

Written Profile



Farm: Land O'Nan Farms

Location: Sturgis, KY

Date of Origination: 1868

Industry Sector(s): Corn, Soybeans, Cattle

After nearly a century and a half, Land O'Nan farms is still in operation. Living proof of the sustainability of the family farm, Land O'Nan farms is a testament to **Agriculture's Lasting Heritage**.

The story begins with tale of romance and inheritance. In 1868, land owner Elisha Harmon left tracts of land to his niece, Martha, if she would not marry her neighbor. Recognizing the value of the offer, Martha married John Thomas O'Nan and inherited the Western Kentucky land in 1871.

John Thomas and Martha had three sons, named John Lee, Dennis Edward, and George Oscar. Dennis Edward's son, Charles Rhea, later managed the farm and bought out his uncle John Lee's portion. He later purchased the land that belonged to his uncle George's heir, Mary Edna O'Nan. Charles Rhea and his wife Dottie continued to farm the land, with their two children, Marsha and Adam.



Original 1868 O'Nan Home

Adam and his wife Kristi continue to live and farm the same land that Elisha Harmon willed to his niece. They live in the original home, built in 1868. The log-cabin walls tell the tale of an industry that is filled with family values, and a future that is bright because of dedication by families like the O'Nans.

We congratulate the O'Nan family, and we extend our appreciation for their contribution to **Agriculture's Lasting Heritage**.

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