

Welcome to Zander's Dairy Farm

Zander Dairy is family owned and operated by Jerome and Lynn Zander and their three sons: Jake (Jaclyn), Ben, and Nick. Each family member plays an important role in the day to day operations of the farm. Jerome, Jake, and Nick are very involved in planting and harvesting all crops, as well as machinery repair and maintenance. Jake also does custom harvesting of wheat, corn, and corn silage. Jake and his wife, Jaclyn, also raise steers, and Jaclyn works off the farm as a registered nurse in Dodgeville. Ben is very involved in helping Jerome oversee the dairy operation, as well as running his own hoof trimming business; Zander Hoof Care. Nick will be a senior in high school this fall, and he plans to continue farming with his family after he graduates. Lynn cares for all of the calves, does the bookkeeping for the farm, and works off the farm, part time as a preschool teacher at Agape Christian Preschool in Mt. Horeb. The Zanders also have two full time and four part time employees who are very important to the success of their farm.

The family dairy farm started when Jerome's parents, Arnold and Eline Zander, purchased the farm in 1952. Along with their 12 children, they milked about 35 cows and raised corn and hay for feed on 140 acres. By the time Jerome graduated high school in 1980, they were milking 70 cows. When Jerome and Lynn were married in 1984, they took over the day to day operation of the farm with the continued help of Jerome's parents. In 1984, a heifer facility was built and a third row of stanchions was added to the milking barn. In 1998, the milking barn was remodeled into a double 10 milking parlor and a free stall shed and manure pit were built. Jerome and Lynn purchased more cows at that time, increasing the herd to 140. In 2000, a calf barn was added. By 2005, both the older boys, Jake and Ben, were taking on major roles in the dairy and crop operations. A maternity shed was added in 2006. In 2012, Jake and Ben purchased their uncle's herd, adding 50 more cows to the Zander milking herd. Two new free stall sheds and a manure pit were added to the farm this past year. Currently, the Zander's work about 1700 acres of cropland including corn, soybeans, alfalfa, and wheat and they milk about 280 cows. They enjoy being stewards of the land and offering the best cow comfort for their animals.

We are honored to be this year's hosts for Dane County's Breakfast on the Farm and want to thank all our family, friends, neighbors and sponsors for helping us promote the dairy industry.

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