

Dauphin County

Stoneylawn Farms, Middletown



The Stony Lawn Farm, Middletown, Dauphin County, is home for three generations of the Howard Kopp family. Father Howard and sons Jay and Ronald work 200 acres at home and rent another 365 acres. They milk about 100 cows in their modern barn and these cows average over 19,000 pounds of milk. The Kopps bought the farm in 1946.

Erie County

Ronald Woinelowicz, Union City



Ronald Woinelowicz works his 200-acre farm with his wife, Linda, and his son Mark. Linda helps with the milking on the farm's 98 Holsteins. The Woinelowiczes grow corn and oats.

Erie County

Victor Lewis, McKean



Victor and Alliene Lewis credit their farm's selection as a Dairy of Distinction to their daughter Debbie, who is the only one of their four children that works with Victor. Victor purchased the farm in 1952 and has expanded twice. Tidy Knoll Farm currently consists of 237 acres and 75 milking Holsteins with a RHA of 19,460 pounds. The Lewises raise corn, oats, alfalfa, and clover.

Randell Meabon, Wattsburg



Green Meadow Farms has been in Ronald P. Meabon's family since his grandfather, Arthur, purchased it 44 years ago. Arthur cleared it and added parcels as the farming operation grew until it became the 325-acre property it is now. Meabon and his wife, Paula, also lease the farm next door to grow their corn, oats and alfalfa and to keep their 100 milking Holsteins. The Meabons have two children: Bradley, 6, and Nicole, 8.

*Ron & Sharon Chapman,
Waterford*



Although Ron and Sharon Chapman milk 48 Holsteins, they do have a few Jerseys, which are 4-H projects for their daughters Jennifer and Rhonda. Their 14-year-old son, Brian, isn't into dairy projects. Shar-Ron Farm has been in the family for 17 years, and the Chapmans raise alfalfa, corn, and oats on their 180 acres.

Fayette County

Robert Jackson, Brownsville



In 1979 Robert Jackson made the switch from beef farm to dairy farm in an effort to make the farm operation more efficient and more profitable. The Double-J as it is known is 450 acres. During that first milking in December of 1979, ten cows passed through the parlor. They started with all first-calf helpers nearly ten years ago and today boast an 85-head Holstein herd with a herd average of 18,800 lbs. and 650 lbs. of butterfat.