

## **Welcome to Kalscheuer Dairy Farm**

In 1923, John and Elizabeth (Spahn) Kalscheuer acquired this farm land. John's youngest son, Kenneth, Al's late father, acquired the land from his dad in 1967. Al began farming with his dad in his youth, and Michelle joined him in 1979. Al and Michelle are sole operators and owners of Kalscheuer Dairy Farm. Al and Michelle have three daughters, Nicole, Melissa and Emily. The girls and Michelle currently run M-N-M's Coffee House in Waunakee. Al runs the family farm full time with his 18 year old nephew, Sam Schwartz, son of Annie (Kalscheuer) and Don Schwartz, making this a 4<sup>th</sup> generation farm.

At its inception, the farm raised hogs, dairy, chickens and sheep. Today it is strictly a dairy farm, milking 85 Holstein cows and raising young stock. All heifer calves are raised for herd replacements. The farm consists of 230 acres of tillable ground. They rent an additional 150 acres. The cropland produces the dairy's feed supply. No significant physical changes have been made to the farm. Instead, Al has worked to implement smaller changes to make his dairy farm a success.

School field trips to the farm are frequent, given its close proximity to the Village of Waunakee, allowing children of various ages to gain knowledge of a working farm. ABS visits as well, bringing people from all over the world to view, understand, and appreciate the breeding practices used on this farm.

In an era where farmers have been programmed to "supersize", the Kalscheur family has remained committed to the small farm. Al grew up on this farm under the guidance of his late father and, using many of the skills taught and passed down through generations, finds success and great pride in their farm.

We are pleased to have you visit our farm and hope you enjoy your day.

*Al and Michelle Kalscheuer and family*