

Written Profile

Farm: Zimmerman Farm

Location: Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Date of Origination: 1911

Industry Sector(s): Hay, Dairy, Beef, Crops, Hogs



"It's hard work but very rewarding," shares Allen Zimmerman. He should know – his family farm has been in operation for over 100 years. We are thankful to have the opportunity to share their contribution to **Agriculture's Lasting Heritage**.

The foundation for the family farm was laid when Allen's great grandparents started farming in the early 1900's. They began with about 160 acres, which was subsequently split between their two sons in the 1940's. In the early 1960's the farmland was brought back together again. Today, tucked in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, you will find the 250-acre family farm. Owned and operated by Allen Zimmerman, the total farm consists of land owned by Allen and additional land rented from other family members and neighbors.

Farming has not been without its challenges through the years. A tornado in 1985 impacted the farm, as well as a barn fire in 1988. Over time however, the modernization of tools and equipment has helped the farm continue to succeed.

"It's hard work and not a free gift," shares Allen Zimmerman, reflecting on the responsibility of managing a Century Farm. "Try and keep it in the family." The Zimmerman's have shown that through hard work and dedication, keeping agriculture in the family is a possibility. We celebrate their contribution to **Agriculture's Lasting Heritage**.