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July newsletter

Dear

Clients,

Despite the drought conditions, our first crop of hay came in at 4.7 tonnes dry matter

per hectare. If those numbers do not mean much to you, that is about twice the local average but still not enough to make a living on making hay. Yet, this is without chemical fertilizer and mostly on rather dry land that has not been plowed for 20 years. Using lots of manure can pose environmental risks, but we monitor our phosphate levels and they are very low.

Meanwhile, our cows have started the second round of intensive rotational grazing on our fields.

We had the opportunity to sponsor a team during the Grand Défi Pierre Lavoie. We think that is a worthy cause and it aligns with our objectives for a healthier planet. Now, all we must do is find some time to do some sports ourselves!

Since we welcomed Nathanael to our team three weeks ago, we already took four hours off and went on a bike ride!

The plans for our new pig maternity are almost ready. We used to have pigs born in the field, but mortality was high and management very difficult. In the end, animal welfare and economic considerations drove us to invest \$350 000 in a state-of-the-art, humane certified maternity. We bring the pigs out to pasture when they are ready to handle it at around 75 lbs.

We expect to have everything in stock for this month's delivery! Of course, there are not that many beef bones or tails in a beef! Our lamb is back.

Our deliveries are on

Wednesday	July	4 th	Coop	La	Maison	Verte	NDG
Sunday	July	17 th	Ste-Anne,	Ahuntsic,	Rosemont,		HOMA
Sunday	July	22 nd	Magog,	Bromont,	Longueuil,		Atwater

Thanks,

Gert, Sarah, Rosalie and Camille

