

## **Zernicke Family Sponsors 80<sup>th</sup> Shawano County Barn Quilt**

Delmar and Rozanne Zernicke, W4305 Landstad Road, Bonduel, have sponsored Shawano County's 80<sup>th</sup> barn quilt as part of Shawano's countywide barn quilt project. The pattern they chose for their quilt is called "Candy Corn Windmill."

Delmar and Rozanne purchased the farmstead from Delmar's parents, LaVern and Beatrice Zernicke, in 1972. They had a dairy herd of 120 Holsteins and also raised replacement heifers. In 2003, two of Delmar and Rozanne's sons, Dan and Derick, decided they wanted to farm, so they looked into expanding the dairy. In 2005, after hearing the Bill and Joan Brecken farm was for sale, they purchased the farm, which already had a large freestall barn and milking parlor.

After purchasing the Brecken farm, they formed Zernicke's Landstad Dairy LLC, with owners being Delmar, Dan and Derick. They started the new operation with the original 120 cows and 100 replacement heifers, but soon purchased an additional 100 cows.

The operation has since grown even more, with a new heifer pack barn built for heifers and young calves. All the cows are at the main farm on Two Creek Road.

Delmar and Rozanne have farmed together for over 45 years. They have six children and 14 grandchildren, all living in Wisconsin.

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