

## FSCAP Certified Steward

Dr. Charles Mess  
Brooke Grove Farm



Dr. Charles Mess, a retired orthopedic surgeon, bought Brooke Grove Farm in 1975. It was originally a cattle operation that by the early 1990s became a boarding stable with 13 stalls. Field boarding is also available. Brooke Grove Farm is the host for the Redland Hunt Pony Club and the Goshen Hounds.

Dr. Mess had never farmed before, but he and his wife, Marilyn, transformed the farm by installing best management practices over the years. The most recent improvement is fencing the meandering stream that flows through the property to meet new nutrient management regulations. He is particularly pleased with the installation of a manure storage facility that allows him to compost manure before spreading it on selected hay and pasture fields.

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