Being a dairy farmer is a busy career. One of the dairy farmer's jobs is to keep everything very clean. They must make sure germs do not get into milk. Germs will cause milk to spoil. Milking machines let dairy farmers milk cows quickly. They also help farmers keep everything clean. Milking machines are more sanitary. They also cut down on the dairy farmers' work.

Before milking machines were invented, cows were milked by hand. Often, cows were milked in the same stalls where they ate and slept. By the early 1930s, dairies began to set up special rooms just for milking. Soon the news of milking machines spread. People from nearby towns came to watch the cows being milked. Guests even started coming from large cities. They found the process amazing. Some dairy farmers built nice rooms with large glass windows. These rooms let people watch in comfort. The rooms came to be called “milking parlors.” At that time, a parlor was the name of a nice room in a house. Dairy farmers began selling fresh milk to the guests. Some parlors had a dairy bar. Here guests could buy cream, butter, and fresh milk.
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CLUES:
1. Milking ________ make farmers jobs easier.
   
2. Guests could buy ________, too.
   
3. A fancy room in a house is a ________.
   
4. Cows used to be milked by ________.
   
5. ________ make milk spoil.
   
6. Dairy farmers keep everything ________.

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MAKE YOUR OWN ICE CREAM

FUN FACT!
25 gallons of milk can make 9 gallons of ice cream, 25 pounds of cheese, or 11 pounds of butter.