

Doug and Lori Brown, along with their children, Katie, Carly, Jamie and Devin, would like to welcome you to the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Dane County Breakfast on the Farm. Farming for the Brown's is a family tradition. Both Doug and Lori's parents, Jan and Jerry Brown and Dorothy and the late Eugene Dreger were farmers, along with Grandparents and Great Grandparents. The breakfast was hosted once before on this farm in 1981 by Doug's parents.

For Doug this is the home farm. He was raised and has worked here all of his life. Doug and Lori were married in 1984 and worked for Doug's parents until they purchased the farm in 1997. Then they started making improvements.

Their main focus was to help make the farm more labor efficient, and to make the cows healthier, and more comfortable. The Browns wanted to make sure they had time to enjoy with their children while teaching and involving them in their farming operation.

The free stall barn and parlor were built in 1998. The existing stanchion barn was used and they retrofitted a double eight parallel parlor in the barn to help keep down expenses. Through the years other buildings were added as needed. Every improvement was in hope of making the farm more efficient and a more attractive option for their children to carry on the farming tradition. The Browns currently milk about 120 cows twice a day and raise their own replacement heifers. They also crop 360 acres of corn and alfalfa to feed their animals. The Brown's children are actively involved in the day-to-day farming operation, as their schedules allow.

We would like to thank all of our friends, family, and neighbors for helping us get ready for this amazing day of promoting our dairy products. We hope you all enjoy your visit with us and always remember to drink your milk.

The Brown Family