

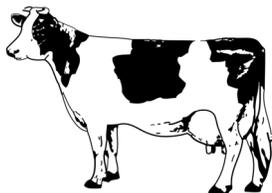
Meet A Landowner

Averill and Kate Cook are farmers and forest landowners in Williamstown, MA



Averill's parents purchased **300 acres** to raise chickens and grow timber on Wendling Farm. Today, Averill and Kate keep a herd of **24 cows** and manage their 150 acres of woodlands. Averill also manages **1,200 acres** of neighboring forestland.

Wendling Farm was one of the first to participate in the Chapter 61 and Chapter 61A programs in the **1970's**.



Averill worked in the woods even before graduating from UVM's forestry school and had an international career selling commercial wood pellet boilers and designing pellet mills in **Serbia, Romania, and Italy.**

Averill has a strong commitment to his **Community**, serving on his Town Forest Committee and as president of the Pellet Fuels Institute. He was instrumental in building Maine Woods Pellet and has installed more than 100 wood pellet boilers throughout New England.

Williamstown
Rural Lands
Foundation

Mass.
College of
Liberal Arts

Local
4H
Clubs

Averill hosts tours of Wendling Farm to share his knowledge of agriculture and forest management. Students are always welcome!

Recreation...

Averill's interest in forestry was reignited as a teenager when his high school hockey team travelled to Russia, Finland, and Sweden, and he saw Europe's forests for the first time.

Averill has sold firewood and timber for more than **45 years** and is proud to say he paid for his son's college education through sound forest management.



Averill is a talented artist specializing in oil painting and charcoal drawing. He paints the beautiful landscapes of Wendling Farm and surrounding woods.



Averill and Kate have adopted many rescue dogs over the years. Lucas is particularly playful and loves to explore the farm.



Averill and Kate heat their home with wood pellets. Averill loads the boiler manually every few days to save money on bulk delivery.



“Little Ave” lives with his wife and two children in Vermont. Averill and Kate always look forward to a visit from the grandkids!