

Dairy Princess

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that is made up of five farms. They milk 117 head of the 260 Holsteins raised.

Both Jennifer and her 21-year-old brother have strong feelings about how the farm should be run. Jonathan, who said that he started working in the barn as soon as he could crawl, is a senior at Delaware Valley College, where he studies ag business. He comes home every weekend, and after graduation, plans to return full time to the family farm.

"He has quite a few ideas to get bigger, if he could just come up with the money," Ken said of his

son's plans.

According to Ken, the older you get, the more conservative you become. Over the years, Ken said that he learned to be cautious when incorporating new ideas because not everything worked like it was expected to work.

On the other hand, Ken believes in being open to new ideas.

"We don't jump right on the band wagon whenever something new comes down the road, but neither are we the last people to try something different," he said.

His rule of thumb is to research and look at an idea at least four times before implementing it.



Jennifer serves milk to her parents and brother. She adamantly insists that farmers should be proud of their product and drink milk at public functions. "It doesn't cost anything to set a good example," she said.



Oreo Cookie Dessert is one of Jennifer's favorite dishes that she serves to guests to show them how great tasting dairy products are when used in desserts.

One of the biggest mistakes, they family said, was putting a scraper in a freestall barn.

"Dad needed to stand on it to make it run, and we children turned the switch on and off. If it went crooked — and it always did — it was our fault," Jennifer said.

Eventually, the Grimes discovered that the problem was that there was more manure built up than expected. Because baled hay was fed to the heifers, it clogged up the system.


After two years of frustration, Grimes ripped it out and put in a bedded pack.

About two-thirds of the 260-head herd are registered.

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This spot on the Grimes' farm offers a respite from work for Jennifer and her St. Bernard.

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