Operational and Storage Areas of a Barn

Most barns included:

Tack room where bridles, saddles, harnesses for the horses were stored

Livestock dry feed storage area (hay lofts)

Central corridor for livestock and equipment movement

Cow Stalls

The original Brunn Barn has a much longer area for keeping the cows secured in stanchions for milking. A small section was kept. Each year we are fortunate to have a pair of friendly cows to make use of the area to provide a firsthand look at how live stock were kept. They are also a great background for family photos at the Fair.



Silo for ensilage storage (feed for cows)

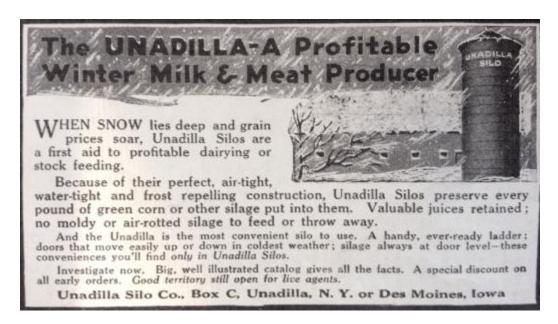
Once harvested, corn for livestock feed needed to be stored for gradual consumption over months ahead. A silo attached to the barn was the typical means for storage and then access to the feed. The silo attached to the Brunn Barn was manufactured by the Unadilla Silo Company.



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The Unadilla Brand silo (attached to the east side of the Brunn Barn was donated by the Anderson Farm located on Joy Road in Woodstock. It was relocated in 2011.







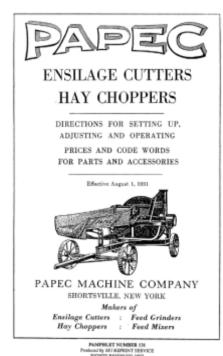


The silo was built in the 1930's. The relocation project took place in the fall of 2011. A new wooden roof was needed and the silo was connected to the Brunn Barn. Demonstrations of our Papec Ensilage Cutter are held during the Woodstock Fair to show how harvested corn was chopped and blown into the silo for storage and the production of ensilage for livestock feed.

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Milk room where cows were milked and milk was stored until it was shipped out.

In the 1850's, dairy farmers milked cows by hand. When it was time for milking, the cows would be brought in from the field and held in their place for milking by means of being tied up or by use of a stanchion. Farmers then milked the cow's milk into a bucket. Although early versions of automatic milking machines began to appear as early as 1860, it was not until the late 1800's and the early 1900's that the designs were improved to the point of being practical and not harmful to the cow.



Milk was stored in cans and kept in milk coolers until it was brought to market. Milk coolers as displayed in the Brunn Barn made use of cold ground water. It was pumped from the ground and continuously circulated around the containers.

Carriage house for equipment storage

Workshop (located in the lower level of the Brunn Barn)

Farm equipment and buildings required periodic maintenance. Farmers not only had to be skilled at farming, they also needed to have the necessary skills to repair equipment and structures on the farm. Our workshop is a display of tools that would have been used to accomplish this work.

"Mrs. Brunn's Kitchen" (located in the lower level of the Brunn Barn)

Although the farm kitchen would not have been located in the barn, it would have been close by at the farm house to keep everyone well nourished. This was not actually Mrs. Brunn's kitchen but it could have been. We have put donated kitchen items on display in the Brunn Barn to replicate a typical kitchen layout and appliances.

