

The Worthington Farm – Curly Hill Farm

The history of the Worthington Farm traces back to early colonial times as part of an original 1,500 acre land tract granted by William Penn to Richard Hill. In 1751, Hill conveyed 252 acres to Hugh Ferguson, beginning a 110-year period of Ferguson family ownership. In 1861, Matilda Ferguson sold the farm, then 145 acres, to Aaron Worthington, a local farmer engaged in livestock trading. Following Aaron's passing in 1894, the property transitioned to his son, Zachary Taylor Worthington—named in honor of General and U.S. President Zachary Taylor. The property sits along Worthington Road, historically named for the three Worthington brothers whose homesteads spanned the area: Cephas (at the intersection of Worthington and Curly Hill Roads), R. Thornton (at Worthington and Stump Roads), and Z. Taylor (positioned between them).

For over 165 years, the farm has remained continuously owned and operated by successive generations of the Worthington family, establishing its designation as a recognized Century Farm in Pennsylvania. Today, the active dairy operation is managed by sixth-generation family members Stephen and Annette Worthington, alongside their children, Rebecca and Aaron, and Aaron's family, Kait and Bailey.

The farm maintains a herd of 50 registered Holstein, Ayrshire, and Jersey dairy cows, as well as approximately 50 head of young stock. Curly Hill Farm has proudly served as a supplier to Land O'Lakes for more than 75 years, maintaining rigorous standards of herd health through close collaboration with their veterinarian and nutritionist. The operation manages 200 acres of owned & rented ground dedicated to growing corn, soybeans, rye, oats, and hay, all utilized directly for feed.

Over the past five years, the farm has partnered with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Bucks County Conservation District to implement comprehensive nutrient and manure management plans designed to protect local waterways leading to the Chesapeake Bay watershed. In 2025, the family completed construction on a modern barn designed to minimize runoff while providing enhanced living space and optimized living conditions for their cows.

Preserved by Bucks County and Plumstead Township, Curly Hill Farm is guided by an unwavering commitment to land stewardship and animal welfare. The Worthington family takes pride in their deep family roots in Plumstead Township and remains dedicated to preserving their family's agricultural legacy for future generations.