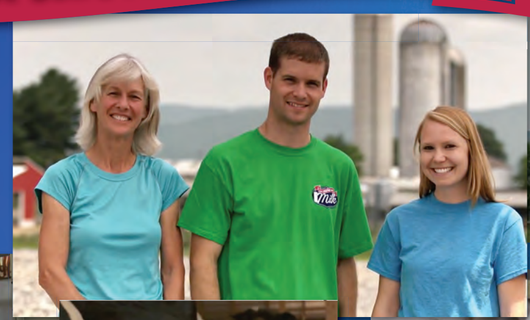
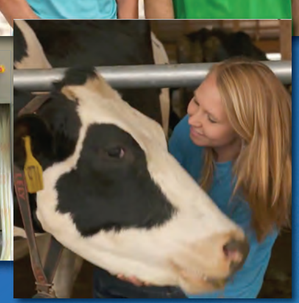
On the MOO-ve!

Meet some family farmers dedicated to dairy who use the latest technologies to keep their farms on the moo-ve!

Hillside Dairy Farm, Dublin, VA

Established in 1795, this 200-cow dairy farm is managed by the seventh generation of the Flory family. Hillside grows all its own feed and uses the latest technology to keep its cows comfortable and productive.





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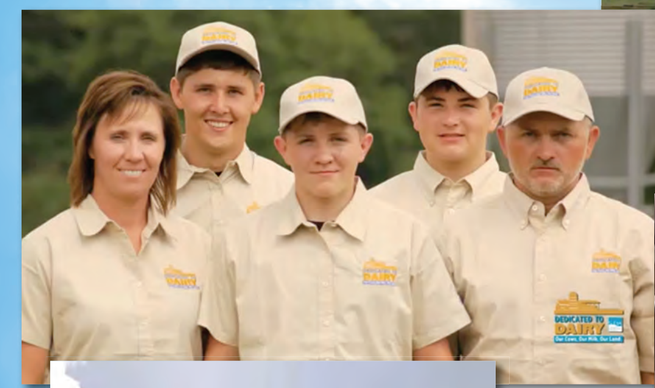
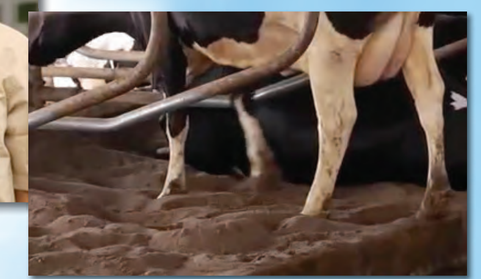
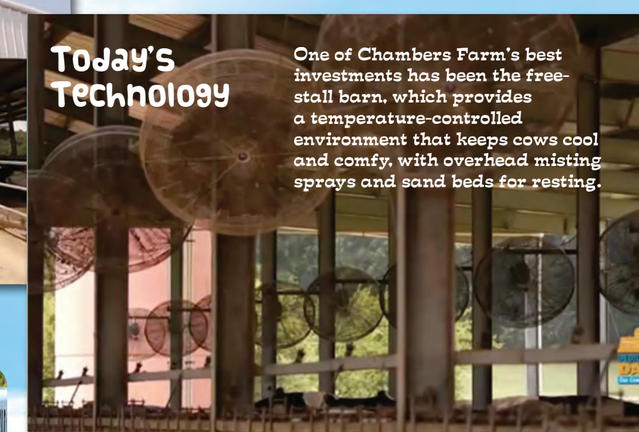
The ID transponder collars used at Hillside Farm allow cows to set their own milking schedules and enable the Florys to monitor their status digitally.

Chambers Dairy Farm, Macon, GA

Judd Chambers, a fifth-generation dairy farmer, maintains a 400-cow herd on 600 acres where the Chambers family also grows most of their own forage.







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One of Chambers Farm's best investments has been the free-stall barn, which provides a temperature-controlled environment that keeps cows cool and comfy, with overhead misting sprays and sand beds for resting.

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 | 1700 | 1800 | 1900 | 2000

1611 Cows come to America with the Jamestown colonists.

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

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.

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

1884 First glass milk bottles used.

1890s Milk homogenizer invented.

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

1878 First automatic milking machine invented.

1879 Thomas Edison invents the incandescent light bulb.

1900 Pasteurization used in all dairy farming.

1914 First milk tanker trucks used to transport milk.

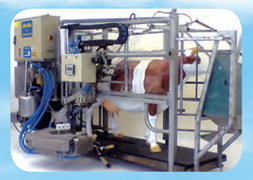
1945 The first year that the use of tractors exceeds the use of horses on farms.

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

1972 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.



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!

Dairy farmers produce milk 365 days a year.

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