



SUNFLOWER FARMS

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July 1, 2008

Happy Fourth of July! Enjoy your parades, fireworks, barbecues, carnivals, family time, and whatever else you have planned. For those of you who would like to include your horses in the day's festivities, Sunflower will be open until 2pm.

We have two new horses in F barn: Nikita, whose owners have also brought Shirefox Sheraz, a pasture-board horse, and Fiado, Susan Smith's new Andalusian. We also have one other new pasture-board horse named Spirit. Welcome to Sunflower!

The first cutting is in off our hay fields, and it looks fantastic. For those of you riding out on trails, please remember to keep to the edges of the hay fields, since trampling down the growing hay means fewer bales for our ever-hungry equines.

The rain that was so good for those hay fields has also created a booming population of very determined mosquitoes. Again, please make sure your horses are thoroughly fly-sprayed, and don't neglect their bellies, so they can be outside all day without getting eaten up. Also, please leave a bottle - labeled with your horse's name! - on your stall door so the guys can spray them before turning out.

People have asked what all that digging going on between barns E and G is for. We are taking two of the muddier large paddocks and turning them into eight new

limestone turnouts, so the horses can spend more time outside on muddy days.

Bristol Vet Service and Dr. Koehler will be out in the middle of July to de-worm. This rotation we are using ivermectin with praziquantel, often sold under the name Equimax or Zimectrin Gold. Check the sign-up sheets in the barns for the date, and remember that if you are taking responsibility for your own worming you must bring the empty boxes to the office. Please note that Equimax and Zimectrin Gold are NOT the same as ivermectin alone - the praziquantel is needed to kill tapeworms.

Later this summer, Aly will be running a Hunter Jumper show, and August 10^h will be our third and final IDCTA show of 2008.

Finally, thank you to our boarders for being considerate and remembering to ask people riding in an arena before lunging there.



When I hear somebody talk about a horse or a cow being stupid, I figure it's a sure sign that animal has outfoxed them.

-Tom Dorrance