

Warburtons Adapt To Grazing Profits, Lifestyle

Family Built Inexpensive Parlor In Old Stall Barn

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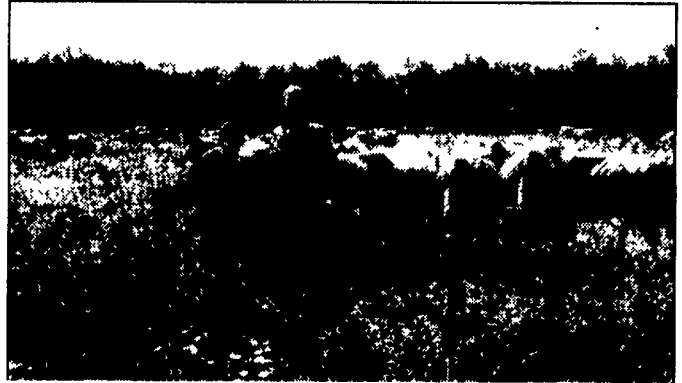
FORKSVILLE (Sullivan Co.) — “Every grazier does things a little bit differently and there’s usually a reason why,” said Jim Warburton, a dairyman who farms near the southern tip of Sullivan County.

The Warburtons began farming in partnership with Jim’s parents in 1960. His father, grandfather and great grandfather farmed in the same area. In 1988, Jim and his wife, Barbara, took over the 325-acre operation.

In their early years of farming, the Warburtons ran a conventional operation. Although the cows had access to pasture, it was not considered a primary source of nutrition. Today, the Warburtons are sold on the benefits of grazing, both for their pocket books and their lifestyle.

The Warburtons made the jump to rotational grazing in 1995, after hearing good reports from other farmers who had traveled the same route and after their accountant suggested they try a different approach.

“We weren’t making any money and we were always fixing something. Then our accountant talked



Cows are on fresh grass every 12 hours at the Warburton Farm, operated by Jim and Barbara Warburton of Sullivan County.

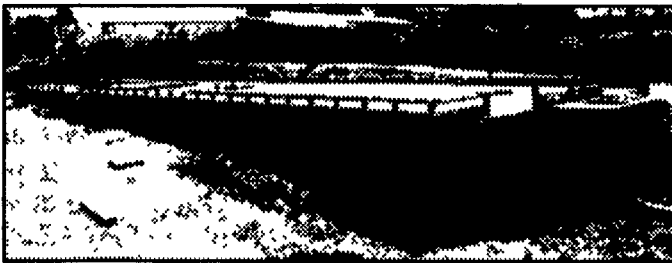
about grazing. We’re in the Farm Bureau accounting program and he made some suggestions and we tried it.

“The first year was a disaster,” he said. “We didn’t really know what we were doing. We didn’t get the cows out early enough. We didn’t get the fence built early enough and we were trying to feed TMR and

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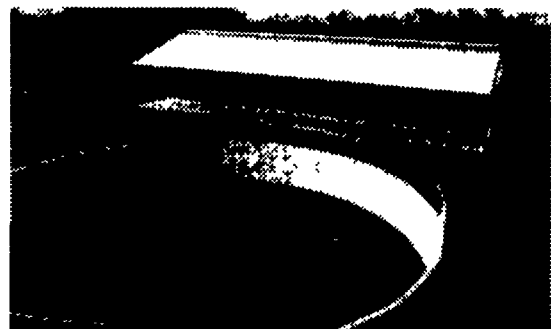
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