



On the MOO-ve!

Meet some real family farmers who keep dairy farming on the moo-ve with new technologies!

Breezy Hill Dairy Farm, Strykersville, NY

Named for its location on top of a windy hill, this 2,000-acre farm is home to a herd of 800 cows and has been operated by the Almeter family for six generations, dating all the way back to 1870.



Fulper Dairy Farms, Lambertville, NJ

Established in 1909, this 1,200-acre dairy farm is managed by the fifth generation of Fulpers. With a herd of 120 cows, Fulper Dairy Farms offers city kids the chance to help care for a newborn calf during its Summer Camp!



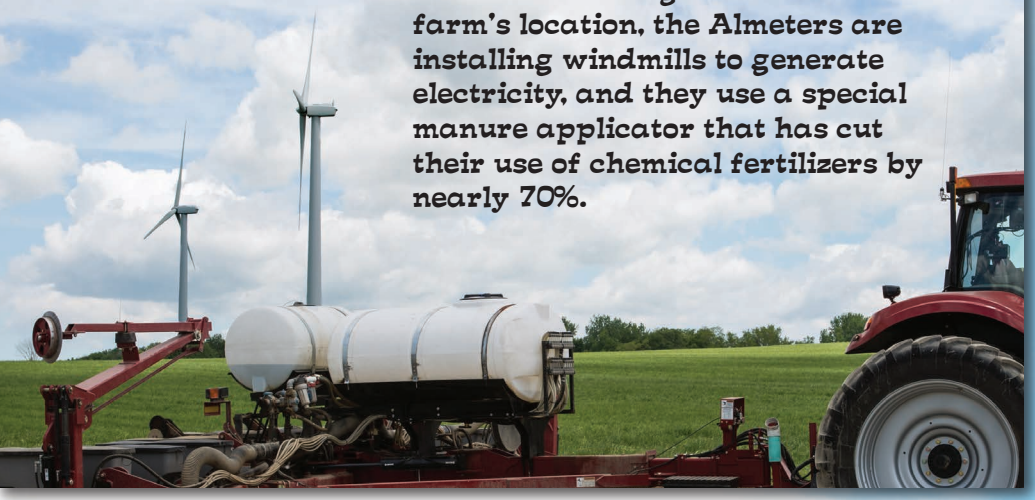
Today's Technology

The Fulpers power their farm with nearly an acre of solar panels, and they recycle their cows' manure to produce liquid fertilizer and compost.



Today's Technology

To take advantage of their farm's location, the Almeters are installing windmills to generate electricity, and they use a special manure applicator that has cut their use of chemical fertilizers by nearly 70%.



Dairy farming has been on the moo-ve since the first cows arrived with the early colonists at Jamestown. Check out this timeline to learn more about the growth and advances in dairy farming in America!

1600

1611
Cows come to America with the Jamestown colonists.

1700

1776
As the United States declares its independence, cows graze on the small family farms that dot the countryside.

1800

1856
Louis Pasteur begins scientific experiments leading to the pasteurization process.

1850
Almost every American household has its own cow to supply the family with milk.

1862
President Abraham Lincoln establishes the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

1879
Thomas Edison invents the incandescent light bulb.

1878
First automatic milking machine invented.

1884
First glass milk bottles used.

1890s
Milk homogenizer invented.

Late 1800s
Farmers begin breeding cows specifically for milk production - dairy cows.

1900
Pasteurization used in all dairy farming.

1914
First milk tanker trucks used to transport milk.

1945
The first year that the use of tractors exceeds the use of horses on farms.

1946
National School Lunch Act signed, designating milk as part of the school lunch menu.

1947
First successful use of a methane digester in American farming, on a hog farm in Iowa.

1994
Farmers begin using satellite technology to track and plan farming practices.

1997
Robotic milking machines invented.

2000

2014
Of the more than 51,000 working dairy farms in the U.S., 97% are family-owned, and all help provide you with fresh, wholesome dairy products all year long!



Local milk is available 365 days a year.