

HEIM BROTHERS FARM

Richard & Linda Heim were married in 1967. Richard was already operating a dairy farm with his brothers Jerry and H.B., along with their father Harold. They started with about 35 milk cows and 600 acres. Throughout the years, they grew to double their acreage and milk over 200 cows. After 47 years, Richard and Jerry retired their partnership. Jerry and his son David continue this dairy operation today.

Richard achieved a lifelong dream to establish his own farming operation with his 5 sons; Mark, Steve, Kevin, Eric, & Alex. In 2012, they established Heim Brothers Farm.

While each of the sons have off farm careers, their true passion lies in the family farm operation. Together they have a 100 head SimAngus cow-calf herd and 700 acres of corn, soybeans, and hay. Like all family farms, everyone contributes to its success. The daughter-in-laws; Tracy, Jenny, Rachel, Kristin, and Marly along with the 18 grandchildren play an important role as well. The Heim's are especially proud to see the interest and commitment that so many of their grandchildren are taking in continuing the family farm.

The Heim's set a high priority on supporting and participating in local school and sports activities. Each family is involved in the Bell 4-H club. The grandchildren enjoy showing their farm animals and crops at the County Fair. The entire family has always been actively committed to their faith community of St. Joseph of the Valley/St. Lawrence Parish.

The Heim's constantly seek to improve the quality of their cattle herd by incorporating improvements and using the latest genetic technology to achieve their goals. They constantly are searching for innovative ways to make their cattle more productive.

Heim Brothers continuously seek to promote land stewardship. They recognize soil conservation is a key component to long term sustainability. The Heim's initiated no-till practices several years ago and now incorporate a diverse mixture of cover crops on all of their land. These new concepts are embraced by the next generation who are eager to learn the challenges and rewards.

While Linda supported the family farm, she also taught school in Leavenworth for 46 years. She educated hundreds of students. Many were second and third generation pupils and she continues to substitute teach today. She also contributed for several years as the local 4-H Community Leader and involved in religious education.

In these days of the large corporate farming, the Heim's feel blessed to remain on the farm. Their operation is guided by their mission statement:

Heim Brothers Farm is a family-owned and operated cattle and grain operation. We strive to make efficient use of inputs, maintain excellent land stewardship, produce and market high-quality commodities to provide long-term security for our families. We value high integrity, pride, excellent work ethic, and significant contributions to our community.