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Maria Stewart and Matthew Kriegler became first-generation goat farmers by chance.

A Kingwood farm turns into the dairy its owners never imagined. Now Gorgeous Goat Creamery is preparing for a major expansion.

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Rarely do farmers accidentally get into the often back-breaking work of tending to frisky animals and finicky crops. When Maria Stewart and Matthew Kriegler faced the prospect of managing the tangle of invasive species growing on their seventeen-acre property in Kingwood, they turned to a herd of goats to do the dirty work. When one of the goats began producing milk, Stewart and Kriegler found themselves embarking on an agricultural adventure they had never anticipated. Four years later, the first-generation farmers are fully engaged in farm life as proprietors of Gorgeous Goat Creamery. And with the recent purchase of a nearby Kingwood property, they're preparing to expand the operation.