

Building a Life Together on the Family Farm

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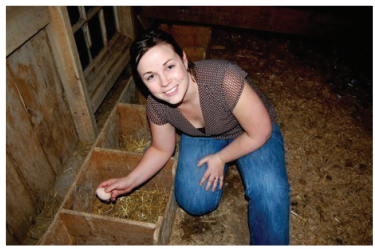
>> *Greg & Rose Hartschuh, Crawford County*

I AM FARM BUREAU



A View of the Dairy Farm

Greg is the fourth generation to work on the family farm. The Hartschuhs milk approximately 160 registered Holsteins and grain farm. Whenever possible, we share the story of the family farm by speaking with civic groups, being engaged in social media, and participating in conversations. One day, we hope our future children will be the fifth generation to be a part of the farm.



Not Just Cows and Plows!

There are also turkeys! We have a small flock of turkeys for a local hatchery. We collect the eggs each day, and then the hatchery incubates them and sells the young turkeys as 4-H and FFA projects. It's been a great learning experience, and it's also helped us build teamwork with each other!



Bonding Time in the Tractor

Especially during busy times of the year, we spend a lot of time together in the tractor. Dairy farming is definitely a 24/7/365 kind of job. There are always cows to feed, in the spring, there are crops to plant, and there are crops to harvest in the fall. When Greg is busy in the fields, I often ride in the tractor with him. It's a good learning experience for me, and it also allows us to spend time together during those long hours he is working.

WHAT I DO: I teach high school agriculture and instill an appreciation in my students for agriculture. I also work with students to develop their leadership and career skills through FFA. When I'm not teaching, I'm helping out on our farm. I love lending a hand: taking supper to the field, feeding calves, or helping get crops in the ground. I'm always learning something!

Greg is employed full-time on the family farm, a fourth generation dairy and grain farm. His responsibilities include feeding cows, fixing machinery, and managing the crops. There is nothing else Greg would rather do.

MY LINK TO AGRICULTURE: I developed a passion for agriculture through 4-H and FFA, and so I decided to pursue a career in the ag industry. I never thought I would marry a dairy farmer, but when I did, agriculture became an even bigger part of my life!

Greg's link to agriculture is more direct. I asked him last week how long he has wanted to farm. His answer was simple: forever. Greg has farming in his blood. It's what he knows. It's what he loves. Agriculture is more than his livelihood: it's his passion.

I AM PASSIONATE ABOUT: We're passionate about many things. We love helping my students and Greg's 4-H members succeed and helping them realize the importance of the agricultural industry. We're also passionate about spreading the positive message of agriculture. We look forward to raising our family on the farm and to our children growing to love this way of life just as we do. In order for that to happen, we realize we must be involved in our communities and in this industry, so we can impact positive change.

I AM KNOWN FOR: Five phrases to describe Rose: fun-loving, hard-working, eager to learn, family-oriented, and driven. Five phrases to describe Greg: motivated, involved in the community, intuitive, doesn't quit until the job is done, and passionate about agriculture.

