



Hi, I'm Dory!



Big Sandy Creek Dairy
The Benkoski Family

Meet Dory!





Meet Farmer Katelin!

Big Sandy Creek Dairy was established by the Benkoski Family in 1947 and is in Madison, Georgia. The 150-cow farm is run by Farmer John and his wife Julie, along with their daughters Katelin, Alissa, and Leah.



About the Farm





Dory

Name: Dory

Birthdate: September 21, 2021

Sire: Simpson

Dam: 501

Height: 34 in.

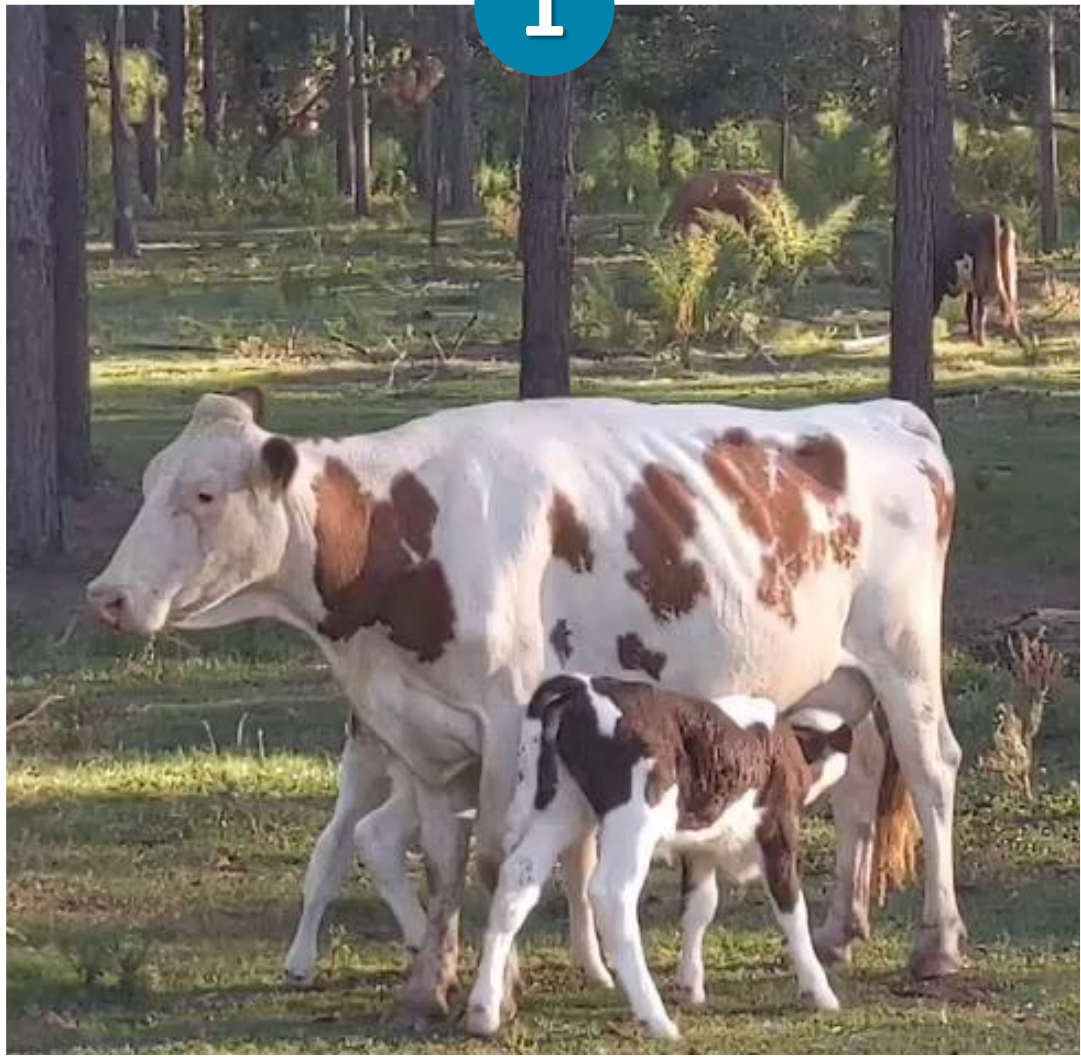
Weight: 150 lbs.

Breed: Holstein

Meet the Calf



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Within a few hours after birth, Dory drinks colostrum from her mother, which is the first bit of milk that a mother cow produces after giving birth. She will also take her first few steps in life just an hour after birth.

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Naval Dip

Dory's naval is dipped with iodine to protect her from getting an infection.

Her First Moments

Colostrum and naval photos are sample photos for education use.





Dory lives in her own calf hutch for the first 8 weeks after birth. This allows her to build a strong immune system before joining the herd.



Dory's bed gets fresh wheat straw bedding weekly. Straw keeps Dory clean and warm.

Animal Care - Housing





Dory loves being happy and healthy!



At Big Sandy Creek Dairy, most of their cows are polled. Polled means the calves are born without horns. This is something they can breed for, so they don't have to go through the dehorning process.



Dory is given an Ear Tag at birth for identification, just like this one. Her herd number is 115. This is just like humans getting their ears pierced.

Animal Care - Maintenance





Hi, I'm 501. I'm Dory's mother!

Mother's Name: 501

Age: 6 years old

Height: 6 ft.

Weight: 1800 lbs.

501 produces 100 pounds or 12 gallons of milk everyday!

501's job on the farm is to produce high quality milk for the Benkoski family to sell so it can be made into fluid milk and other dairy products for you to consume.

What are your favorite dairy products?

Meet Dory's Mom

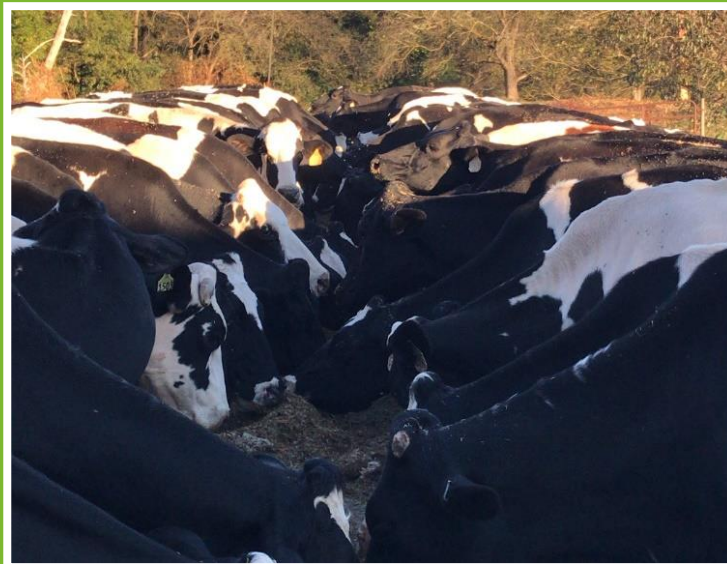




This is the Pack Barn where 501 and her herdmates can go for shelter and shade.



The barn is connected to the wide-open fields of Big Sandy Creek Dairy where 501 can graze all day and enjoy the sun.



The milking cows are fed a custom feed blend and get to munch on grass and hay outside all year long!

Cow Comfort





95% of dairy farms across the country are family owned and operated just like Big Sandy Creek Dairy. Dairy farming is a family affair, with a lot of love, hard work and perseverance put in to take good care of their cows. Dory is well loved by them all!



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