

Little Farmer Jessie

My name is Jessica Oaks, or Jessie cause that's what everyone calls me. I live on a dairy farm with my momma and my daddy. I like to help out with the cows. It's my favorite thing.

I'm very excited about tomorrow cause that's my 8th birthday and my momma and my daddy said they have a big surprise for me.

The next day, I woke up early before school so I could get my present. When my daddy showed me, I was really excited. That's because my present was my own calf.

My daddy told me everything about taking care of a calf. He said that I have to feed it three times a day, and that it can't drink it's mother's milk, that for a while I have to bottle feed it. And that I need to clean

her stall every single day. But most important, it needs a name. I've named her Princess Penelope. I even made a system for taking care of her: I feed her in the morning before school, then after school, and again before bed. I made her a bed in her stall using hay, sawdust, and an old crate. It gets very messy in there.

Besides taking care of Princess Penelope, helping my daddy with the farm has been harder these days. That's because it's been real hot lately. But I don't mind, I just love spending time with my daddy.

The next day, after school, my daddy helped me clean out Princess Penelope's messy pen. I dumped it out and daddy scraped the rest then I put fresh hay and sawdust in the crate. After that I feed her and she fell asleep in her bed.

After we were done, I hugged my daddy and kissed my momma goodnight I went off to bed. But before I got in bed, I looked out my window one last time to see my daddy before he went inside. Then I went to bed.

The next day was Saturday so I slept a whole hour later than usual. I wanted to be nice and refreshed for today on account of today was my daddy's birthday.

After I woke up I made a special breakfast for my daddy. Then while I waited for him to wake up, I started on the chores. After almost a whole hour, daddy finally woke up. He was so happy he hugged me for a long time. He said that it was the best birthday present he ever got.

Then my momma got up and she hugged me too. And she hugged my daddy too. And then we all

hugged, we just stood there hugging for a long, long time.

Then I went out to the farm and gave Princess Penelope a hug too.