

Green Meadows Farm

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After the Hess children had their own careers, Ed and his brother dispersed of the show flock. But Ed still raises about 50 purebred Hampshires for a Canadian breeder and sells some as market lambs to 4-H'ers.

With the profits from the sheep dispersal, Ed built an apple packing plant in partnership with his brother Art. Named the Hess Brothers Fruit Company, Ed still owns part of the company but his partners are now Art's sons, Fred and Jerry.

The fruit company deals strictly in apples. The apples are purchased from North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, New York, and Pennsylvania and sold to major supermarkets in the East. Unfortunately, the original barn burned down in 1984, but the Hesses

were able to salvage the lower stone wall and rebuilt it according to the original plans. An Amish contractor oversaw the one-day barn raising. The barn is now painted barn red and trimmed in white.

The Hess farm became famous when photographer Grant Heil-

man, who was fascinated with the picturesque beauty of the farm, sold several prints to major companies. The pictures appeared on magazine covers, church bulletin covers, and puzzles.

Hess said, "We believe God requires us to be good stewards of those things He gives us."

In the tradition of Christmas cheer, we'd like to extend our sincere thanks for your friendship this past year. May your season abound with love.



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