

# Idle Gold Guernseys

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# In the Beginning

- Purchased June 2003
- Started: milking 60 Guernseys and 40 Holsteins, raising 30 Guernsey heifers

# In 2013

- Milking 80 Guernseys, 35 Holstein or Crossbred cows
- Raising 120 heifers

# Marketing

- Marketing:
  - 25 to 40 cows per year
  - 5 heifers per year
- Maintained herd size

# Grazing

- 17 three-acre paddocks
  - Rotate daily
  - Water in paddocks
  - Provides 70% of diet
- Dry Hay
- TMR

# Breeding

- Embryo Transfer
- Crossbreeding
- In Bulls
  - Productive life
  - High DPR
  - Shallow Udders
  - Quality Feet and Legs
- Young Sires

# Cow Stress Reduction

- Grazing
- Cow Comfort
- MUN Goals

# Results

- Ability to Market
- RHA 16600M 4.3F 3.4P
- Freshen 135 per year
  - 2012 – 60 live heifer calves
- Low Mortality Rate
- 95 confirmed pregnancy

# Goals

- Maintain marketing
- Lower calving interval
- Improving Reproduction