

New Dairy Thrives

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Denise explained that the original owners had purchased a larger farm and thought they would need to sell the Lititz one. After selling it to the Hornings, the original owners found out they did not need to sell it after all, and voiced their confusion to their listing real estate agent.

"It was meant to be," the Hornings maintain of the farm that is an answer to their prayers and to biblical scripture Jeremiah 29:11: "'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.'"

The answer to their prayers was actually the unfolding of an 11-year quest.

As a teen-ager, Nevin started out working for his dairy farm uncle. It wasn't long before he knew he wanted dairy farming as his life's vocation. Soon he was working as a herdsman for another farmer, and eventually purchased the small herd. The Hornings rented a farm for several years until they needed to move because the landlord's son wanted to take over the farm.

That's when the Hornings discovered their present location, which had been operated as a hog farm. The Hornings weren't interested in hog farming, but the



Monica and Vanessa like caring for the calves on the family farm.

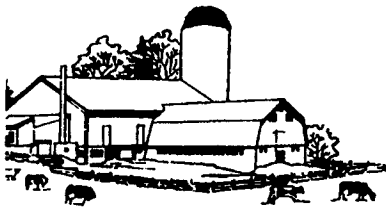
170-sow operation was in place and a viable business.

So a made-to-order setup was put into place. Nevin's younger brother Lewis and his wife Amy

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