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Daisy and The Farmer's Shared Love.

Early one morning Daisy woke up and felt lucky to live on one of New York's 36,300 Farms. As she breathed in the crisp morning air her tail started whipping back and forth in the wind with excitement. She looked around and noticed all of her cow friends were still asleep in the soft hay. She also noticed that the farmer's house was still dark. Daisy then decided she would go on an adventure through the green fields.

As Daisy strolled through the meadows her eyes twinkled as she gazed at the rows of fresh golden corn. She was delighted to know that when the farmer awoke she would be feasting on the corns' sweetness. Walking further, Daisy came to a field of alfalfa and could not resist. She lowered her head and she took a few bites. As she lifted

her head, she noticed the sun starting to peak over the hillside. That was her sign to quickly return to the farm before the farmer awoke.

The cows were just starting to arise as Daisy entered the barn. A few moments later the farmer entered with his usual morning grin and greeting as he patted each of Daisy's friends gently on the back. Then the farmer's busy morning started as he filled each stall with grain and he began milking. The smell of the fresh milk traveling to the bulk tank in the milk house filled the air with sweetness. Soon the roaring of the milk truck coming to pick up its daily load could be heard. That was a sign that the farmer's chores were nearly through. Then the farmer led Daisy and her friends from the barn into the green rolling hillsides so that their bellies could be filled. The farmer then called out to the cows in a soft and caring voice, "enjoy the grazing on earth's buffet of greens." Daisy could feel the love that the farmer had for her and her friends. Then he

headed home with a small milk can in his hand.

A short time later Daisy raised her head from grazing and glanced through the farmer's house window. Inside, seated at the table, Daisy saw the farmer and his wife enjoying their morning breakfast of eggs, toast, bacon, and two tall glasses of milk. As the farmer lifted the glass to take a sip he had a large smile on his face. It was then that Daisy truly realized the love the farmer had for his land, his harvest, and his herd of livestock. Daisy wondered how she could show the farmer her love for him. Then she realized, she returned the love by producing the milk that he enjoyed everyday. She also realized that this love not only was given to the farmer and his wife, but to the community around her and New York State. Daisy was proud and honored to know she had such a big part in New York State's great agriculture.

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