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EVA GREER: I'm Eva Greer and I live with my husband, Sid Greer, uh, in Dangerfield, Texas on a farm. We've been here for about, um, 12 years and we just sort of started with nothing.

SID GREER: ...most of my career was overseas. I ... could be traveling from 10 to 50 countries, in a year's time... I had decided that I was gonna retire ...or stop working early in the corporate world... And I love agriculture ...the trick was figuring out how do you do it profitably.

EVA GREER: I thought, well, if we retire here... you know, he will do his farming thing. What am I going to do? ...my real passion in life has always been ...cooking. So I ...got my certificate in culinary arts... And... I started doing the cooking classes. ...People come here ...and I will create a wonderful meal for them...

SID GREER: In the 12 years that we've been on the farm, the challenges... have been multi-fold. Some of them have been financial... And that's balancing the resources we have against ... funds that we can borrow and pay back...

EVA GREER: ...at first we ...we were just, you know, spending money like crazy and it was a little bit nerve wracking... ...we had to do a two year renovation on the house...

SID GREER: I know that there's going to be a point in my life when I can't farm, physically. I'm not going to be able to go out there and do all the things I do every day. And I think about it occasionally. But I'm having so much fun it just doesn't burden me.

EVA GREER: What is retirement, really. Retirement means sitting in a chair all day? Um, I, I'm not sure. I just feel that I'm in another stage in my life.

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