



The Graybill Family Red Sunset Farm

- Rent 400-acre operation located near Mifflintown in Juniata County.
- Milk about 60 registered Holsteins.
- Additionally raise more than 70 replacement heifers.
- My wife Marie and I are the owners and operators.
- We have one full time and one part-time employees

Sunset, 1st cutting round bales, mid May

- In addition to RUNNING MY FARM, I:
 - Chair Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's Natural and Environmental Committee.
 - Serve on Chesapeake Bay Foundation's Farmer Advisory committee.
 - Served on the Agricultural Workgroup to the Steering Committee responsible for developing PA's Chesapeake Bay Watershed plan for Phase 3.
 - Serve on the Agriculture Workgroup for EPA's Chesapeake Bay Partnership
 - Represent farmers in Juniata, Mifflin, Huntingdon, and Perry counties on Pennsylvania Farm Bureau State Board





Environmental Investments, BMPs

- Manure storage (full year capacity)
- Compost stacking area
- Gravel cow walkways (with water diversions)
- Pasture paddocks (rotational grazing)
- Manure transfer pump and holding tank
- Concrete barnyard
- Barnyard brown water collection
- Pumping and sprinkler system (barnyard)
- Milk house waste water to manure storage
- Silo leachate collection system
- Leak detection systems (running spring water)
- Roof spouting (keep clean water clean)
- Gravel field lane

The Farm Produces?

Milk, (high quality)

Meat (cull dairy cows make great steak)

Honey

Corn

Soybeans

Hay

Wheat (forage for our cows and cover crop seed)

Oats

Barley

Buckwheat and sunflowers (bird feed)

Straw and corn fodder (bedding)

How can you help Farmers?



We need more research on good farming practices that utilize today's technology



We need more farmer education on the economics of better farming practices



Technical assistance to develop and maintain great environmental efficiencies (conservation and nutrient management plans)



Less cost in regulations that rip dollars away from farms at no real benefit to our communities' economics



Streamline all the paperwork, less complicated is better