From a 160 acre homestead claim, to an empire...

Est. in 1871 as a 160-acre homestead claim, Imperial Stock Ranch became Oregon’s largest land and livestock holding by 1900, producing grains, hay, cattle and sheep.

Sheep were the greatest production focus for the first 100 years of the ranch’s history.

This is the 148th year of continuous operation.
Since the late 1980s, my husband’s focus has been on the health of the natural resources.

By 1989, Dan had developed a Conservation Management Plan.

With monitoring and adjustments, it has guided our operation since.
1999 brought new challenges.

Consolidation in the food sector.
Pressure from imports.

Off-shoring and loss of textile infrastructure in the U.S.

26,000 U.S. sheep producers out of the sheep business between 1996 and 2000.
“God Made a Farmer”

…and sent his harvest to the Olympics.