



Barn Number 41

Historic Name: O.J. Rucker Barn
 Address of Barn: 9791 Farm to Market Road, Bow
 Built Date: c. 1905
 Built By: O.J. Rucker
 Barn Style: Dutch
 Features: Hay Hood

History: The barn was part of one of the first dairy farms in Skagit County. The interior of the barn still shows whitewash down one side with milking stanchions erected over concrete, containing a run off for manure. The original bucket track system still exists in part. Cold water circulated from the 750 gallon stone cistern located behind the house to the milk house. The barn is unusual in its proportions – the side walls are only 8' tall making the structure mostly roof. Tree poles set in concrete with "L" beams were used for support.



Barn Number 42

Historic Name: Heath Farm
 Address of Barn: 14957 Benson Road, Bow
 Built Date: c. 1920
 Built By: [Unknown]
 Barn Style: Dutch Gambrel
 Features: Dormer, Hay Hood, Ventilator

History: The main barn has milking stanchions with hand written plaques with the names and lineage of the milk cows dating back to the 1940s. The current owners use the structure for farm storage. The barn's original style has been left unaltered.



Barn Number 43

Historic Name: Emil Olson Barn
 Address of Barn: 9402 Avon Allen Road, Bow
 Built Date: 1946
 Built By: Emil Olson
 Barn Style: Dutch Gambrel
 Features: Hay Hood, Milking Shed

History: The Emil Olson barn was built in 1946 on the foundation of the original 1910 barn that was destroyed by fire. A silo sat next to the original barn, but wasn't rebuilt – the concrete foundation remains. The Barn houses a milking parlor for a small herd of cattle. The Olson's lived at the farm until 1975 when it was purchased by the current owners. They lease the pastureland to local dairy farmers. This 30 acre property has been a family farm for over 100 years. Historic documents go back to 1884 when the farm was part of a 160 acre lumber parcel which was eventually subdivided.



Barn Number 44

Historic Name: Johnson/Olson Barn
 Address of Barn: 18244 Sam Bell Road, Bow
 Built Date: c. 1905
 Built By: Fritz Johnson & Albert Olson
 Barn Style: Gable
 Features: Cupola, Horse Stalls

History: County records show that Fritz Johnson and Albert Olson purchased the property in 1903. Mr. Johnson sold the property in 1911. It is assumed that Mr. Johnson and Mr Olson built the barn around 1905. It is Gable Style with a cupola and horse stalls. The barn was originally built as dairy. Current owners purchased the farm in 1976 and added stalls in back for a horse barn.