Bacon and Wool: Dairy Time

There was a good chance that Cheddar the cow was Farmer Bob’s favorite animal. Drumstick the chicken was Farmer Bob’s alarm clock, which were useful, and Saddlebags the horse was fun to ride, but Cheddar was the most useful. Bacon mostly ate leftovers from the kitchen table and snorted a lot. Wool the sheep gave fur once or twice a year, but that wasn’t that big of a deal. Wool clothes made Farmer Bob all itchy and scratchy anyway.

Why was Cheddar so useful? Well, Baaaad Boy the goat could keep a field nearly as clear of grass and thistles as Cheddar, but he couldn’t make milk. Girl goats can make milk for certain, but the boy ones can’t. Cheddar, on account of being a girl, made milk. Milk meant dairy. Dairy meant lots of delicious stuff.

Farmer Bob would milk Cheddar every morning. He’d sit on a stool and collect her milk in a silver pail. Then he’d do a number of things to it. Raw milk could be heated up to kill any bad germs and drank, if wanted. Or, he could separate the cream out to get fresh cream. He could add cultures to it to make sour cream. Cream could also be churned into butter. That was a bit of a workout for the arms, though. The milk could be drank or cultured into yogurt, too. Ice cream was also a possibility. There were just so many delicious dairy products!

Farmer Bob loved his dairy foods. He was even known to make a bit of cheese from time to time, which was his favorite dairy food. And what was his favorite kind of cheese? Cheddar, of course. Cheddar the cow helped him make cheddar cheese.
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   B. Wool the sheep
   C. Fillet the fish
   D. Saddlebags the horse

2. Which animal is Farmer Bob’s favorite?
   A. Baaaad Boy
   B. Bacon
   C. Saddlebags
   D. Cheddar

3. Why is this animal Farmer Bob’s favorite?
   A. She makes milk.
   B. He lays eggs.
   C. He is very cute.
   D. She is very sweet.

4. Which of these things does the story NOT mention Farmer Bob can make from milk?
   A. cheese
   B. yogurt
   C. pudding
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