

An Investment for the Next Generation



When it comes to having an investment in the land, few can match that of the Hatfield family. The youngest of the family's grandchildren mark the eighth generation to romp this rolling farmland in Licking County. Protecting their land is a personal investment for families like the Hatfields - farmland is their home so it is personally important for them to protect the land for their family and future generations.

The family's Hatfield 7 Dairy Inc. is composed of parents Ron and Sally, their two sons Gail and Lee and daughters-in-law Amie and Jennifer. For the farm today to support multiple families, it has grown from a 30-cow dairy in the 1940s to today's 650-cow operation. Over this time the family has become more attuned to the environmental impacts the farm may have.

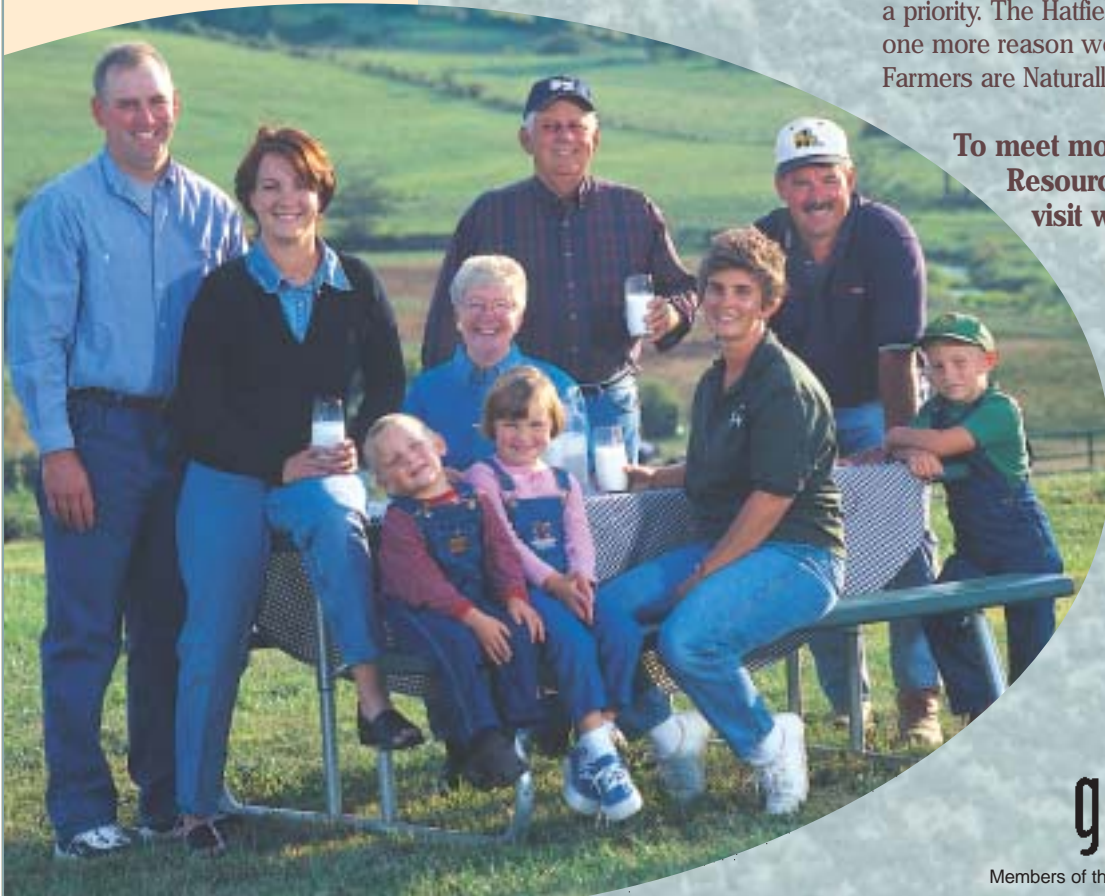
This management philosophy was the basis for an Environmental Stewardship Award the family received from the Ohio Livestock Coalition. The award recognized the family for the multitude of ways it works to protect soil and water.

"If we as dairy producers do not implement good conservation practices, we could not stay in business very long," Sally says. "God has provided us with the best resources possible. Now, it's up to each man, woman and child to take care of it for future generations."

Ohio's dairy farmers are dedicated to providing you with safe, high quality milk and dairy products. Their commitment to quality also means caring for their animals and land.

We congratulate farm families like the Hatfields who make protecting land and water resources a priority. The Hatfields are just one more reason we say that Ohio Farmers are Naturally Resourceful.

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