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"Whenever I wasn't sure what I was doing, all I had to do was pick up the phone or run down the road and I'd get the help and answers I needed."

Now, Bill has come a long way from the airline pilot trying to navigate his first tractor to a full-fledged farmer who switches on his four-wheel-drive John Deere

Helping him handle the enormous task of farming so many acres are four hands those of son, Lee, and neighbor, Kenny Eicker.

"I make up in equipment what I lack in extra people," Leonard remarked. "But, the hardest thing I find about farming so many acres is the book work."

"This year," said Leonard, "I planted about 500 acres of corn, 150 acres of sobyeans, 100 acres of wheat, and harvested 100 acres of hay."

Leonard, who contracts



Leonard's Angus herd grazes the spacious pastures on the Eisenhower farms.

for the sale of his grains, says he is concerned about the effects this past Summer's drought will have on his crop yield.

"I'm hoping to get 15 to 20 bushels of corn to the acre this year, compared to my normal 90 to 100 bushels per acre. As for my beans, I'm hoping to get 10 bushels to the acre - in a normal year, I usually get anywhere from 35 to 40 bushels.'

When does Leonard get time to do his farm chores? He explains he normally

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Leonard, like other Adams County farmers, has felt the sting of this past Summer's drought.





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