

Farmer's Daughter Returns Home To Rose-Edge Farm

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— It may have been the long way 'round, but Barbara Graham finally came back to stay on the Rose-Edge Farm in Spruce Hill Township where she had grown up.

Not only did she come back to stay, but she started to farm with her parents and finally took over the farm with her husband in 1985.

But let's go back to the beginning.

Barb, daughter of Jim and Mary (Mamie) Graham, graduated from Juniata High School in 1973. When asked at what age she knew she wanted to be a farmer, she said

she always liked farming. But in high school in the early seventies, "It just wasn't the thing for a woman to do."

Barb went to the State University of New York in Delhi, graduating from a two-year course in Veterinary Science Technology. From there she went to the state of Indiana where she worked as an assistant for a small animal vet.

Next, Barb moved to West Lafayette, Ind. and worked for Purdue University at their veterinarian research facility, where she supervised four full-time and 16 part-time people. With a chuckle, she related that everything was there, from mice to monkeys!

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Steve and Barbara Wilson of R R 1, Port Royal, stand beside the signs showing their Dairy of Distinction Award, as well as the ones showing Rose-Edge farm as a Century and Bi-Centennial farm.

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