

# — Outstanding Farm Feature —



Roman and Lucy Stoltzfoos are at home with nine of their 11 children. Front row, from left, are Hadassah, 2; Althea, 7; Caleb, 9; Raphael, 5; Heather, 6 months; and Charlene, 15. In the back row are Joshua, 11; Clifford, 13; and Delmar, 17.

## Organic Dairyman Profits From Doing What He Believes

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GAP (Lancaster Co.) — Roman Stoltzfoos has received a real education since he switched to grass-based dairying 10 years ago and became certified organic two years later.

“It’s been a wild ride and a great learning experience,” said the grazer from Gap.

Stoltzfoos grew up on his parent’s 200-acre dairy, Spring Wood Farm, which he now owns. Although his father Sam was not a grazer, he was an innovative farmer and “very much a conservationist,” Roman said.

Roman and his wife Lucy live and work on the farm. They have 11 children, ranging from 6 months to 23 years of age.

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Raphael, left; Josh, on wagon; and Caleb have some fun before milking time.