



BEYERCREST FARM

Winona County, MN

SIZE

320 acres of organic farmland

FARMERS

6th generation farmers Rory & Amber Beyer and 5th generation farmers Richard & Sharon Beyer



FARM VISION

To produce quality product that benefits their regional food system using organic practices that support resilience as the climate changes.

ABOUT THE FARM

Two generations of Beyers farm at Beyercrest Farms in Minnesota's Driftless Region. Rory led the family's transition to organic when he returned to the farm after college. He recognized that their conventional model was not working financially or ecologically. They produce dairy for Organic Valley and grow other crops.

FARMING PRACTICES

The Beyers primarily raise dairy for Organic Valley by rotationally grazing their Holstein, Jersey, and Fleckvieh herd on pasture. They raise crops and hay that supplement their dairy's diet in winter months. In addition, they raise a small beef herd for direct sale and some bean crops for the organic market, which complements their organic crop rotation.

Soil health is key to the Beyer's land management strategy. Each year, they test their soil and monitor for nutrient levels and soil organic matter. They use cover crops to suppress weeds, improve water filtration, and extend the grazing season. Since their transition to organic, soil organic matter has grown 3%.

HOW WE HELPED

Iroquois Valley provided refinancing to the Beyers on their home farm. Our terms helped consolidate debt, lower their interest rate, and built in terms that help Rory and Amber transition into full ownership in the future.

