

Clinton County is well known in Michigan for its agricultural industry primarily focusing on dairy and cash crops. However, one of Clinton County's unique, small, yet quite well known farms continues to produce its core product and expand into a number of by-products that are known for their quality and variety.

Greenbush Farms, Dolce Vita Goat Dairy, located in Greenbush Township, St. Johns, MI., provides the region with fresh farmstead goat cheese and by-products. The cheese is handcrafted, from milking of the goats to carrying the milk from the milking parlour to the cheese processing room. Hand poured and ladled from the vat, the cheese is hung to drain and scooped by hand to produce the freshest, smoothest chevre possible.

Sue Spagnuolo, owner, carries on a tradition of southern Italian food, family and community that spans nearly 100 years and 4 generations. Greenbush Farms goals of sustainable living and economic development in promoting local products and services, invites you to enjoy what they believe life should be about; family, community, service and of course food.

In order to accomplish her product goals in an environmental friendly process, Sue has utilized the programs and expertise available from numerous sources including the Clinton Conservation District, NRCS – Natural Resource Conservation Service, and Michigan State University Extension Office.

For her efforts, Greenbush Farms is a verified member of the Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) for its Farmstead System and is working towards Livestock System verification. She is a staunch supporter of the MAEAP program and promotes the use of environmentally favored practices wherever she goes.

For the continued practice and promotion of good conservation methods, Greenbush Farms is named Clinton Conservation Districts' 2011 Conservationist of the Year.