



Kevin Stoltzfus stands at the halter of Warwick Manor Frank Stacy, one of two original Guernseys he received from his grandparents Raymond and Elma Peachey, center, when they sold their herd in 1993. Kevin's wife Dina holds daughter Karli, and daughter Kaila stands in front. Read about this family's incredible Guernsey journey in the *Dairy Plus* booklet this issue.

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# 'Dairying' By Different Means

## Calves Raised On Willow Springs Farm

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BERNVILLE (Berks Co.) — Having Holsteins on the farm doesn't necessarily mean milk production, according to the Lucas family.

Besides a 200-head veal barn, Willow Springs Farm is home to 40-50 head of Holstein bulls year-round — a unique setup that Dave Lucas has found to best utilize the farm's pasture land.

**Intensive Grazing Operation**  
Sixty acres of pasture are divided into about 22 paddocks, 3-4 acres each, an intensive grazing system that Lucas introduced to the farm in 1997.

A neighboring dairy producer

raises the farm's bull calves until they are eight months old, then moves them to Lucas' pastures. They stay there until they are two years old, grown out on grass plus supplemental grain and hay in the wintertime.

When the bulls reach the 2-year-old mark, they are sold as breeding stock.

Lucas bought the farm in 1994

and began to look for a way to optimize the farm's hilly ground.

Installing beef cattle on the rolling hills was Lucas' first idea. However in the meantime he heard about his neighbor's need to grow out the Holsteins, so instead the pastures are dotted with black-and-white dairy bulls.

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# Final COOL Session In Lancaster

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Approximately 150 people filled the large meeting room at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center Thursday afternoon for the USDA's last of 12 "listening and education" sessions on the controversial Country Of Origin Labeling (COOL) regulations.

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# Youth Demonstrate Cooperative Skills

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SHIPPENSBURG (Cumberland Co.) — Youth traveled from the far corners of Pennsylvania to participate in the annual Mid-At-

lantic Alliance of Cooperatives (MAAC) Summer Institute this week.

"This is proof that cooperation works," said Dennis Wolff, Pennsylvania secretary of agriculture, to the group of more than 50 scholars at the annual awards luncheon Wednesday.

"It's all about mutual respect and setting goals for moving forward," Wolff said.

The four-day gathering offered a packed agenda. On arrival at Shippensburg University on Sunday, the youth were divided into four "MINICOS" — or mini cooperatives. The objective was to simulate a successful real-world cooperative.

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Pennsylvania dairy royalty stopped in to visit the Lancaster Farming office June 19 to select top dairy recipes. Choosing a winner are, from left, Ashley Chapman, alternate; Raechel Kilgore, state dairy princess; and Rachel Ebert, alternate. Photo by Dave Lefever