

Meet Frosty!

The Benkoski Family



Meet Farmer Katelin, she owns and operates the farm.

Big Sandy Creek Dairy is a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation farm established in 1947 in Madison, GA. Today, the Benkoski family cares for 70 cows on their 200-acre farm.







**Frosty** 

Name: Frosty

Birthdate: September 19, 2020

Sire: Lit

**Dam**: Freeze

Birth Height: 29 inches

Birth Weight: 69 pounds

**Breed: Holstein** 











Within a few hours after birth, Frosty drinks colostrum and takes her first few steps in life.



**Navel Dip** 

Frosty's <u>navel</u> is dipped with iodine to protect her from getting an infection.



Frosty also always has fresh water to drink.







**Calf Hutch** 

Frosty lives in a calf hutch for the first 3 months of her life, just like you have your own room. She will join her other herdmates once her immune system has a chance to develop.





Frosty drinks 1 gallon of milk replacer twice a day for the first 12 weeks. Milk replacer is like baby formula for cows.

Farmer Katelin freshly beds
Frosty's bed with clean wheat straw each week. Straw keeps Frosty clean and warm.





**Frosty**Frosty loves being happy and healthy!

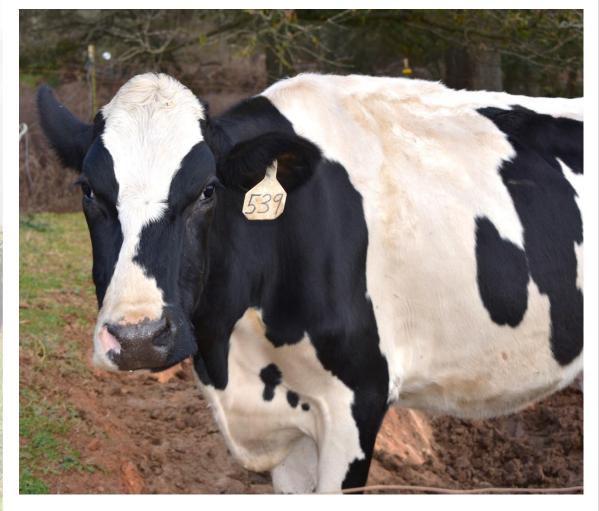




Frosty is given an ear tag at birth for identification.
Frosty's herd number is 26. This is just like humans getting their ears pierced.

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





Hi, I'm Freeze. I'm Frosty's Mother!

Mother's name: Freeze

Age: 2 years old

Height: 5 feet 2 inches

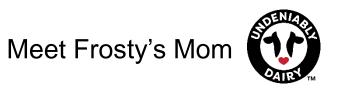
Weight: 1,350 pounds

Freeze produces 80 pounds or 10

gallons of milk per day

Freeze'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?





During colder days or rest times, this is the Pack Barn that Freeze can hang out in. It provides shelter and warmth when Freeze wants it.





Freeze also has open access to go outside and graze in the warm Georgia sun all day, every day.

In the pasture,
Freeze has
access to fresh
water 24/7. Did
you know cows
drink up to 40
gallons of water
each day?





This is the feed bunk where Freeze is feed twice a day her **TMR**. Cows eat up to 100lbs of feed every day!





Twice a day,
Freeze takes her
turn in the milking
parlor to be
milked. The
milking process
only takes 5 to 10
minutes.

The milk travels through clean metal pipes and is stored in the bulk tank to be kept cold until the milk truck picks up the milk.





97% of dairy farms across the country are family owned and operated just like the 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. Frosty is well loved by them all!

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