

LUKAS FARM HISTORY

The barn was built during the depression by Howard and Edith Sprise. Jim Lukas bought 1/3 of the acreage along with the buildings in 1985. The barn has 17 stanchions for dairy cows, one silo, a bullpen, and 3 working horse stalls.

They were married in 1988 and are the second owners of the place. On the day they were married, Gayle Lukas's mother (who grew up on a dairy farm and milked cows all of her married life) checked out the barn and said "Gayle, you could have 17 nice Jerseys in that barn". Gayle told her that she'd stick with raising horses and working for USPS.

Jim also grew up on a dairy farm near Thorp, WI. They presently have no animals, and use the barn to store and antique tractor and boat.

Having worked with USDAFSA farmers for a combined total of 67 years, they value and appreciate the history of their dairy farm and have worked to keep their barn in great shape. They are honored to be a part of the Barn Quilts of Oconto County project.