

# St. Ingunger Farm

## Farm building refurbishment

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The Kendall family starting renting St Ingunger in 1971. Ten years ago they were offered the opportunity of purchasing the farm. Along with other blocks of land the family now farm a total of 635 acres.

510 acres are down to grass with 75 acres of maize and 50 acres of barley. The principal enterprise is the dairy herd consisting of 275 Holstein Friesians. All calves are reared on the farm, the dairy heifers as replacements for the herd. The male calves and beef crosses are kept until finishing and are sold at a local abattoir.

Three years ago it was decided to appraise the business. Joe Parsons of Agri-BIP suggested the possibility of converting the substantial range of traditional barns on the farm into business units to provide the business with a non farm related income.

Planning permission was obtained and a business plan was drawn up by Joe Parsons with support from Roger Metcalf (Cornwall Agricultural Council Development Team).

An application was submitted to the Objective One Programme for investment support from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF). The application was approved in December 2003 and the project was awarded a total of £401,924 which equates to 40% of the overall project costs.

The work started in May 2004 and completed one year later. The architect, Mike Bamforth of Acorus Rural property services and the builder Al Baker of Minerva (SW) Ltd worked closely together to convert the barns into comfortable, modern and hi-tech offices while at the same time taking great care to maintain the traditional character of the century old barns.

The building work is now nearing completion and after a short promotional campaign the units are now fully let.



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