



## Canadian Cowshare College – Workshops Fall 2010



After Michael Schmidt's acquittal on all charges relating to his cowshare operation earlier this year, he responded to the intense interest from producers with the first Canadian Cowshare College in May.

Positive feedback and increased interest means we will be offering another Cowshare College Basics Workshop on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9 am to 4:30 pm in Durham, ON. Michael will lead the workshop and topics to be covered include the biology, safe production and handling of raw milk; the legal framework currently required for a cowshare program; and developing, maintaining and managing cowshare member relationships.

We will also be following up with those who completed the May workshop. Cowshare College – Level II is a half-day workshop, from 9 am to 1 pm, which is the final step in the credentialing process for producers who wish to be on Cow Share Canada's referral list, the first steps being the completion of the Basics workshop and the second being the successful inspection by an independent inspector. At this session, more advanced material will be presented, and participants will have an opportunity to bring specific questions and challenges to the session for discussion.

**To register** for either workshop, email the appropriate form (attached) to [csca@bmts.com](mailto:csca@bmts.com) or [arc@bmts.com](mailto:arc@bmts.com) and put "Cowshare College and the workshop name in the subject line. (*Note: the Level II workshop is limited to those who have already completed the basic workshop.*)

### **Fees:**

Cowshare College Basics: \$295

Includes: a full day of instruction by raw milk activist and long-time cowshare programme manager Michael Schmidt; tour of a raw milk dairy operation; lunch and refreshments; and copies of raw Milk Production Handbook by Tim Wightman, The Untold Story of Milk by Ron Schmid and Safe Handling: Consumers' Guide to Fresh, Whole, Unprocessed Milk by Peggy Beals.

Cowshare College – Level II: \$150

Includes a half-day of instruction and discussion with Michael Schmidt, a tour of a raw milk dairy operation with question period and refreshments.

Seats are limited for both workshops – reserve your spot soon.

# Canadian Cowshare College

One-day Basics Course  
23 October 2010  
9 am – 4:30 pm



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At the end of this session, participants will have a basic understanding of:

1. the biology of milk
  2. the safe production and handling of raw milk
  3. the legal framework currently required for a cowshare program
  4. developing, maintaining and managing cowshare member relationships
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- a full day of instruction with raw milk and cowshare expert Michael Schmidt
  - tour of a raw milk dairy operation
  - lunch and refreshments
  - certificate of completion
  - copies of
    - [Raw Milk Production Handbook](#) by Tim Wightman
    - [The Untold Story of Milk](#) by Ron Schmid
    - [Safe Handling: Consumers' Guide to Fresh, Whole, Unprocessed Milk](#) by Peggy Beals
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Workshop Leader: Michael Schmidt

Michael Schmidt has defended public access to healthy foods for almost two decades. He has been the lightning rod in two major “Milk Wars” with local Boards of Health and the provincial government, spurred on by powerful industrial farming interests, and has successfully defended the rights of cowshare programme members to consume locally produced milk, produced specifically for direct consumption. He has a Masters in Agriculture and more than 25 years' experience in biodynamic farming. Currently, he is involved in the rescue of a British Columbia cowherd operation, ordered to shut down by government officials. Michael founded Cow Share Canada early in 2010, to establish a grassroots infrastructure that could connect consumers and producers.

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## Workshop Outline

Introduction

The biology of milk

Safe raw milk production

farm management

cow breeding

feeding

animal husbandry

Safe handling of raw milk

cleaning

testing

distribution from producer perspective

Cowshare programmes

Legal framework

current legislation - Kowalsky Raw Milk Ruling

Co-operative structure

liability issues

Cowshare member relations

how to connect

how to maintain and develop reliable partnerships

how to manage expectations

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# Cow Share College

## Cow Share College – The Basics

### Application

**Saturday, 23 October 2010**, 9 am – 4:30 pm

Glencolton Farms, 393889 Concession Rd 2, Durham, ON

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

5. Are you currently a farmer? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

*If you answered "yes", continue to Q2. If you answered "no", skip to Q6.*

6. Please indicate your farming methods

a. Organic \_\_\_\_\_ b. Biodynamic \_\_\_\_\_ c. Conventional \_\_\_\_\_

7. Have you experience in milking cows? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

8. How many cows are you currently milking? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Are you licenced under DFO? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

10. Why do you want to go into a Cowshare model?

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**I attest that I am not working as an agent for any government, that I will use the information I have access to strictly for my own purposes and that I will not share this information.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

note: if this sent electronically, we require an electronic signature or we will send a copy of this document for your signature before activating your membership. Confidentiality and security is important to us.

Please return to [arc@bmts.com](mailto:arc@bmts.com) or by mail to Glencolton Farms, RR1, Durham, ON N0G 1R0

Workshop fee is \$295. Cheques should be payable to Cow Share Canada. Payment is due on or before the day of the session.

# Cow Share College

## Level II Application

**Saturday, 6 November 2010**, 9 am – 1 pm

Glencolton Farms, 393889 Concession Rd 2, Durham, ON

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

What is the most surprising discovery you've made with respect to producing milk for direct consumption? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you begun a Cowshare programme?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_\_

What is the most serious obstacle you've encountered (and any potential solutions you've generated)

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