



Ioka Valley Farm

Lanesboro, Massachusetts

Nestled in the beautiful Hancock Valley among the Berkshire and Taconic Hills is Ioka Valley Farm, established in 1936 when Robert and Dorothy Leab drove 13 head of cattle over Brodie Mountain from Lanesboro and settled them onto the property they named Ioka Valley from an Indian word meaning "beautiful." Bob was noted, then as now, for his belief in conservation and obtaining maximum crop yields. Through hard work and the latest in scientific advances, he made the farm, once labeled a "poor farm" because of its worn-out soil, a success.

Don and Judy Leab have continued the family tradition of innovation and soil conservation at Ioka Valley Farm, earning many awards for their outstanding accomplishments in dairy production and land stewardship. Today the farm no longer has dairy cattle, but is a highly diversified operation, producing high quality natural, hormone free beef, strawberries, pumpkins, squash, Christmas trees, hay, shelled corn and maple syrup and maple products.

Ioka Valley Farm natural beef is pasture raised, from Spring through the Fall months, and then fed ground corn, corn silage, all raised here on the farm, throughout the Winter. The farm is a popular Summer and Fall destination for families, creatively weaving farm life with homemade strawberry and pancake breakfasts, animal petting, hay rides, and other family fun.

