

## Written Profile

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**Farm:** Oak Grove Farms

**Location:** Bronson, MI

**Date of Origination:** 1840

**Industry Sector(s):** Sheep, Corn, Soybeans, Hay & Wheat

“As far back as we can trace, we have been farmers and I believe the fact that we are still around says something,” says Jill Calhoon-Bucklin of Oak Grove Farms. This sustainability truly does say something, and we are proud to share their contribution to **Agriculture’s Lasting Heritage**.

Each generation of Oak Grove Farms has added to this farm in their own unique way. They have all strived to maintain it as a way for future generations to continue to make a living doing what they all have loved.

Their family commitment is a testament to perseverance through the ups and downs of providing food and fiber for others. Through, “drought, too much rain, low prices, great prices - the best and the worst,” Oak Grove Farms has been around long enough to see it all. They believe that farmers are the true stewards of the land. From generation to generation they have been told, “Care for the land for they sure aren’t makin’ any more of it!” In order to support themselves, they do what is best for the farm to keep it productive.

Jill says, “Farm Bureau has the farmer’s best interest at heart, at the local, state, and federal level.” Their long-term success can be attributed in large to the improved yields and equipment. For Oak Grove Farms, it is interesting for them to see, “what goes around comes around in a lot of farming practices.”

The farm has passed through five generations. Currently the sixth generation is working on it and, according to Jill, “the seventh is already walking the walk and talking the talk”. “I am proud of my family’s heritage,” Jill proclaims. They know that it is not always an easy life, but it is a rewarding one. Oak Grove Farms sees the importance of **Agriculture’s Lasting Heritage**.