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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

by Zach Holmer

2019 was a year for the record books for many farming families and operations. For the Wedge family, it was especially notable as it celebrated its 100th anniversary under its fourth generation of family leadership.

Harrison Homer Wedge was a native to the area and first settled onto the farm's still current location in Earlville, NY in 1919. He started the original dairy farm with a herd of twenty Holstein milk cows and 324 rolling acres. The original barn that was on the property when Harrison first bought the farm is still standing and in use today. It has undergone numerous upgrades and has had three major additions added onto it so far to accommodate growth.

Lawrence N. Wedge, Sr. took over the dairy farm in 1949 as the second generation of family leadership. He grew up with three other brothers on the farm. He was drafted into serving in WWII from 1942-1945. He returned home to work on the farm for three years before buying a store in town. He successfully owned and operated that store in town before finally selling it and becoming the second generation of Wedges to own and operate the Wedge Farm. The dairy herd grew to 55 head under his leadership.

Lawrence N. "Nelson" Wedge, Jr. took to the helm of the operation in 1978 as its third generation of family leadership. The farm originally sold all its milk to Dairylea, but in the mid 1980s, that changed and is now sold to Madison Milk Producers Co-op in Oneida. He also saw the addition of five natural gas wells on the farm's acres in 2003.

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