

## **Koehler Family Barn Quilt**

The farm family chosen for the third barn quilt was the Koehler family, the 2003 Century Farm Award recipient. The Koehler farm is located at W7569 State Highway 64 and 107 west of Merrill. The farm is currently owned by Allen and Carol Koehler.

The farm where the quilt is hung was established in 1903 when Reinhold Koehler bought the land and has been in the Koehler family since that time. The barn was built in 1916 and originally used for dairy cows, storing hay and grain. The barn is now used for beef cows along with storing of hay and grain. The Hip Roof Barn was constructed with lumber from woods on the farm and has a stone foundation. The Koehler's replaced the wood shingles on the barn with a new roof and had the barn recently painted.

Working with Natalie Watland, an artist from the Tomahawk area, the family designed a quilt pattern incorporating a dairy cow representing the original use of the farm and a beef cow representing its current use. The hanging of the quilt was done by the Koehler family.

The Koehler family takes great pride in their farm and hopes that it will always stay in the Koehler family.