

YKER ACRES

CARLTON COUNTY, MN

The Weik family raises heritage hogs in Northern Minnesota where they sell directly into the Duluth and Twin Cities farm-to-table restaurants and premium pork product markets. Their new farm significantly expands their acreage from 16 to 160 and includes a house, barn, and other outbuildings. This financing represents Iroquois Valley Farms' first investment in Minnesota. The company is acting as senior lender in addition to complements from FSA and USDA program funds.



Pasture at Yker Acres - by financing the purchase of their new farm, the 200+ Yker Acres pigs gained 100 more grazing acres.

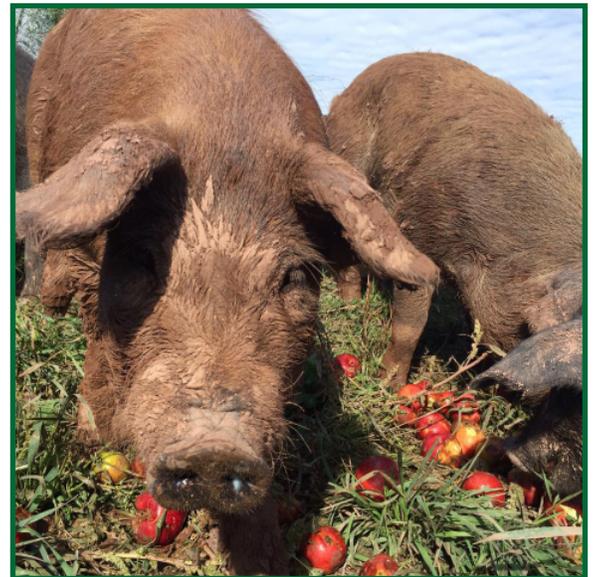
The Weiks starting focusing on pastured pork after developing a partnership with [Red Table Meats](#), a Minneapolis-based butcher. Red Table Meats aims to provide sustainably-raised, locally sourced pork products to the Twin Cities market.



The Weik Family - [Yker Acres Farm](#)

The Weiks raise three heritage breeds - Large Black, Tamworth, and Mangalitsa - chosen for their ability to thrive in the cold northern Minnesota winters. These hogs benefit the soil by instinctively rooting. The Weiks are also crossbreeding these hogs in order to have a variety perfectly suited for their farm. Yker Acres uses GMO-free corn and barley and raises the pigs on pasture, ensuring that their animals are outside every day. The Weiks prioritize the humane treatment of their animals by providing them with a stress-free environment. The Weiks are a 3rd generation farming family who previously raised vegetables and other livestock before specializing in pigs.

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Yker Acres pigs on pasture enjoying apples

The Weiks were referred to Iroquois Valley Farms through connections with Twin Cities-based organizations [Renewing The Countryside](#) and [Slow Money Minnesota](#).