

BOVINE AGISTMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made this ____ day of _____, 202__, by and between Avery's Branch Farm (Agister) and _____ (Owner).

Recitals

Agister possesses dairy facilities at 200 Butterwood Road, Charlotte Courthouse, VA 23923 (the "Dairy Facilities"), for the holding, caring for, and handling and milking of dairy cows. Avery's Branch Farm has a mailing address of 12608 Beach Road, Chesterfield, VA 23838.

Owner has an undivided interest in a herd of dairy cows (the "Herd") and desires to board the cow constituting Owner's undivided interest in the Herd at the Dairy Facilities.

Agister has agreed to provide care and boarding for the Herd at the Dairy Facilities for a fee of forty dollars (\$40.00) per month per share; and Owner (together with the Herd Owners of all the undivided interests in the Herd, each of whom is entering into this or a similar agreement with Agister) desires to board cows constituting Owner's undivided interest in the Herd with Agister and to have Agister pasture, care for, and milk the Herd, pursuant to the terms and conditions of this agreement.

The parties agree as follows:

1. Definitions. In addition to other terms defined in this Agreement, for purposes of this Agreement, the words:

A. "Agister" shall mean the Farm that will pasture and control the Herd at the Dairy Facilities; feed, maintain and care for the Herd; milk the Herd; and prepare the production of the Herd for pick up by Herd Owners or their agents.

B. "Agistment" shall responsibility for the pasturing and controlling the Herd at the Dairy Facilities; feeding, maintaining and caring for the Herd; milking the Herd and preparing the production from the Herd for pick up by Herd Owners or their agents.

C. "Herd" means the dairy cows referred to in the Recital above, augmented annually by any increases (male as well as female) and replacements, and diminished annually by any decreases.

D. "Herd Agreements" shall mean collectively this Agreement and all of the other substantially similar agreements signed by the owners of the remaining undivided interests in the Herd.

E. "Owner" shall mean the person who possesses an undivided interest in the Herd.

F. “Herd Owners” shall mean collectively all the owners of undivided interests in the Herd.

G. “Percentage Interest” shall mean the undivided percentage interest of Owner (or another person) in the Herd determined by dividing the total number of the Owner’s (or other person’s) shares in the Herd by the total number of shares authorized to be sold in the Herd.

2. Boarding Fees.

A. For boarding his/her undivided interest in the Herd, Owner shall pay to Agister a monthly boarding fee of forty dollars (\$40.00) per share owned by Owner. The first month’s boarding fee is to be paid with the execution of this Agreement. Thereafter, the boarding fee shall be paid by Owner to Agister, each month. Owner shall pay Agister the boarding fee for the month regardless of whether or not milk shares are picked up. The date that milk shares are picked up will be set by the Agister based on availability of milk and may be subject to change based on supply. The parties agree that the amount of the boarding fee is a fair and reasonable charge for the services and supplies to be provided by Agister to Owner under this Agreement.

B. Payment: Payment shall be by credit card or automatic bank transfer payment.

3. Shares of Milk.

A. Owner shall be entitled to receive a percentage of the weekly milk production equal to Owner’s Percentage Interest in the Herd, which will vary subject to production of the Herd each week. Traditionally, one share has yielded approximately one gallon of milk per week. However, Owner shall receive a percentage of production, which can be impacted by a number of factors, and understands that this production is not guaranteed.

B. Owner shall pick up milk on the days scheduled by Agister and Owner. If Owner does not pick up milk within two (2) days after scheduled date, Agister may dispense with milk as permitted by law.

4. Duties of Agister. In addition to any other duties provided in this Agreement, Agister shall have the following responsibilities in connection with the boarding of the Herd:

A. To board the Herd at the Dairy Facilities and to provide any other reasonable services required by this Agreement or requested by the Herd Owners;

B. To maintain and care for the Herd using sound practices in accordance with the herd health protocols attached with this Agreement (**Exhibit A**);

C. To manage the Herd for and on behalf of the Herd Owners and to acquire and dispose of cows as shall be necessary to maintain the health and productive capacity of the Herd;

5. Special Services. Should Agister determine that special services are reasonably necessary, or should Owner request Agister to perform any special services beyond the boarding required under this Agreement, Agister and Owner shall agree as to the amount of charges, if any, in addition to the monthly boarding fee, to be paid by Owner to Agister for the special services.

6. No Sales of Milk. Agister and Owner acknowledge that the unlicensed sale of raw milk is prohibited by the State of Virginia. Under no circumstances shall either Agister or Owner transfer the ownership or possession of any raw milk production from the Herd in any transaction that would constitute a sale of milk in violation of the statutes of the State of Virginia. Owner agrees to indemnify and hold the agister harmless for any liability, loss, damage, expense or penalties that are incurred by the other because of a breach of the provisions of this **Paragraph..**

7. Lien for Charges; Enforcement.

A. Owner shall timely pay the boarding charges and other charges contemplated by this Agreement. Agister shall have, and Owner hereby grants to Agister, a lien and security interest in Owner's undivided interest of the Herd for all unpaid purchase price, boarding and other charges that this Agreement obligates Owner to pay.

B. Owner agrees that in the event the payments for which Owner is liable are not paid within the time provided herein or otherwise agreed between Agister and Owner, Agister may dispose of Owner's interest in the Herd for any and all unpaid charges at public or private sale, with or without public notice, ten (10) days after having notified Owner in writing of Agister's intent to act, and apply the net proceeds, if any, to Owner's debt. In the alternative, Agister may acquire Owner's interest in the Herd in satisfaction of the debt.

8. Ownership; Transfer.

A. Owner specifically represents and warrants to Agister that Owner has acquired his/her interest in the Herd for Owner's own use and benefit.

B. Owner shall at no time and under no circumstance sell or exchange any of Owner's interest in the milk production from the Herd and shall at all times use the Owner's share of milk production for Owner's own use. Because all of the Herd Agreements are interdependent and cannot function without all interests in the Herd being covered by them, notwithstanding the foregoing, if any court orders a transfer or assignment of an interest, the Court is requested to make the transfer or assignment subject to the terms of the Herd Agreement.

9. Owner's Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Claims.

A. Owner understands and acknowledges that raw milk may contain harmful pathogens and that its consumption is not recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Virginia Department of Agriculture.

Owner agrees that Owner will educate Owner's family members about the risks associated with the consumption of raw milk and with the improper storage of raw milk and releases Agister from any responsibility for education of Owner's family members.

B. Owner understands and acknowledges that there are or may be risks of harm encountered in visiting or entering Agister's premises or any other premises where the Herd is located including but not limited to visiting and/or interacting with the Herd and/or other animals that may be found in the vicinity of the Herd.

C. By signing this Agreement, Owner hereby knowingly and voluntarily assumes the risk of any and all such harm and also hereby waives any and all right to make, file, or pursue any claims, demands, suits, actions, causes of action, damages, etc. against the other Herd Owners, Agister or any of Agister's agents, employees, representatives, principals, lessors, lessees, vendors, contractors, subcontractors, etc. that arise out of or in any way relates to any injury, illness, death, loss or damage caused, in whole or in part, by (1) the handling or consumption of raw milk produced by the Herd, and/or (2) visiting or entering upon Agister's premises or any premises where the Herd is located.

D. In addition, Owner hereby waives any and all right to make, file, or pursue any claims, demands, suits, actions, causes of action, damages, etc. against the other Herd Owners, Agister or any of Agister's agents, employees, representatives, principals, lessors, lessees, vendors, contractors, subcontractors, etc. that arise out of or in any way relates to any injury, illness, death, loss or damage to the Herd caused, in whole or in part, by the care and/or boarding of the Herd by Agister.

10. Indemnification.

A. Owner shall indemnify and defend Agister and all other Herd Owners and shall hold harmless Agister and all other Herd Owners against any and all demands, claims, suits, actions, causes of action, etc. for any injury, illness, death, loss or damage that arises out of or relate in any way to (1) any handling, consumption, or use of any milk produced by the Herd after it has been retrieved or otherwise obtained by Owner, (2) the visit of any person that Owner brings to or causes to visit Agister's premises or any premises where the Herd is located, and/or (3) any failure on the part of Owner to comply with the terms of this Agreement or with any rules, procedures, directions, orders, etc. of Agister that are authorized or permitted by this Agreement.

B. Owner shall also indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Agister's agents, employees, representatives, principals, lessors, lessees, vendors, contractors, subcontractors, etc. against any and all demands, claims, suits, actions, causes of action, etc. for any injury, illness, death, loss or damage that arises out of or relate in any way to (1) any handling, consumption, or

use of any milk produced by the Herd after it has been retrieved or otherwise obtained by Owner, (2) the visit of any person that Owner brings to or causes to visit Agister's premises or any premises where the Herd is located, and/or (3) any failure on the part of Owner to comply with the terms of this Agreement or with any rules, procedures, directions, orders, etc. of Agister that are authorized or permitted by this Agreement.

C. Agister shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Herd Owners for any loss, death, injury, damage, liability or expense caused by any animal in the Herd, in which Owner has an interest, to the person or property of any third parties.

11. Claims. In the event that either party to this Agreement seeks to assert any claim against the other party for any reason in connection with this Agreement or the activities of the other party under it (other than a claim of nonpayment as contemplated by **Section 7** of this Agreement), the party asserting claim shall, within one hundred eighty (180) days of learning of the circumstances giving rise to the claim, reduce it to writing (stating the nature of the claim and amount of relief sought) and serve it on the other party. Any claim for liability under this Agreement not made in compliance with this **Paragraph** is waived.

12. Arbitration of Disputes. All disputes, claims, and questions regarding the rights and obligations of the parties under the terms of this Agreement (other than a claim of nonpayment as contemplated by **Section 7** of this Agreement) are subject to arbitration. Either party may serve on the other a written demand for arbitration within one hundred eighty (180) days after the dispute first arises. Any demand for arbitration of a claim served in compliance with **Paragraph 11** above shall be contained within and served with the written claim. The arbitration shall be conducted by three arbitrators (one appointed by Agister, one by Owner, and a third by the other two arbitrators) in accordance with the rules of commercial arbitration of the American Arbitration Association. Each party shall pay its own costs in connection with the arbitration, and costs of the arbitrators shall be paid in equal amounts by the parties.

13. Effective Date and Duration. This Agreement shall be effective upon execution and shall continue in effect until terminated by either Agister or Owner pursuant to **Section 14** hereof.

14. Termination. This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon sixty (60) days written notice.

15. Force Majeure. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, neither Agister nor Owner shall be responsible for any delay or failure of its performance under this Agreement if the delay or failure is caused by any matter beyond the control of either party, including, but not limited to, government regulations, public emergency or necessity; legal

