

PA Preferred Member Spotlight: Greystone Farm

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania is where the 180 year old Greystone Farm resides. This farm is under the ownership of Philip Stober and Barbara Vitanza. They bought this neglected farm in 2007 and turned it around and created it into a working farm that is USDA Certified Organic. Greystone Farm raises and markets pasture-raised eggs and grows carrots, arugula, beans, zucchini, and much more.

Greystone Farm has been promoting sustainable farming through the crops that they produce and the chickens that they raise. In fact, it is one of their primary goals to educate people about the benefits of sustainable farming. One of the owners, Phil Stober, said, “we believe it is possible to make a difference. We’re living proof. What you do, matters.” Greystone Farm believes that by showing their local community the importance of buying and consuming local, organic, and sustainable food, they can also make an impact.

Greystone Farm is not only USDA Certified Organic but also PA Preferred. Phil and Barbara see a lot of benefits by being recognized by both of these programs. The most valuable benefit that they see is the validity it gives their farm. These programs allowed Greystone Farm to stand out against competition and to be able to grow and serve their community.

Greystone Farm has a lot of plans for the future. Aside from what the farm already offers they also want to introduce a beef herd onto the farm. Greystone Farm also wants to start a learning center and garden. This will include workshops on soil, wool spinning, sketching and photography classes, programs to promote sustainable organic growing methods and cooking, an area for kids to learn about cooking herbs and medicinal plants, and so much more.

Greystone Farm is located at 80 North Cornwall Road, Lebanon, PA 17042. For more information about Greystone Farm, visit <http://barefootorganics.us/index.html> or call (717) 277-5461.

