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## Blue Spruce Farm



Blue Spruce Farm in rural Bridport, Vermont, is a multigenerational farm started in 1958 by Norman and Mary-Rose Audet with 35 cows. Norman passed on the farm to his three sons, Earnest, Earl and Eugene when he and his wife retired. Now Blue Spruce Farm is one of Vermont's largest dairy operations with over 1,300 dairy cows producing over 30 million pounds of milk annually.

In 2005 Blue Spruce Farm became one of the first Vermont dairy producers to join CVPS Cow Power. Currently, Blue Spruce Farm produces about 1.7 million kWh of energy per year and the solid byproduct created by their methane digester is used for bedding.

The Audets have been recognized for their sustainability efforts by several different awards, including: the Vermont Sustainable Agriculture Farm of the Year, the Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence, Conservation Farmer of the Year, and the Farm Bureau Farm Family of the Year.

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