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Bee Farm Museum Survives Tornado; Opens for the Summer

A May 22 tornado that devastated the nearby town of Windsor and left a broad path of destruction spanning northward from Greeley to the Wyoming border left the Bee Family Centennial Farm Museum relatively unscathed. The high winds blew the roof off of a small cow shed and inflicted minor damage on other buildings. As well, the tornado left large tree branches and limbs scattered about the complex. Thankfully, no one was injured at the museum and all of the damage was easily repaired.



A May 22 tornado inflicted minor damage on the farm museum's buildings and trees.



Despite this setback, the museum opened to the public on a limited basis. Visitors are welcome from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, May through October. As well, you and your group can also schedule a personal tour by contacting the museum at (970) 482-9168.

Bee Farm Around Town

The Bee Farm remains busy both hosting and supporting charitable efforts in the larger community.

- The Wellington 4-H group assisted with spring cleaning at the farm.
- The museum

sponsored an information booth at the Victorian Sunday in the Park event, sponsored by the Fort Collins Public Library.

- The farm hosted four teachers participating in the Colorado Foundation for Agriculture's "Agri-CULTURE in the Classroom" Summer Institute program. The entire group of educators also came to the museum for a tour of the facility.

- Four students from North Dakota participated in a community service program at the farm museum. They were visiting as part of a church camp group.

- Three students from the Natural Resources Department at Colorado State University worked on a public relations plan for the museum as part of a class assignment.
- The farm museum again entered a float in Wellington's annual Fourth of July Parade.

Museum Business

- The farm museum completed a Larimer County-mandated change of use for the 1894 homestead house and the milk barn.
- The museum acquired a portable toilet and hand-washing station to provide

temporary facilities for visitors until permanent restrooms are constructed.

- The farm museum opened a charming gift shop, featuring crafts and other goods handmade by local artisans.
- Our family of livestock has grown by a flock of buff orpington chickens and a Limousin cow and calf.
- Over the summer, several large groups visited the farm.



The farm museum participated in the Victorian Sunday in Fort Collins (above) and Wellington's Fourth of July Parade (below).



A flock of buff orpington chickens joined the Bee Farm family.

