



The University of Vermont Center for Sustainable Agriculture

## Small Ruminant Dairy Project

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2007 and beyond

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- May**  
**12 -13**  
**9-5**  
**9-4**
- 31<sup>ST</sup> NEW HAMPSHIRE SHEEP & WOOL FESTIVAL**  
Hopkinton State Fairgrounds, Contoocook, NH
- Educational programs, dog herding demos, fleece to shawl contest, sheep dog trial, fiber show, fleece show and sale, breed display, youth shows, sheep, llamas, alpacas, goats & rabbits. Admission \$5 Adults, \$4 Seniors and, children under 12 free. For more information go to [www.yankeeshepherd.com](http://www.yankeeshepherd.com)
- Contact:** Nadine Chounet at 603-744-3851 or [tinyfarm@metrocast.net](mailto:tinyfarm@metrocast.net)
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- May**  
**18-20**
- NORTHEAST LIVESTOCK EXPO**  
Windsor Fairgrounds, Windsor, Maine
- Formerly know as the Maine-New England Beef Expo. Will include; purebred sales, market animal sales and youth shows with beef, sheep and Boer goats; educational programs and commercial trade show. Open to the public; Consignment of livestock. Boer goat sale mangers: Curtis and Linda Prime, home:(207) 621-4167, cells: (207) 242-3341 and (207) 458-8566, email: [crlprime@aol.com](mailto:crlprime@aol.com)
- Contact:** Ron Howard, Aldermere Farm, 207-236-2739, [rhoward@mcht.org](mailto:rhoward@mcht.org) for general information. [www.northeastlivestockexpo.org](http://www.northeastlivestockexpo.org)
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- May**  
**18-20**  
**June**  
**22-24**  
**Sept**  
**21-23**  
**Sept**  
**28-30**  
**Oct**  
**12-14**
- CHEESE MAKING CLASSES FROM AG-INNOVATIONS**  
Three Shepherds of the Mad River Valley, Warren, Vermont
- Three-Day Cheese-making classes: Ag-Innovations' cheese making courses are designed for those who have a sincere interest in cheese, especially those who are pursuing cheesemaking either as a career or as a serious hobby. The courses are unique in that they emphasize a hands-on approach with individual instruction. Class sizes are kept small to ensure a rich, hands-on learning experience. Course fees: \$500 for the three-day course includes all materials, lunches, Vermont farmstead dinner, and cheesemaking manual.
- Contact:** Call 802-496-4559 or 802-496-3998 (evenings) and talk to Linda or Larry or email [localfood@msn.com](mailto:localfood@msn.com)
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- May**  
**19-20**  
**June**  
**9-10,**  
**21-23**  
**July**  
**28-29**  
**Sept 1-2,**  
**29-30**
- THE TRAINING CENTER FOR FARMSTEAD CHEESEMAKING**  
Consider Bardwell Farm, Woodcock Farm and Taylor Farm, Vermont
- A variety of cheese making classes some covering beginner basics and chemistry with others going into the detail of making specific French cheeses. 9am – 4 pm each day. Cost: \$250.
- Contact: Peter Dixon, phone/fax: 802.387.4041, [info@dairyfoodsconsulting.com](mailto:info@dairyfoodsconsulting.com)

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**May 19**  
**10 am –**  
**2:30 pm**

**Internal Parasites in Sheep & Goats Integrated Management Workshop**

May 19 County 4-H Training Center, 556 Middle Line Rd., Ballston Spa, NY  
June 9 Agro-forestry Resource Center of Cornell Coop. Ext., Cairo, NY

**June 9**  
**10-2:30**

This workshop is designed to help producers and CE staff develop integrated parasite management (IPM) programs. Dr. Tatiana Luisa Stanton, Cornell University Goat Extension, will teach the basics of internal parasite control, hands-on training in using fecal egg analysis, the FAMACHA Anemia Guide (good only for the barber pole worm), and health exams to determine the need for de-worming. Bring a fecal sample from your animals. Microscopes will be available. Fee: \$20 per farm or family for supplies plus \$5 per additional person.

**Contact for May 19:** Dave Leggett : 518 885-8995 E-mail: [DSL29@cornell.edu](mailto:DSL29@cornell.edu)

**Contact for June 9:** Cornell Cooperative Extension of Greene County (518) 622-9820

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**June 8**  
**10 am – 3**  
**pm**

**QUALITY MILK AND UDDER HEALTH ON ORGANIC DAIRY FARMS**

Best Western, Waterbury, VT

Organic and non-organic dairy farmers interested in learning how to improve milk quality and udder health on organic farms are invited to attend a special workshop presented by Dr. Linda Tikofsky, Senior Extension Veterinarian, Quality Milk Production Services, College of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University. A morning session will consider strategies and methods for improving milk quality, udder health, disease management, improving milking and milking systems, approaches to disease treatment and effective treatments with organically approved products. Lunch will be followed by a panel discussion and Q&A's with Dr. Tikofsky and several experienced organic dairy farmers and veterinarians with experience on organic farms. Cost: \$20/person. See [www.nofavt.org](http://www.nofavt.org).

**Contact:** NOFA-VT, 802-434-4122, [info@nofavt.org](mailto:info@nofavt.org)

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**June 16**  
**August**  
**25**  
**October**  
**27**  
**9 am to**  
**3 pm**

**CORNELL SHEEP FARM FIELD DAYS**

Cornell Teaching & Research Center Sheep Farm, Dryden, NY

The Cornell Sheep Program hosts informal field days in conjunction with each of the five lambing seasons a year associated with the STAR© accelerated lambing system at the Cornell Sheep Farm. The field days provide an opportunity for participants to see how a highly productive sheep system is managed and to ask questions of sheep specialists about management and marketing of sheep. Topics covered vary with the season. In general, they include lambing management, breeding, feeding, grazing management, and marketing. Registration is required. [www.sheep.cornell.edu/](http://www.sheep.cornell.edu/).

**Contact:** Sheep Farm Manager, Brian Magee, at [bhm5@cornell.edu](mailto:bhm5@cornell.edu) or 607-844-8367

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**June 24**

**SOUTHERN VT DAIRY GOAT ASS'N TAILGATE SALE**

SVDGA Clubhouse, Route 9, Marlboro, VT

Come to sell or buy or just to meet friends. Food will be available.

**Contact:** John Stratton, 802-823-5043, [stri@phin.org](mailto:stri@phin.org)

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**June 27**  
**5-8 pm**

**GRAZING ORGANIC POULTRY, SHEEP & BEEF WORKSHOP**

Fat Rooster Farm, South Royalton, VT

Will cover all aspects of rotational and intensive grazing, livestock nutrition, paddock design, management strategies, animal health, soil quality and other topics of interest to farmers. Free for all organic and transitioning dairy & livestock farmers; others pay \$8 if NOFA-VT members or \$12 for non-members. Directions at [www.nofavt.org](http://www.nofavt.org).

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**July 13**  
**10am-**  
**2pm.**

**ORGANIC DAIRY GRAZING AND SOIL QUALITY WORKSHOP**

Lilac Ridge Farm, Brattleboro, VT

Cosponsored with NRCS and UVM Extension. Heather Darby will lead this workshop with a focus on soil fertility, soil testing and forage quality. Directions at [www.nofavt.org](http://www.nofavt.org).

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**July 28**  
**10am-**  
**2pm**

**GRAZING ORGANIC DAIRY AND MEAT GOATS WORKSHOP**

Does Leap Farm, East Fairfield, VT

With lunchtime discussion of organic livestock management, healthcare, parasites, rations & minerals, record keeping, grazing & browsing, forage quality and more. Co-hosted with the UVM Center for Sustainable Agriculture. Directions at [www.nofavt.org](http://www.nofavt.org).

**Contact:** NOFA-VT 802-434-4122 or [info@nofavt.org](mailto:info@nofavt.org)

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**July 31-**  
**Aug. 4**

**AMERICAN CHEESE SOCIETY CONFERENCE AND CHEESE COMPETITION**

Sheraton Hotel, Burlington Vermont

Enjoy the world of quality cheese-making by taste and by workshops!

**Contact:** Go to [www.cheesesociety.org](http://www.cheesesociety.org)

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS/RESOURCES**

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**INSCRIPTION JOURNÉE DE RECHERCHE EN PRODUCTION OVINE 2007**

N'oubliez pas de vous inscrire à la 5e édition de la Journée de Recherche en Production Ovine ! Déjà plusieurs personnes nous ont fait parvenir leur formulaire d'inscription. Ne manquez surtout pas cet événement incontournable ! Nous vous rappelons que la 5e édition de la Journée de Recherche en Production Ovine (JRPO) se tiendra le vendredi 25 mai prochain à l'Hôtel L'Oiselière de Lévis (autoroute 20, sortie 325). Si vous souhaitez obtenir davantage d'information sur l'une ou l'autre des conférences ou sur l'événement lui-même, n'hésitez pas à communiquer avec nous par téléphone au (418) 856-1200 poste 221 ou par courriel à [johanne.cameron@cepog.com](mailto:johanne.cameron@cepog.com).

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**2007 Census of Agriculture** [www.nass.usda.gov/counts](http://www.nass.usda.gov/counts)

The National Agriculture Statistics Service (NASS) is currently collecting a mailing list of agricultural producers. Recipients will be asked to complete and return the Data Forms to NASS by early February 2008. All agricultural operations, large or small, are important to U.S. agriculture but it is often difficult to reach smaller producers. This is unfortunate because census data are used by local communities, businesses, government agencies and others to make critical decisions about the future of farming and rural America. You can help NASS reach small farmers and ranchers in the upcoming 2007 Census, by putting your name on the Census mailing list to receive a Census Data Form, and by encouraging other producers to do the same. Information given to NASS is completely confidential. 1-800.892.1660. 8am- 4:30pm MT.

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**Small Ruminant and Livestock Auction** in Danville, Ohio. On some dates, they designate and organize for selling meat or dairy goats. Go to <http://www.aopv.com> for the schedule. The next dairy goat auction date is June 16.

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**POSITIONS WANTED/OFFERED**

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**Business Opportunity:** Cheese manufacturer in Plymouth, Vermont is looking for investors who wish to become involved in this growing business. Respond to: Jackie McCuin & Tom Gilbert, Frog City Cheese P.O. Box 94, 106 Messer Hill Road, Plymouth Notch VT 05056, 802-672-3650, 802-672-1629 fax [frogcity@vermontel.net](mailto:frogcity@vermontel.net), [www.frogcitycheese.com](http://www.frogcitycheese.com)

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**Apprenticeship Offered:** Serious cheese making and goat husbandry apprenticeship at award-winning goat cheese dairy in beautiful mid-coast Maine area. Unique opportunity to experience the entire cycle from delivering kids to marketing the finished product at farmers' markets. 5-acre farm, organic gardens, poultry, fencing, small vineyard and heirloom orchard, home brewing. Family of 3. 2 positions available for 2007, April-Oct. Stipend, room and partial board. Please email for more information: [info@appletoncreamery.com](mailto:info@appletoncreamery.com) or check our website.

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**Wanted:** I am a student at the University of Vermont, class of 2009. I am looking for an internship this summer. I will be staying in Burlington for the summer and would not mind traveling within one hour of the area. I am majoring in biology and enjoy zoology, molecular biology and pharmacology. However, I am open to all sciences and there is not much I wouldn't do. I am also very interested in working on a farm. I am a hard worker and can never get enough knowledge. Email me at [Andrew.Ohl@uvm.edu](mailto:Andrew.Ohl@uvm.edu) or call me at (201)-953-9106. Andrew Ohl

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**Opportunity:** We have about 25 acres of good pasture that we will not be using this summer. We are pleased to offer the acreage to one or two sheep owners with 100 or so head of sheep. Our goal is to keep the pastures clear. The area is divided into about 10 breakdown pastures with water available. Fencing is 4' high tensile electric. Most pastures do not have shelter. It has been used since 1988 for pasturing llamas and alpacas, without problems. We are located in Stamford VT on the Mass. border next to North Adams, MA. Today we have only a dozen or so elderly llamas and alpacas. These can be with your sheep as guards for the summer if you would like; they are not for sale, although we do have one three year old female that is for sale as a guard. We will not be the herdsman for your sheep. There will be no charge for use of the land. Your animals must be removed by October 1, 2007 latest, without fail. Contact Lars and Gayle Garrison, West Mountain Farm, Inc. , 240 Maltese Road, Stamford VT 05352. 802-694-1417, [llamawmf@sover.net](mailto:llamawmf@sover.net), [www.WestMountainFarm.com](http://www.WestMountainFarm.com)

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## CLASSIFIEDS

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**For Sale:** The Vermont Land Trust is selling a conserved, organic dairy farm in Benson. They are looking for qualified buyers with good references. The farm is for sale but VLT would also consider some alternative arrangements with right farmer. See farm description below:

\*362+/- ACRE CONSERVED FARM FOR SALE IN BENSON, VT.\* Roughly 150 acres of tillable fields and 85 acres of pasture eligible for organic certification. Property well-suited for dairy or other livestock operation. Includes freestall barn, milking parlor and bulk tank, other outbuildings, and 1800 square foot home. To be sold for commercial farming to a qualified farm buyer. Asking price: \$315,500. For more information visit [www.vlt.org/BensonFarm](http://www.vlt.org/BensonFarm) <<http://www.vlt.org/BensonFarm>> or contact Siobhan Smith at (800) 639-1709.

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**For Sale:** Pneumatic cheese press. Stainless steel, two tier horizontal press with pressure regulator that maintains a constant pressure at whatever you set on the dial. About 12" deep and 82" long with a usable press area of 68" on each tier. Tremendous work saver! Four years old and in excellent condition. \$1250. Contact Scott at [emersongardner@gmail.com](mailto:emersongardner@gmail.com) with questions or to request a photo, or phone 607-227-7185. Trumansburg, NY.

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**For Sale:** Jessie Nauman has his herd for sale in Ulysses, PA. He has at least 200+ does and lots of kids; all very nice healthy animals. He has a couple of full-blood bucks. His phone number is 814-848-7642, evenings. (posted 4/15 small ruminant marketing listserve)

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**For Sale:** Purebred Nubian doe for sale. 2.5 years and once freshened from excellent lineage. Fresh American Nubian Doe, excellent history of production. 2.5 years. Call Stacy at 802-453-5238

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**For Sale:** Due to cutting down our herd, we have some pregnant and non-pregnant dairy goats and yearlings and doelings for sale. Groton, VT. Contact Heather or Eric at 802-588-2031.

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**For Sale:** 1995 Ford F450 12' diesel box truck. 5-speed. Completely overhauled: new clutch, transmission, fuel tank, exhaust, springs, batteries, brakes, front axle, rear end, tune-up and computer check. Might trade for smaller refrigerated rig. \$9,000 obo. Andover, VT 802-875-3159.

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**For Sale:** Goats: Dairy kids, Nubian and lamancha/nubian X, bottle babies or weaned, bucklings and doelings, expected March through May. \$20.00 and up.-Brookfield, NH 603-522-3626

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**For Sale:** Baby goats for sale- 6 soon to be weathered boys, great for meat market. Mostly Saanen and 1 Saanen Lamancha cross. Would also be good pets, all born this March. Make offer. Contact [kimroos@tds.net](mailto:kimroos@tds.net), 207-434-5089, Jonesboro, Maine.

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**For Sale:** Registerable male Toggenberg buck kid. Born mid-March. Will trade for equivalent. Please call 802-888-9195. Leave message for Tara. Morrisville, Vermont.

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**For Sale:** Healthy doe kids from good milkers; alpines and crosses with Nubian, LaMancha and Saanans. Great herd replacements or starter herd. \$50/each. Mountain Road Farm, Craftsbury, VT. 802-586-2847.

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**For Sale:** Doelings from healthy milkers and Toggenberg buck. \$60 each. May and June: Doelings available 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May from proven milkers. \$60 each. Contact Lynn 802-563-2999. Cabot, VT.

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**For Sale:** Quality Alpine and AlpineXNubian kid goats from a productive herd primarily fed pasture for on-farm cheesemaking. VT Dairy Herd Improvement members. Kids are fed goat milk, are healthy, CAE, CL and Johnnes free. Prices start at \$50 for kids up to 2 weeks of age. Carolyn and Joe Hillman, 413-624-3646 [Info@hillmanfarm.com](mailto:Info@hillmanfarm.com)

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**For Sale:** This spring's Alpine kids (about 40) from registerable, quality, healthy milkers. Flexible pricing, depending upon quantity, use and timing of pick up. Many available in early March. For more information please call 914-419-5616 or email [rainbeauridge@optonline.net](mailto:rainbeauridge@optonline.net)

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**For Sale:** Boer Goats. Long, strong topline, good legs, correct teats and bite, elegant head and ears. Will be a great commercial brood stock doe. Disbudded, vaccinated. Asking only \$100! One show wether prospect/4-H project/market wether, Born December 2006. Weaned, weighs 55+ lbs. currently. Disbudded, vaccinated, banded. Loves attention, easy to handle, would be a good draft goat. Long body, good legs, well balanced, lean. Make an offer! Will have FB reg. bucklings available in June. 4-H discounts. Delivery may be available. Contact Carolyn Barkley, Danville, VT, at 802-535-7305 o[maplewoodsfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:maplewoodsfarm@yahoo.com).

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**For Sale:** Bergamasco sheep dog puppies for sale male and female loyal intelligent farm and family dogs. Great with livestock and a rare breed from Italian bloodlines. Call Colchester, Vermont at 802-373-9206.

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**For Sale:** Great Pyrenees puppies. Males \$500 and females \$700. Ready end of April. Call Walter or Terry at 229-254-2493 or 229-254-4848 (cell phones)

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**For Sale:** Milk chiller plate/exchanger, milk flow 2.0 BAR. \$400.00. Lac-Tek lamb/kid automatic milk replacer feeder, used 1 season, ex. condition. \$650.00.-Brookfield, NH 603-522-3626

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**For Sale:** Cheese vat, 300 gallon custom made cheese vat with agitator and removable lids. Hot water jacket heated, \$2500. Hannah or Greg, Salisbury, VT, 802-247-0095, [blueledge@hotmail.com](mailto:blueledge@hotmail.com)

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**For Sale:** Acreage. I offer for sale a few acres (3-7) of my goat dairy farm in Barnet, VT - looking for person(s) interested in building their homestead or mini-farm and also interested in possibly becoming involved in my dairy operation. Ted Hartman, 802-274-1531, [tolkak@yahoo.com](mailto:tolkak@yahoo.com)

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**Wanted:** Registered Saanen kid or yearling to add to dairy herd. Would also be interested in a doe in milk. We test for CAE and Johnnes, and would like an animal from a herd that is tested as well. Call Anne @ 207.205.4592. Saco, Maine.

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**Wanted:** Someone interested in trading dairy bucks. We have two purebred bucks; one Saanen and one Nubian; both of Oak Knoll Dairy lineage (Windsor, VT). We are interested in a trade with similar quality bucks, including Alpine breed. Call Kevin or Carol, Enosburg Falls, VT 802-933-4640.

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**There is still time to fill out the 2007 Small Ruminant Dairy Newsletter/Calendar of Events Survey!** Fill out a survey and qualify for prizes! Your input and evaluation of the Small Ruminant Dairy Project's quarterly newsletter and monthly calendar of events is very important to us. Help us improve the way we provide you with information useful in farming, raising dairy goats and sheep, and in assisting others to do so. You have 2 easy ways to respond, as you prefer, fill out and return the **postage-free** paper survey enclosed. Or, go online to <http://asci.uvm.edu/survey/smallrumi/2007.htm>. **Surveys postmarked by May 18, 2007 deadline will be entered into an exciting prize drawing. See list and survey inside.**

SRDP Calendar of Events is compiled and distributed by the Center for Sustainable Agriculture at the University of Vermont, Agricultural Engineering Building, 63 Carrigan Drive, Burlington, VT 05405. If you have events that you would like to include in the calendar, please contact the Center for Sustainable Agriculture at (802) 656-5459, email [sustainable.agriculture@uvm.edu](mailto:sustainable.agriculture@uvm.edu), or Carol Delaney at (802) 656-0915, fax (802) 656-8874, email [Carol.Delaney@uvm.edu](mailto:Carol.Delaney@uvm.edu), visit our website [www.uvm.edu/sustainableagriculture](http://www.uvm.edu/sustainableagriculture) for a complete, updated calendar of events. University of Vermont Extension, and U.S. Department of Agriculture, cooperating, offers education and employment to everyone without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or familial status.



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• Still time to complete our survey, online or  
• inside by May 18<sup>th</sup>! - **postage is free and you**  
• **could win prizes!**  
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