

Beechenhill Farm Facts 1984-2000

- 1984 The Prince family bought Beechenhill Farm
- 1985 Started bed and breakfast business –2 bedrooms. Beechenhill Cottage for 2 was converted from old stallion pen. Started farm visits in conjunction with Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA)
- 1987 Built milking parlour. Small shelter belt/wildlife area planted.
- 1990 The Cottage by the Pond, wheel chair accessible cottage for 6 was completed
Sue won a Nat West NFU national Venture Cash Competition for the concept of The Cottage by the Pond and the way it was marketed.
- 1991 Won Holiday Care Service Award for accessible accommodation. 0.75ha indigenous woodland planted. Restored mere with established population of great crested newts.
- 1997 New 2,500 litre milk tank purchased. Started Beechenhill Artworks Ltd, small artwork company specialising in educational and environmental illustration, stained glass and murals.
- 1998 75% of farm entered organic conversion
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Developed farm trail and had wall built along drive to replace old post and wire fence, all grant aided in conjunction with PDNPA grant scheme
- 2000 75% of farm became organic, started selling organic milk.
Won a Heart of England Sustainable Tourism Award.
Planted a Millennium Avenue of 20 trees, each dedicated to guests who visited regularly over previous 10 years

OS Grid ref	Altitude	Rainfall	Temperature
SK 129 525	229-305m	1016-1270mm	May-Oct frost free

Underlying rock

Limestone

Soils

Neutral/acid

Land area

37.2 ha

Crops

2 crops silage 12-14 ha

Stock

40 dairy cows- Holstein Friesians

25 young cattle

35 sheep- Texels and Mules

Land use

36.8 ha pasture,

0.4 planted woodland

General Machinery: 2 Tractors (one is 4wd), trailers milking machine, milk tank, yard scraper

Machinery for Field use: chain harrows, muck spreader, seed sower, roller, Allen scythe,

