

**Doyle, Dan**

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**From:** on behalf of AfterIreneCT  
**To:** Westerberg, Emily  
**Subject:** RE: FW: spoiled food

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 21, 2011 10:23 AM  
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**From:** bob@meadowstonefarm.com [mailto:bob@meadowstonefarm.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 21, 2011 9:44 AM  
**To:** Senator Williams  
**Subject:** Re: FW: spoiled food

Good morning Emily,

If the letter I wrote to be added to the CL+P filing is still in your office, please add: On Monday Sept. 19th, our herd of goats went to auction. The farm's means to pay immediate bills was lost when our entire stock of cheese in the coolers was lost in the prolonged power outage. Some of this cheese was aged over 6 months and just "ripening" for fall sales.

We have had to make some tough decisions this month. Unlike cows, goats have to be allowed to "dry out" during part of the year to deliver healthy offspring and ensure a healthy mother. This is the season they are bred and dried out. We depend on cooler cheeses to take us through this period while we make more cheese with cow's milk (we use We Lik It in Abington). The expense of feeding and maintaining the herd is one the farm had to eliminate to pay operating expenses and produce a cow cheese that will ripen quickly. Making aged cheese will be a very slow process that will begin to produce results only late December. We will feel the financial loss of Hurricane Irene for months. Goats are the hallmark of Meadow Stone Farm. We hope to be able to start a herd again in spring but at best, it will be at least one and a half years before returning to where we were before the hurricane. AND the farm has to survive until then.

I know that this is very wordy Emily, but I am not "in a good place" to be able to edit it down. Please do that for me.

Denise