on the farm! First, we saw the cow barn where the cows sleep, eat, and socialize. Here, Brandon taught us the true definition of a cow: a cow is a fully grown female who has had a calf and can produce milk. Next, we learned what a Total Mixed Ration (TMR) is. TMR is the feed that is made for the cows at the dairy. At Hazenberg Dairy, the cows are treated like athletes, given high-performance food full of protein and minerals. Finally, Brandon took us to the maternity wing and calf barn! Here we got to see two 9-day-old calves being fed milk through big feeding bottles; the calves get four quarts of milk twice a day. Hazenberg has about 1,500 pregnant cows at a time, and about 450 baby calves are born in one month! From the baby calves born every day to the oldest cow, who is 9 ½ years old, life is pretty good at Hazenberg Dairy!

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### Word Match

Draw a line to match the word with its picture:

COW

calf

calf bottle (so big!)

ear tag

TMR (total mixed ration)









