

## Written Profile

**Farm:** Hollar Farm  
**Location:** Milladore, Wisconsin  
**Date of Origination:** 1891  
**Industry Sector(s):** Corn, Alfalfa, Beef Cattle



“It looks optimistic!” Thomas and Janet Hollar share, when asked about the future of agriculture. And they have the historical foundation on which to make such a claim. Hollar Farm has been in operation for well over 100 years, and we are happy to share this family’s story of **Agriculture’s Lasting Heritage**.

The Hollar family history tells the story of Bartholomew (Bartl) Hollar, who purchased land in Sherry Township, Wisconsin, from the Sherry Lumber Company in 1891. He received the official title in 1893. Bartl and his wife Anna had four children, Bartl Jr., Joseph, Mary and Anna. In 1907 Bartl Sr. died, leaving his widow and children to manage the farm. Joseph, Mary and Anna did not have children, but Bartl Jr. raised 10!

Bartl Jr. purchased his own farm north of Milladore, and in 1917, Bartl Sr.’s widow sold the original farmland to her son Joseph. In 1924 Joseph built a new home on the land, and a barn three years later. He worked on the Hollar family farm until the late 1960’s. In 1973, Joseph sold the farm to his nephew Thomas Hollar, who has built up the farm to what it is today.

Today the farm is managed by Thomas and Janet Hollar. It consists of 190 acres, 146 of which are tillable. Thomas recalls challenges over the years, including flooding, drought, and a very cold, wet year in 1993. They have also seen great advancements, such as scientific breakthroughs with seed varieties.

The family has appreciated the guidance provided by Farm Bureau newsletters and publications over time. We are thankful for the long-lasting commitment made by the generations of the Hollar family, and extend our appreciation for their commitment to **Agriculture’s Lasting Heritage**.

