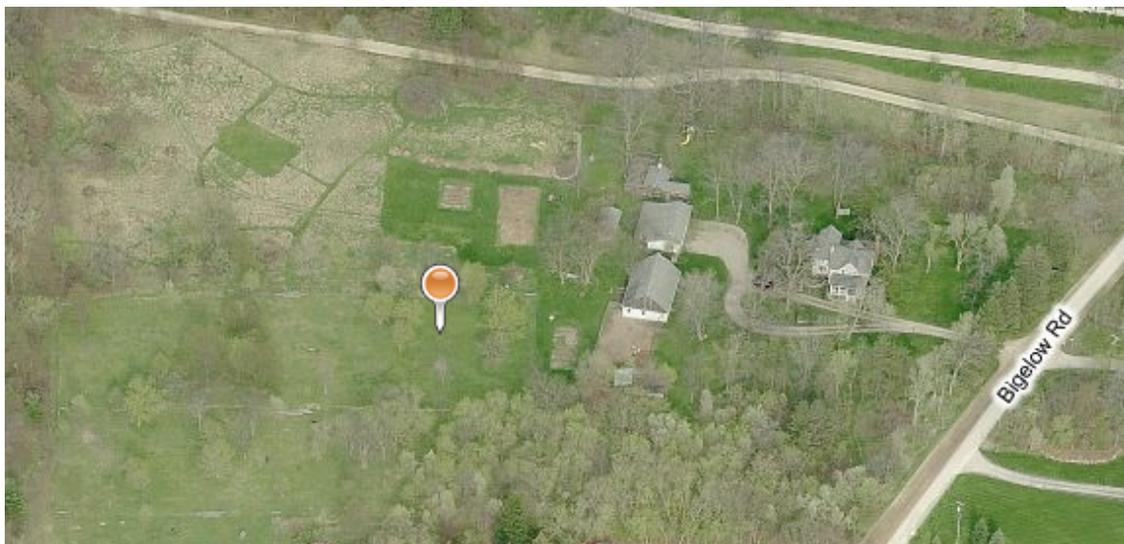




## **Welcome to the Country Charm of WALNUT ACRES.**

Our former 200-acre working farm north of metro Detroit is about 175 years old. The alluring beauty of farm life in the 1800's is still present in the current 9+ acres, complete with five outbuildings including a dairy barn over 85 years old, a four-stall horse barn over 110 years old that we use as our garage, and a livestock barn, chicken coop/garden shed, and corn crib.



We are only the seventh owner of this property since it was first purchased from the U.S. government in 1836, one year before Michigan became a state. It still amazes us that people were living here for at least 20 years before the Civil War. We have lived here since 1993, naming it for the multitude of majestic black walnut trees.



Our house and outbuildings are semi-secluded from neighbors by mature hardwood, evergreen, and fruit trees. Walnut trees abound, along with maple oak, pine, cedar, hickory, elm, apple, choke cherry, catalpa, and red bud.



The back acreage has meandering walking paths in the slightly rolling pasture land, open fields, and wooded areas, all ideal for various family activities like picnicking, hiking, bird watching, and hide-n-seek. We've even hosted two outdoor weddings on our property, one for a close friend and the other for one of our children. See wedding photos further below.

Many types of perennial flowers and bushes grow in the immediate yard including lilac, sumac, honeysuckle, forsythia, fern, iris, coneflower, poke plant, cup plant, several varieties of lilies and hostas, and others. We also have a red raspberry patch that produces juicy berries every year as well as wild blackberry and black raspberry patches scattered throughout our property.





Over the years our family has enjoyed raising free-range chickens, turkeys, Jersey cows, Jacob sheep, Angora goats, Shetland ponies and organic vegetables. Our hens provide an ongoing supply of farm fresh eggs. We have birthed four lambs and one calf in our barn. And, for over a year our family dairy cow, Beauty, gave us pure and natural fresh milk every day.





In addition to having raised farm animals on our property, deer thrive in the fields and woods as do an abundance of rabbits and other furry critters that make their home here. There's a small natural vernal pool at the back of our property that provides shelter and food for frogs, toads and salamanders.



We also have a large variety of birds that feed and nest in the yard and throughout our property: bluebird, cardinal, chickadee, nuthatch, titmouse, finch, junco, robin, woodpecker, hummingbird, and many others.

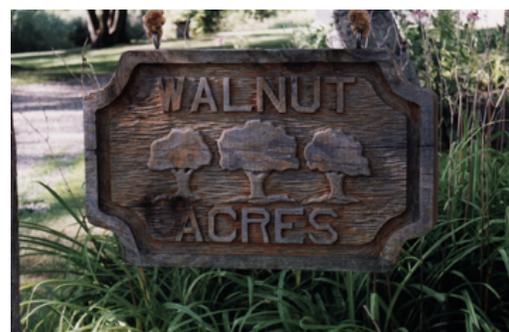
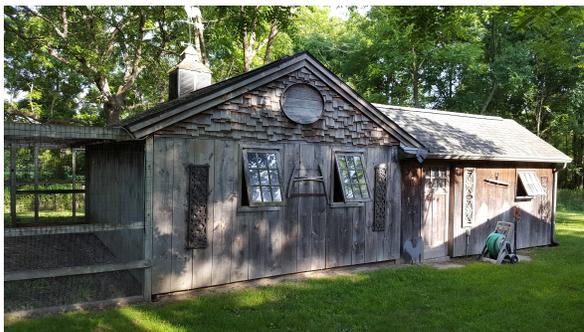




Above is Beauty soon after giving birth to her calf, Noelle, two weeks before Christmas 2005.

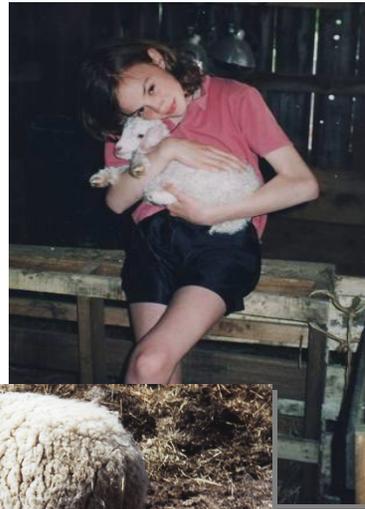
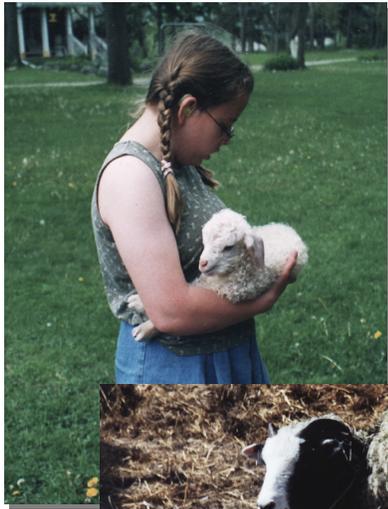


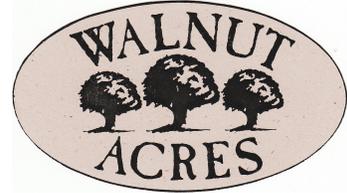
**It has been a joy to be part of the rich heritage of this country charm we call WALNUT ACRES.**



# More Farm Photos







**Wedding at WALNUT ACRES**

