

FSCAP Certified Steward

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Hedgeapple Farm



The legacy of Hedgeapple Farm dates to 1731 when the property was granted to the family of Meredith Davis, Sr. Since 1956, the Jorgensen family has operated a dairy and beef farm on the property, which is beautifully situated along the Monocacy River. In 1997, the Jorgensens gifted a conservation easement to the Maryland Environmental Trust in perpetuity to ensure against development. The Jorgensen Family Foundation, Inc. was also created in 1997 as a beef research and educational foundation. The farmland, cattle, equipment, and facilities were then gifted to the foundation. Today, Hedgeapple Farm focuses on the development and feasibility of production and marketing strategies to assist the region's smaller beef operations in becoming more viable. Outreach programs and tours are conducted several times throughout the year to educate not only beef producers, but also members of the general public. The farm's one mile of frontage along the Monocacy River makes stewardship of the soil and water resources especially vital. Hedgeapple Farm works closely with the Frederick Soil Conservation District, the Maryland Department of Agriculture, and the US Department of Agriculture in implementing best management practices, including stream fencing and forested buffers to prevent nutrient flow into the river.

The long-term operations of Hedgeapple Farm are carefully planned, with future generations in mind, by the Foundation's Board of Directors, which is made up of members of the Jorgensen family, along with beef production specialists and experienced businessmen who maintain the original purpose of the foundation in a progressive manner. Day-to-day operations are handled by a full time farm manager and limited additional farm labor. The farm, located just north of Buckeystown, MD, has grown to over 300 acres; all acreage is in permanent grassland, utilized as pasture and hay for the farm's herd of Black Angus cattle.

All calves born on the farm are retained for pasture-finishing and are direct marketed though the on-farm retail market. Visit the website at <http://www.hedgeapplefarm.com/> or call 301-662-0226 or email hafangus@aol.com to purchase.

