

Meet the Farmers: 2 Kids Goat Farm Cuyler, N.Y.

There is at least one story behind every good name. The story behind 2 Kids Goat Farm, one of the most creative names displayed at the Downtown Farmers Market, holds double meaning. Barry and Amy Sperat named the farm after their two children, Bergen and Finn. At the time they started the business, they also had two baby goats, also known as kids!

Nestled in the hills of southeastern Onondaga County, the farm has grown rapidly since its humble beginning. There are now 40 grown goats, and several *new kids* born each spring.

“Everybody has a name,” says Chelsey Mahany, who represents 2 Kids Goat Farm at the Downtown Farmers Market every Tuesday. “They all know their names, and they respond to them! They know when they’re in trouble, and when they’re behaving too.”

The goats are milked daily to produce a variety of delectable fresh and aged cheeses including Chèvre, a spreadable cheese that has a texture similar to cream cheese. There are also crumbly cheeses and flavored curds.

“You name it, we make it,” Chelsey promises. She says the Garlic and Chive Chèvre and the Cranberry Chèvre are the most popular edible products.

The goats’ milk is also used to make various soaps, lotion and lip balm. The Complexion Bar is a top seller in this department.

This year, the Sperat family added two cows so that they will be able to feature cheeses made from cows’ milk.



Barry and Amy Sperat with their two boys, Bergen and Finn (above). To the right, two cute goats on the farm. Courtesy: 2 Kids Goat Farm



Chelsey Mahany represents 2 Kids Goat Farm every Tuesday at the Downtown Farmers Market. Be sure to say hello!

2 Kids Goat Farm has a presence at many area farmers markets and festivals. A buzz about the products has also taken off through social media and by word-of-mouth.

“Even when the weather is bad, we still have good business,” Chelsey says. “People recognize us, and they see where we are on Facebook, and they come. In fact, they get upset with us when we’re not at a market.”

This is Chelsey’s second season at the Downtown Farmers Market.

“I love meeting the people, I love hearing their stories, and I love being able to sell them a product that can either help them, or fill them up,” she says, wearing a big smile. Her eyes light up when she talks about the upcoming festival that 2 Kids Goat Farm is holding at the farm next month.

Reserve Sunday, August 2, for Goat Fest 2015. The festival is at 2 Kids Goat Farm at 682 Cowles Settlement Road in Cuyler, from 11 am to 3 pm. There will be a petting zoo and other activities for kids, as well as a pop-up farmers market where attendees may shop for fresh produce, baked goods, maple syrup, plants and more. There will be live music and free samples of cheese, wine, beer and cider. Goat Fest 2015 is free to attend. All are welcome.

