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David Smith is from south central Pennsylvania near Lancaster County which ranks in the top 10 counties in the nation for milk production.

Dave and his family have operated a diversified farm business which now includes a fifth-generation member. For more than 25 years, he helped manage the family dairy farm. Most recently the farm business began focusing on raising young dairy heifers on a contract basis for a neighboring dairy farm. The farm operation includes growing 350 acres of corn, soybeans, wheat, and hay. He and his wife Sharon, have a daughter Erin and a son Joel. Joel is currently the fifth generation to be involved in the farm business which is nearing 100 years of family ownership of the farm.

In addition, Dave is the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association. The Association is a non-profit organization led by a nine dairy farmer board of directors with a mission to enhance and promote the dairy industry in Pennsylvania. Through the sale of milkshakes and dairy products, the Association has provided over \$1,200,000 in funding for youth development and next generation farm programs in the Keystone State, over the past three years. In addition, the Dairymen's Association is a key partner in the award-winning "Fill A Glass With Hope®" initiative, the first statewide, charitable fresh milk program in the country of its kind to provide milk to families in need. Since inception five years ago, the program has raised funding to provide 10 million servings of milk to food bank clients.

Dave helped to launch the new Calving Corner, a "live" dairy cow birthing station for the nearly half million visitors of the Pennsylvania Farm Show to take a behind-the-scenes tour of the life of a dairy farmer.

Dave has a Bachelor of Science degree from Virginia Tech.