

What Our Politicians Would Do With Two Milk Cows

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Old humor recirculates about what different forms of government would do to a farmer with two milk cows. We update that humor by speculating what politicians would do if they owned two milk cows.

Barack Obama – Would borrow federal money to repave the roads leading to the separate farms housing his two organic milk cows, and then would borrow more federal money to build a methane generator at each farm. Repayments on the federal loans would not be due until 2050, but are subject to forgiveness if the either cow dies in the

interim. Obama's wife will skim the butterfat and feed the kids skim milk.

Herman Cain – Would hand-milk each cow. He'd make pizza cheese from the milk and use that cheese as topping for a farmstead pizza baking facility. Cain will insist on giving every attractive female visitor a private, personally-escorted tour of the hay mow.

Michelle Bachmann – Would enroll in every available federal dairy subsidy program and, when questioned, deny ever owning milk cows.

Sarah Palin – Would shoot one milk cow and hire a taxidermist to mount the head on her office wall, and then claim the trophy was an elk. Palin

would shoot the other milk cow, dress out the meat, fire up the grill and invite her political friends to a backyard barbecue.

Mitt Romney – Would build a world-class system for the correct environmental remediation of waste products from his two milk cows, and guarantee his two milk cows free, lifetime veterinary care. Six years later, Romney would deny ever owning milk cows; or, if he had, would insist that they had never defecated or went wee-wee.

Rick Perry – This guy, who gives new meaning to the old Texas phrase "All Hat and No Cattle," would claim his two milk cows created four new jobs (for non-English speaking Hispanics).

Newt Gingrich – Would dump cow #1 when she was at the vet clinic for surgery. Would trade cow #2 for a showy, but emaciated heifer that he'd had on his lead rope for a long time.

Rick Santorum – Would claim that, with his two milk cows, he'd lead this nation to the land of milk and money ... oops, *honey*.

Jon Huntsman – Would probably manage his two cows well, show a profit, stow away part of the "surplus" dairy products as insurance against future shortages, and promptly export the rest to China.

Foreign political dignitaries, too

Silvio Berlusconi – Italy's embattled prime minister would trade his two milk cows for four young heifers.

Nicolas Sarkozy – France's premier would need only one cow, which once he was on the farm, would cull immediately, and then import and promptly breed a world-class heifer.