



2015

O'Brien County

5014 480th Street, Granville

Sheep, hogs, and hay. Originally there were 8 stalls for horses and 12 stanchions for cows.

Doug and Lisa Koehlmoos moved to this farm in 1990 and utilize this well-kept barn built in 1920 by carpenter Fred Fiddelke for the Klunder family.

A steel roof they installed in 2000 and steel siding in 2009 will extend its life for many years.

They now use it for sheep, seen in the photo, and also for hogs. Hay and straw are stored in the mow.



2015

Jackson County

37647 Iron Bridge Road, Spragueville

A gray barn. Gray is an unusual color but this barn has been gray since it was built in 1902.

William F. H. Stromeier and Wilhemina Meyer were married in 1892 and bought this 140-acre farm for \$2,200. He and his two brothers were carpenters and used cottonwood trees from a timber near the family's pioneer cemetery to build the barn. It has a hay door at both ends, 96 windows, 40 doors, and horizontal shiplap siding.

Originally built for work horses, 12 stanchions were added for milking Holsteins until the mid-1970s. Today it is used for storage and hay, and is rented in the spring for stock cows and calves.

Lori Williams Evilsizer and her husband Jim are the fourth generation of Stromeiers to live on this historic farm, and in the farmhouse that dates to 1850.



2015

Jackson County

41088 243rd Street, Bellevue

Purple it is! This barn along Springbrook Highway in Christian Valley, south of Bellevue, is a pleasant addition to this country road.

Lorin Ambrosy, who owns this barn and lives across the road, chose purple siding in 2014 because he liked the color. He has a cow-calf operation in this newly-restored barn, and the numerous many-paned windows provide good light for his cows.