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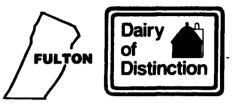




Donald and Jill Birchfield and Donald's parents Ronald and Marlene Birchfield farm 350 acres in Crawford County near Conneaut Lake The land was purchased by the family in 1940. They milk 60 Holstein cows and average 65 pounds of milk per day in the tank. The cows are housed in a stall barn with pipeline milkers. They raise 120 acres of corn, along with oats and alfalfa to feed the cows. Donald believes you need to keep the cows milking at full capacity and you need to like the cows if you are going to do a good job with them. The next generation is on the farm. Adam just turned six years-old.



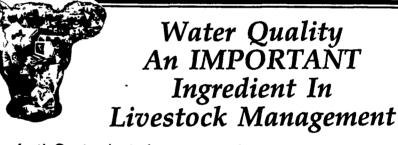




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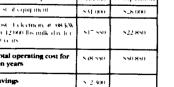
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