



FROM OUR FARM TO YOUR KITCHEN

Valley Shepherd Creamery

Long Valley, NJ

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eran and Debra Wajswol are sometimes still surprised by the fact that they make cheese for a living. The couple met when they were both studying to become engineers at a small college in New Jersey. With their mutual love of farming and nature, they shared the dream of having a self sustaining farm. They began their life together by raising beef cattle on a small acreage in Hunterdon County, NJ but eventually decided to raise sheep instead.

Meanwhile, the Wajswols had been doing some traveling. They frequented Provence, Tuscany and northern Spain, always marveling at the selection of cheese in the open air markets. That's when they decided to learn the art of European-style cheese making along with the sheep herding that they'd already taken on.

Finally after several more educational trips abroad, the Wajswols decided on Dutch Friesian milk sheep and began producing Pyrenees style cave-aged cheese. Years later they were satisfied with their product and released it to the public, calling it



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"Oldwick Shepherd," after their local village. However, the couple quickly discovered that keeping 50-60 sheep and making fabulous cheese did not make the sustainable family farm they had dreamed of. Their goal was to create a self sustaining sheep dairy that would be open to the public for educational tours and cheese making classes, in addition to crafting delicious old style European cheeses. And that's just what they did!



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