



Charlie and Krissi do help their mother feed the calves, and Linda says that the children are also very good at cleaning out the drinking cups for the cows.

Farm kids

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four brothers, farm over 1100 acres and milk 170 cows. Their Skyline Farm, Inc. also includes several large chicken houses and cattle facilities on several farms. Michael and Jennifer, age 10, and Mark, age four, love to accompany their grandparents, parents and uncles all over the farms doing chores.

Although Jennifer doesn't like chasing cows "because they stink," Michael says he likes the cows the best. Little Mark helps his grandmother feed and water the calves. Michael also enjoys this and says that Jennifer needs help since they are feeding about 25 calves.

"I like to help unload straw," Michael says. "We help our grandmother feed the calves and I like to help my grandfather in the chicken house," he adds.

"So do I," Mark chimes in. Mark likes to ride with his father while baling straw, "until he gets tired of watching the bales fly up," his father adds.

Michael and Jennifer will be showing 4-H calves for the first time this year and look forward to the fairs. Mark said that he will be showing someday, but now he is content to help his brother and sister train theirs.

There is nothing comparable to farm children. They have the enthusiasm, drive, and spark in their eyes that has made their parents bear with the times on their farms - farms that will eventually belong to the children.



Cindy says that with Harvey caring for their calves, they do not have to bother with them at all. Harvey enjoys taking care of the calves and says he can easily tell when a calf is sick by the way it looks. Younger sister, Allison, helps him.



The Hix siblings are on their way to unload straw in another barn.

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