



McCarty-VanTilburg Partnership

## **FACT SHEET: 100 Years and Four Generations in Our Communities**

We are committed to our cows, the environment and our communities and have a 100-year track record of operating innovative and award-winning farms focused on sustainability.

McCarty Family Farms and VanTilburg Farms have solid track records of innovative and award-winning operations that reduce environmental impact, increase sustainability and bring positive impacts to the communities where we operate.

### **Devoted to our Communities**

**Yogurt for Youth** - a collaboration with Dannon that provides yogurt to local schools near our farms in Kansas and Nebraska. Nearly 250,000 servings of yogurt was provided to students in 10 different schools through the program in 2016.

Our plans for the dairy include visitors' center on the Mercer County farm that will be open to the public, where visitors can learn about cows, milk production and the environment.

### **Proven Employers**

With the construction of the Mercer County dairy, McCarty Family Farms operating in Kansas and soon in Ohio will have provided steady jobs for more approximately 210 employees. In addition, VanTilburg Farms' growing ventures over the past 20 years currently provides jobs to 70 employees.

### **Proven Innovators**

The VanTilburgs are widely known for their conservation efforts and practices. These include the use of cover crops, no-till methods, grid soil sampling, grass filter strips along open ditches and variable-rate nutrient application technology to help protect and conserve the environment and maintain water quality.

In 2011, the construction of an on-farm condensing plant (the first of its kind in the nation) at the McCarty's Rexford, Kansas farm, allowed for quicker, fresher transport and processing of milk

through a process that reclaims two-thirds of the water from the milk to be reused to operate the condensing facility, as drinking water for cattle or for watering crops.

### **Award-Winning Farmers**

Both of our farms have been recognized for our efforts in the agriculture industry. Here's a list of some of our awards and recognition:

#### **McCarty Family Farms**

- 2013 Innovative Dairy Farmer of the Year by the International Dairy Foods Association and Dairy Today magazine
- 2014 Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy's Outstanding Dairy Sustainability award
- In 2007, the community of Bird City, Kansas requested the McCartys construct a dairy, recognizing the boost that a well-run and reputable dairy brings to their local economy, schools and more.

#### **VanTilburg Farms**

- Ohio No-Till Business of the Year
- Ohio Master Farmer Award
- Certified Crop Adviser of the Year