Amish Farmer Sam Riehl gathered everyone close in the bay of his barn and cared to know everyone's name and what they did for a life, transforming hushed silence into a hum. He answered all questions with honest candor, including the personal. His wife, Susie Riehl had just given an overview of the craft store and demo of the “quillow.” It was an exchange marked by authenticity. Preconceptions melted; we were locked on.

Switch lenses and venues: we clambered aboard two different wagons, pulled by tractors while the Brubaker Farm unfurled all around us. Luke Brubaker and his sons, Mike and Tony as well as his grandsons talked about dairy, poultry, crops, their manure digester and multigenerational success. They are keen on reducing carbon footprint and protecting waterways. The Brubaker Farm is a heralded keystone where grandchildren aspire to work alongside their fathers and grandfather, each bringing new technology along with educations.

The words agriculture and culture have Latin origins. “Agri” indicates "field" but the word all together, integral, is the word “culture," which, in Latin means “to cultivate.” Leadership, like a crop, grows with nurturance.

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