The property has been in the family since 1953, when Woodrow and Jane Miller bought it from Bob and Irene Sydow. Rex Miller purchased the property from Jane Miller in 1994. The old barn was built in the 1920s; the new barn/Christmas tree shop was built in 2004. The ethnicity of the person who built the old barn was mostly Scottish.



Miller's Christmas Trees
N3763 Otsego Road
Rio

The original barn was built for dairy. It's a small barn and could only hold about a dozen cows. Originally on 120 acres of sand and swamp, it now has 38 acres with the rest going to the Grassy Lake Wildlife Area. Bob and Irene Sydow started a fox farm in the 1930s and later added mink. Woodrow and Jane Miller joined as partners on the mink farm in 1953. The barn was converted to deep freezers and production area for mink feed. The farm was planted to land bank trees in the late 1950s and Christmas trees in 1987 on the remaining open land. The old barn was gutted in 1988 and now Santa takes over the barn in November and December of each year in the North Pole area of the barn.