

# Luke Brubaker Farms

Brubaker Farms of Mount Joy PA is owned by Luke and Barbara Brubaker, in partnership with their two sons, Mike and Tony. Luke's father purchased the farm in 1929 and started the operation with 8 cows. The operation now has over 850 dairy cows, 600 young stock, and also a 48,000 bird broiler chicken operation. These expansions in the farm were done to allow the operation to maintain financial stability and to allow it to provide the necessary income to sustain the 3 farm families that now rely on it for their economic well-being.

The Brubakers are not just environmental and business leaders. They are also leaders in the local community and on state agricultural issues. Collectively they serve on state and local boards and commissions too numerous to mention.

In addition to the nutrient trading project/trade between the Brubaker Farm and the Mount Joy Authority, the Brubakers operate a manure digester, and are excited about what this new addition means to their farm and to the energy security of Lancaster County and neighboring communities. At the present time, their digester is generating approximately 4-5 MW of electricity a day. Most of the electricity that they generate is being sold back to the local electric utility. They have the capability of producing enough electricity to supply approximately 150-200 homes a day. Using state and federal funding and loan assistance, the Brubakers were able to make their goals a reality. The most recent project they are planning to do is put solar panels in their new heifer barn to supply electric to sell onto the grid for many more homes. The Brubakers believe doing projects like these are good for the future of the industry, economy and environment.