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DAIRY FARMERS' FOCUS ON COW CARE AND MILK QUALITY RESULTS IN BETTER MILK

MARTIN, TN (April 13, 2018) – Angie Leach is similar in many ways to the members of the Martin Kiwanis Club she spoke with on April 11. She works hard and takes pride in providing a quality product to customers. But unlike the typical local business, Leach's most important asset is cows and her product is milk. Leach and her family are dairy farmers.

Angie Leach and her family own Wet-Meadows Farm outside of Cottage Grove. Everyday a herd of 110 cows are milked. On the 265-acre farm, hay, corn, soybeans, wheat and oats are also grown. To dairy farmers, the ultimate reward is knowing their actions help create a healthy, abundant and affordable food supply for this community.

“We love what we do,” Leach said. “Dairy farmers across Tennessee differ in how many cows we milk and some of the ways we farm so that our methods work well for the environment, but we all share a passion for what we do. It is our responsibility to take care of the natural resources and animals on our farm and we take that responsibility with a great deal of pride and commitment.”

The family lives and works on the farm and that is a strong incentive for protecting the land, water and air. In addition, cow comfort and health is carefully monitored every single day. Leach works with a dairy animal nutritionist to formulate the best diets for the cows and veterinarians come to the farm regularly to check on the animal's health. Every day, advancements in animal care and milk quality methods result in better dairy foods. “What we do on our farm is the starting point for safe and nutritious dairy foods in the supermarket,” Leach said. “Because of this commitment at the dairy farm, people can count on wholesome dairy foods.”

To learn more about dairy farmers and the milk they produce, visit www.thedairyalliance.com, www.facebook.com/thedairyalliance or Twitter @dairy_alliance.

ABOUT THE DAIRY ALLIANCE

On behalf of Southeast dairy farm families, the non-profit The Dairy Alliance works with schools, health professionals, retailers, dairy processors and the public to promote dairy foods.

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