

History of Meadow Lark Companies

Meadow Lark Agency began in June of 1983 as Trucking Agents for CR England and Sons. Later other Motor carriers were represented by us. We began to recruit independent owner operators, as well as small truck fleets, and leased them to our various host companies. One of those early contractors is with us today. Doug Stark has pulled for Meadow Lark since 1984!

We became a broker in 1984 and in 1991 leased our first truck to our new company; Meadow Lark Transport!

During the early years; van and reefer service made up 75 % of our business. Today light heavy hauling, heavy hauling, and specialized services take up 75% of our day, the other 25% is van business.

From 1983 through 1999 our business style could have been described as spot market. Through the acquiring of technology, and a focus on efficiency we created a freight management model that allowed Single sourcing and plant sight logistics; nationwide. This was a huge benefit to our shipper clients. The one stop shopping for shipper clients impacted our carrier partners as well. We had carrier partner fleets of trucks doing the majority of this business from 2000 through 2006. (for the single source clients alone 200 truckloads per day-) An additional 180 truckloads per day made up the rest of our business. We began offering reload services at the Canadian and Mexican borders and regularly deliver and pick up all over North America.

During this same period of time we were running leased trucks out of our terminal in Billings, Montana and we leased trucks on through an Agent program. In 2005 we had seventy trucks leased to our company including flat bed, step deck, multi-axel units and vans. Today we have 150 units leased on through our agent program. (40 agent offices)

We have separated motor carrier services from our third party business a year ago. Meadow Lark Transport now manages all our safety and administers our agent program from Winterville, North Carolina.

2011 Meadow Lark Energy is an oilfield hauling and logistics company currently moving oil rigs in North Dakota, Montana, Texas, and Pennsylvania. Its creation has allowed us to specialize in serving our energy clients on a competitive level.

In December of 2011 these operations were sold to Amanda Roth, our daughter. She has been in leadership here for a decade. Her training was on the job and she has a real testimony of Customer service, business ethics, and efficiency. We feel confident that she will deliver to our employees and clients the same fire in the belly over getting it done as well as earning the respect of her company as we did.

Rick and Donna Jones.