

*Editor Letter - Best Agricultural Story*

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**Terry Farrell - Comox Valley Record**

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Dear members of the jury,

Olivier Laurin came forward last November with a unique story highlighting the work of a trailblazing woman who took the reins of her family farm in her late twenties and introduced a product few have consumed in Canada: water buffalo milk.

Just over a decade ago, after taking this leap of faith and facing countless challenges, Sandra McClintock successfully converted a medium-sized berry farm into a full-fledged milk-producing facility. It is now home to several dozen of these gentle giants hailing from India.

As one of the few producers of water buffalo milk in the country, McClintock offers a diverse range of unique products, from cheeses to yogurt, for the residents of the Island and beyond.

Thank you for considering this one-of-a-kind story, which sheds light on a novel local initiative led by a single woman.

Sincerely,

Terry Farrell

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