

## Vermont Jersey Breeders Host New England Picnic

Paul-Lin Dairy was the site of the summer picnic of the New England Jersey Breeders Association on July 9, 2011. Farm owners, Paul and Linda Stanley and their daughters, Ellen and Claire, hosted the event at the farm in East Fairfield, Vt. Neighboring Jersey breeders Steve and Betsy Fleury of Richford lent a hand with the grill.

Jersey breeders helped the Stanleys celebrate 25 years of dairying. The family established the farm in the northwest part of the state in 1985 with the purchase of 38 acres and a group of 30 Jersey cows and 15 Jersey heifers. Today, the fully-registered herd is 34 cows and an equal number of heifers. The herd is enrolled on REAP and intensively rotationally grazed six months out of the year.

Fifty-eight Jersey breeders from dairies in Maine, New Hampshire, New York, South Carolina and Vermont were in attendance. The Angell family of Vermont had the largest representation, with 13 guests.

Leon Buthiaume, general manager for St. Albans Cooperative Creamery, was the guest speaker. Buthiaume spoke about the status of the Foundation for the Future plan proposed by the National Milk Producers Federation.

Jersey breeders were also brought up-to-date on the AJCA-NAJ Annual Meetings, which will be hosted by New England in the summer of 2012 in Conway, N.H.



Heather Brigham, secretary of the Vermont Jersey Breeders Association, left, and David Carmichael, president of the organization, second left, thank Claire, Linda and Paul Stanley for hosting the summer picnic of the New England Jersey Breeders Association at their farm, Paul-Lin Jerseys.



Jersey breeders enjoy a picnic lunch under the shade of a tree at Paul-Lin Jerseys, with members of the milking string grazing in the background.