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[Grass-fed fluid milk producer in Ohio takes on the big-dairy monopoly](#)

This story about Snowville Creamery is originally from [Graze magazine](#) and appears on the Snowville Creamery website under the title "[Grass-Fed Fluid Milk in Danger](#)":

Building a dream for grass-fed fluid milk: Snowville Creamery wants to return taste and value to milk

By Joel McNair

Pomeroy, Ohio

The dream is big, the vision wide, the obstacles great. Warren Taylor wants nothing less than to resurrect American fluid milk quality and consumption from sorrowful depths.

Warren believes that a product that has become a standardized, industrialized and sometimes sterilized shadow of its former self can be returned to the wonderful food that so many mothers and children enjoyed in the days of his youth. Milk made with grain, hormones and stressed-out cows can instead come from contented animals grazing lush pastures. [Keep reading →](#)

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[Would Bill HR875 outlaw Raw Milk?](#)

We've done a few posts now on proposed bill HR 875 and it's implications for small scale organic farming, backyard gardening and other good things. This latest (March 23, 2009) [excellent summary of concerns around this bill from Sarah Foster at newswithviews.com](#) includes the following discussion of possible impact on raw milk availability:

Could "Raw" Milk Take a Hit?

Many critics are wondering whether they'll be able to buy "raw" milk if HR 875 becomes law. According to the FTCLDF it'll depend on the regulations, but the future doesn't look good. Right now it's illegal to sell unpasteurized milk across state lines, but some states allow its sale within their boundaries, albeit grudgingly and with heavy restrictions. HR 875 puts even this limited market in jeopardy.

FTCLDF explains:

"FDA has long wanted a complete ban on the sale of raw milk. The agency's mantra is that raw milk should not be consumed by anyone at any time for any reason. The agency does not consider this subject to be debatable...Under HR 875, FSA is given statutory authority to unilaterally impose a ban." [Emphasis added] [Keep reading →](#)

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[Fraser Valley Health Authority in B.C. won't rescind Cease and Desist order against Home on the Range cowshare](#)

Further to [our post from yesterday](#), here's the latest news from Gordon Watson in British Columbia:

I received a letter tonight in which lawyer Guy McDannold tells me that his client - the Fraser Health Authority - will not be rescinding the Cease+Desist Order which was issued to our depot at Rockweld Farm, Abbotsford, last Wednesday

So the battle is joined. I'll start composing the documentation for appealing the Order, this

evening. I may get it in to the Court Registry by tomorrow close of business ... but if not, then by Thursday.

I am quite irritated with these people = the bureaucrats. It galls me the way they play the silly-bugger ... pretending not to understand simple logic. A child can read my explanation and see that milk from our cowshare is not caught by the Milk Industry Act nor the Health Act. I guess one of the qualifications for receiving a law degree is the candidate's ability to stifle common sense. [Keep reading →](#)

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[Is this “salmon scented milk” report actually a GMO experiment gone bad?](#)

Here's a sad but no doubt true excerpt from [today's post on the Books and Boulders blog](#), talking about an unnerving experience with store-bought milk. This is the kind of thing that makes people want to go straight to the farm and get the real McCoy — farm fresh raw milk, produced to a standard suitable for raw consumption:



Is something fishy about your store-bought milk?

Because I only just now got around to eating anything resembling lunch - pb&j with carrot

and a glass of milk - it is now that I've discovered that the brand-new, bought yesterday, doesn't-go-bad-til March 30th milk reeks of old salmon.

I wish I ran my own basement lab. If that was the case, I'd run my own tests on the milk to discern what bacteria strain is in it, and then I'd alert the company to what brand of badness this batch was. [Keep reading →](#)

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[Polish farmers hunger strike over GMOs](#)

When I visited Poland during the summer of 2007 I was encouraged to see that Polish agriculture was still functioning on a small local scale. I saw a cow being milking in a field into a pail and hay being transported along the road in a horse-drawn wagon. I visited a few farmers markets and bought produce there. I was thrilled to hear that the Polish government had taken a strong stand against allowing GMO crops into the country. But now, it seems that stand is wavering. Here's the latest news we have on the situation in Poland, [from OrganicConsumers.org](#):



Polish farmers seem to be under no illusions as to what's at stake with the introduction of GMOs.

“Edyta Jaroszewska, 42 year old organic farmer and the chairperson of the Organic Farmers Association, started hunger strike against GMO cultivation in front of Ministry of

Agriculture, Warsaw, Poland two days ago.

Two days ago Danuta Pilarska, another organic farmer and chairperson of The Organic Farmer's Union, joined her. Yesterday, both women, together with other members of the Coalition for a GMO Free Poland, joined a meeting of the Polish government's Agricultural Committee in the Senate in Warsaw. The committee was discussing the future of GMO in Poland.

After a few hours of debate Edyta concluded "There's no political will within the Polish government to stop corporations from illegal planting of the GM maize variety MON 810 - and to ensure that Poland is kept GMO free. This opens the possibility of the widespread planting of MON 810 during this year. So we don't have another choice other than to stay here and fight!"

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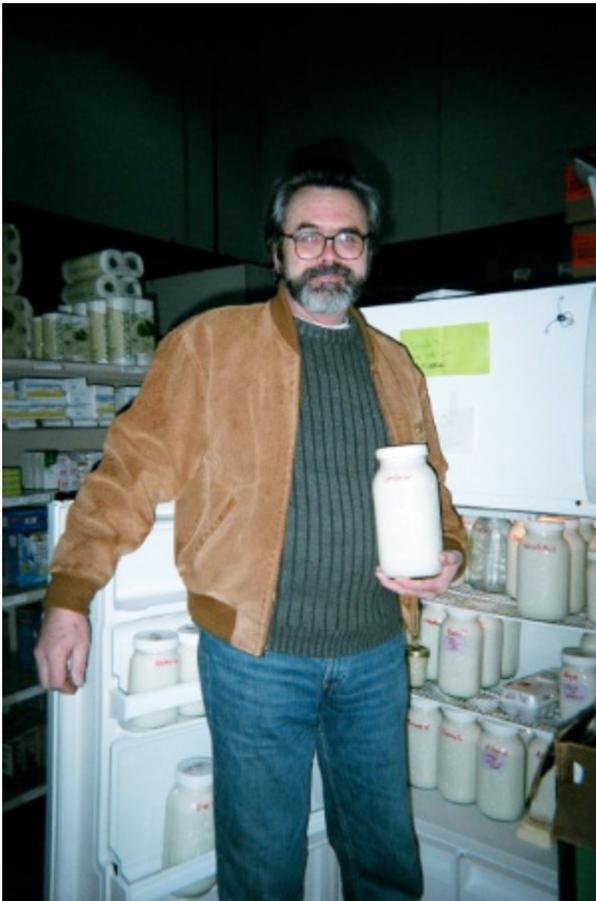
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[Gordon Watson of B.C.'s ever-popular Home on the Range cowshare responds to yet another "cease and desist" order](#)

Home on the Range cowshare, which works on an agistment (animal boarding) arrangement is located near Chilliwack B.C. and supplies some 200 families in the greater Vancouver area with farm fresh raw milk, produced for raw consumption (as distinct from for pasteurization). Seems they've been served with yet another order to cease and desist distributing. Here is Gordon Watson's written responses to the legal counsel for the Minister of Health and the Fraser Health Authority:



Gordon Watson, a member of Home on the Range cowshare in Chilliwack, B.C. just east of Vancouver.

“...Earlier today I emailed you a NOTICE which I have served on the Fraser Health Authority, concerning another Order to Cease+Desist distributing raw milk.

I wonder if it is possible for you to talk some sense into your clients, so I don't have to go through the exercise in Court, again?

Having read my material, you must admit there is a strong legal argument that milk from our privately-owned dairy is not caught by the Health Act nor the Milk Industry Act . This thing could be settled out of Court if your clients would simply admit they made a mistake. [Keep reading →](#)

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[Finding raw milk in the Toronto area](#)

In a comment on a recent post, Callista asks: “Is there still a way I can get raw milk? I just came back from Florida where my sister-in-law buys it and I really want to start giving this to my family. I live in Richmond Hill. If anyone knows how I can get this please let me know. Thanks!”

The obvious source that would come to mind would be Michael Schmidt of Glencolton Farms. However we understand he’s seriously oversubscribed, has a lengthy waiting list and isn’t taking any more members for the time being.

You’d think that with all the legal brouhaha around Michael Schmidt’s charges and whatnot, that no one else would dare venture into the high-demand, and presumably high-risk, business of supplying raw milk to consumers who want it. [Keep reading →](#)

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March 21, 2009

[Speaking up for raw milk in Maryland](#)

This is excerpted from [Lancaster Farming](#):

“Heated Debate Over House Bills Legalizing the Sale of Raw Milk In Maryland

Janice F. Booth
Maryland Correspondent

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — The Health and Government Operations Committee of the Maryland House of Representatives heard testimony March 17, 2009, on two bills (HB 1015 & HB 1080) legalizing the sale of raw milk in the state. HB 1015 requires licensing and regular oversight of dairies. HB 1080 legalizes cow sharing or cooperative ownership of a dairy cow(s) whereby all owners share in the products of that cow. Most attention focused on the cow sharing bill, HB 1080.

The Hearing Room came to life as the time neared for testimony on the raw milk bills. Many parents who are advocates for raw milk attended the hearing.

Alex and Daniel Kits, ages ten and six respectively, sat attentively beside their mom, Beatrice; Leah Mack arrived with her PowerPoint presentation and her two-month old daughter, jauntily attired, in cap and romper festooned with dancing cows. [Keep reading →](#)

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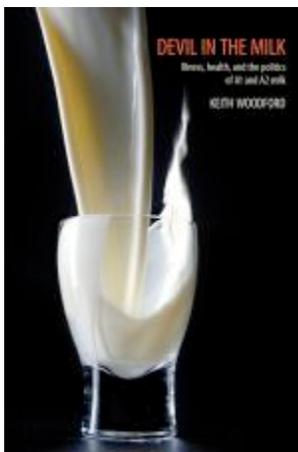
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[“The Devil in the Milk” — Dr. Thomas Cowan on how the A1 - A2 factor explains why even raw milk sometimes does not seem to be enough of an improvement over “store-bought”](#)

The trouble is that we have “the wrong kind of cows”. It seems the black and white cows — Holsteins and Friesians — generally give milk that contains a small but significant amount of beta-casein type A1, which behaves like an opiate and which epidemiological studies have implicated in heart disease, Type 1 diabetes, autism and schizophrenia. This is big news, folks. Heart disease is the leading cause of death. This is like cigarettes and cancer. Dr. Thomas Cowan, co-founder of the Weston A. Price Foundation has published this fascinating introduction to the subject in his email newsletter:



Devil in the Milk

“I have been involved in thinking about the medicinal aspects of cow’s milk virtually my entire career. As one four-year-old child pointed out to me many years ago, “Mommy, I know why he always talks about milk, his name is Cow—an.” So, I guess this milk

“obsession” is no surprise.

The obsession started in earnest about 25 years ago when I read the book *The Milk of Human Kindness Is Not Pasteurized* by maverick physician William Campbell Douglass, MD. This was one of the most influential books I have ever read. I became convinced that a large part of the disease in this country is related to the way we handle, or rather mishandle, milk and milk products. Raw and cultured dairy products from healthy grass-fed cows are one of the healthiest foods people have ever eaten. It is the very foundation of western civilization (not that this is necessarily so good). On the other hand, pasteurized, particularly low-fat, milk products have caused more disease than perhaps any other substance people are generally in contact with. This view was re-enforced when I met and joined up with Sally Fallon and learned the principles of the Weston A. Price Foundation. End of story, I thought - I could stop thinking about milk. [Keep reading →](#)

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[**The Bovine reached 405 posts & 66,666 hits yesterday — with no let-up in sight**](#)

Reuters dubbed raw milk the [top health news story of 2008](#). And this winter Toronto Life called it [the news story that just won't go away](#). We've just had a first-ever [raw milk symposium right here in Toronto](#), followed by a very amusing [copycat raw milk symposium](#) put on by regulators down there in the States.

The flood of raw milk related news on the internets shows no signs of letting up as more regulators vie to regulate it and more health-and-freedom-seeking individuals work to liberate it for freer public access. As the market for conventional dairy is collapsing across the States, open minded farmers are waking up to the business opportunity that raw milk represents.

On the local scene, spies have been spotted in recent weeks on the blue bus. What does this portend? Is another public health worker suffering from terminal illness and looking into forbidden therapeutic alternatives. Meanwhile, court judgements on the 20 charges related to Michael Schmidt's alleged operation of an unlicensed milk plant await final submissions and a verdict.

A new book has just been published on the whole A1 - A2 milk issue (not raw milk

related) which has been pretty much under the radar here in North America as yet, but is certainly worthy of public interest. Stay tuned for more on that.

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