

## Written Profile

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**Farm:** Banock Farms

**Location:** Morgantown, KY

**Date of Origination:** 1849

**Industry Sector(s):** Corn, Wheat, Tobacco, Soybeans, Beef Cattle, Sheep



“We love our life (on the farm) and plan to pass it on to generation 6!” Lee Ann Daugherty proudly shares when asked about the future of her family farm, Banock Farms in the community of Banock, Kentucky. We are excited to share their story as we celebrate their contribution to **Agriculture’s Lasting Heritage**.

The farm was established in 1849 when Owen Daugherty moved to Kentucky from Cravens County, North Carolina. Over the years the property has been divided among children throughout the generations. Today however, farm owner and manager Patrick O. Daugherty is working on bringing some of these previously sold-off sections back together. Patrick represents the fifth generation in the family to farm the land and currently farms 600 acres of the original property.

Throughout the generations the family has seen many challenges and changes. As with many Century Farms, the Great Depression posed a serious challenge to the operation, as well as increasing land prices over the years. Weather also continues to remain a variable for which farmers across the nation do their best to prepare. Many changes have come as a result of challenges, however. Lee Ann Daugherty’s father, Chesley Daugherty, has seen numerous changes since his birth in 1925; of primary significance to the operation are hybrid corn, fertilizer, and the transition from horse-power to tractors. Throughout these changes Farm Bureau has been a source for educational material, policy guidance, and additional services to the family.

When asked what she hopes her family’s story tells the general public, Lee Ann Daugherty shares the importance of working with family, their love of the land, and their respect for the challenges and joys which come with the agricultural way of life. She also hopes that others realize that, “agriculture and farming are sustainable and realistic careers.”

We appreciate the dedication shown by the family members who toiled the land to establish and continue Banock Farms. We are honored to celebrate their commitment to **Agriculture’s Lasting Heritage**.