

Locally Grown  
Neuner – Ozark Pork Cooperative

Lying across a picturesque valley in the Ozark Mountains is the farm of Ted, Jerry and Danny Neuner. The Neuners are pork producers for the Ozark Mountain Pork Co-op which has 52 members. The brothers joined the Co-op in 2000 and keep approximately 400 hogs on hand at any one time. Ted's son, Grant, makes the 3rd generation of Neuners on the farm.

Ted and Danny both work jobs off the farm while Jerry stays on the farm to handle the day-to-day operation. Ted lives on the land with his wife, Debbie, and their three children, Grant, Leo and Emma. The original portion of the farm belonged to the boys' grandfather and grandmother, Joseph and Anna Von Lehman Neuner, and was homesteaded in 1879. Debbie explained that they practice good stewardship so they can pass the farm along to their children. "We raise our hogs on grass and in deeply bedded huts," Ted explained. Their farm is 3rd party audited for compliance to the Certified Humane program from Humane Farm Animal Care, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of farm animals. Animals raised for Good Natured Family Farms' pork products receive no subtherapeutic antibiotics and no hormones. The animals are fed natural grains and no animal by-products.