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Clarence Cook Family
Breezy Acres Dairy Farm



Five generations of Clarence Cooks have lived and farmed at Breezy Acres Dairy Farm since 1959, when Clarence M. Cook bought the home farm. His son, Clarence W. Cook, Sr. bought the farm in 1976. Clarence, Sr. is now “semi-retired” and Clarence, Jr. and Clarence III run the 232 acre operation on three farms with the hope that one day, Clarence W. Cook IV might want to take it over.

The dairy milks 70 cows with 60 heifers and raises corn and alfalfa. The Cooks received the 2012 Milk Quality Award from the Maryland-Virginia Milk Cooperative. The cropfields are continuously no-tilled with residue management, crop rotation, and cover crops. A large modern manure storage facility with roof runoff management protect the barn area. The streams are protected with buffers the Cooks established themselves.

“We are a farm family that wants to keep agriculture in our future,” Clarence Cook III said. “We put conservation on the ground to steadily improve the land for the next generation.”

