

In 2008, Mr. King restructured the greenhouse for hydroponic systems that would supply our high school cafeteria with lettuce and micro greens. Today with the greenhouse addition, the goal is to provide lettuce and other vegetables district wide.





2016, a local farmer donated 3 acres of land to the Holmen FFA for use in the Farm to School program. We have grown Sweet Corn, Potatoes and most recently watermelon in this field.



Growing Sweet Corn

This project requires great effort and cooperation for members of the FFA and Nutrition Services. The sweet corn is handpicked and then shucked and processed within a small window of time, usually right before the beginning of the school year.











Butternut Squash 2017

We are approaching our 3rd year of producing butternut squash in this field. This field produces enough for all six of our schools. We serve roasted and mashed butternut squash.



Poultry Project 2012

Processing birds at KB Processing in Utica, MN., the closest USDA inspected processing facility.





Weighing the birds to grow them to a size usable for the school lunch program.

Grants written by FFA members allowed us to build moveable chicken pens used to house the meat birds





Celebrating our 5th

Winner Winner Chicken Dinner!

The Holmen FFA raises 450 meat birds during the summer. It is processed in Utica, MN, frozen and then shipped by Reinhart Foodservice to Holmen Schools. Nutrition Services developed their own blend of spices used in baking the chicken.





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Asparagus Garden 2015

Grant money from the Wisconsin Medical Society Foundation allowed us to purchase 2000 asparagus roots.







**2000 plant
asparagus gardens at
Holmen High School,**



In 2017, the Holmen FFA raised 17 pigs for the district Nutrition Services program for school lunch. Mr. Gasper worked with Craig's Meats to process the meat to follow USDA nutrition standards for school meals. We have enjoyed pork chops, country style ribs, ground Italian sausage, low sodium bacon and ham.

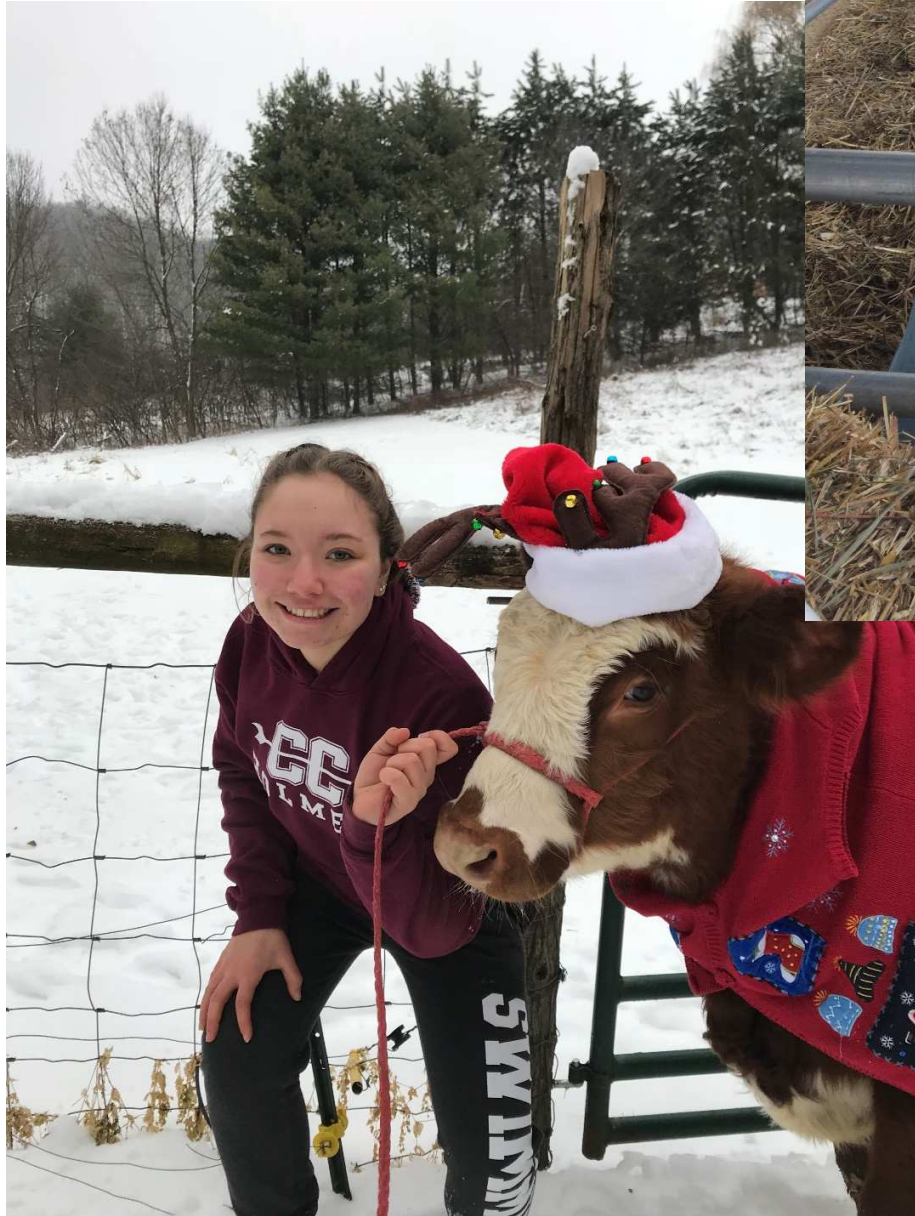




Beef Project 2018-19

We purchased two calves April of 2018. Two FFA members decided to show them at the county fair as calves and will show them again this summer as yearlings.







Watermelon 2018!

This was an experiment for our FFA this year, and our conclusion is, that it will be worth it going forward with this crop.

Pictured left: one of our Lunch Ladies trims up a watermelon for display on the lunch line.

Apple Orchard 2018

An aerial view of Viking Elementary students planting 60 apple trees. The orchard is located on the hill behind Viking Elementary. The apple trees came from the Winona State University Botanical club and an anonymous donor.







Apple Orchard 2018

FFA members get a hands on lesson in building a fence. The 8 foot deer fence defines the perimeter of the apple orchard and deters deer from ruining the trees. The orchard will become an outdoor learning lab for our students and for the Agriscience Academy.





Viking Elementary students planted and named their trees.

Below: June 2018 our first apple blossom.

