

MT-GLEN FARM

Columbia Cross Roads, Pa

Dear IRRRC members,

My name is Ben Jackson from Columbia Cross Roads, Pennsylvania.

I was born on my Mother's and Father's farm in 1932. They purchased the farm in the Depression days of 1929. They struggled to make a living, but they always tried to improve the operation and make it successful enough for me to continue.

After graduating from High School, I married my wife, Regina and we joined the farming operation together.

We raised our family with the hopes of making the farm successful enough so that there would be interest enough to continue the operation. We are now in a partnership with our son, Dean and his wife Rebecca.

Recently, I became concerned about our grandchildren and their future on our farm. We have strived to develop a fine herd of Registered Holsteins, always conscious of their care and health and the quality of good milk.

My thoughts were to obtain a raw milk permit and follow all the rules and regulations and sell farm fresh milk at the farm.

Looking ahead, I was thinking that starting a small business like selling raw milk, might grow to become a subsidiary business that our grandchildren could pursue. However, I think it is discriminatory for some of the health regulations forced upon us to discourage the selling of raw milk, especially when it comes to containers for sale at our place. Consumers should have the peace of mind that their containers are new, properly packaged, sanitary, and available at all times.

In my lifetime, I have seen many people that have consumed farm fresh, unpasteurized milk their entire lives, like my family, with never a problem.

In closing, I would like to say that greed—the love of money—is out of control and common sense is dwindling at a rapid pace in this Country. We have always worked hard, been good stewards of our land and continued despite many adversities.

If, on my final day, I will hear, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant", I will be at peace forever. That is the ultimate goal for everyone, isn't it?

Think about it—help the common man to make an honest living in our small business and in our own small area of this world. Thank-you for listening.

Sincerely, Ben Jackson Mt-Glen Farm