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Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, is home to the biggest settlement of Amish people in the United States. Now, that community is growing fast and some of its members are leaving farms and moving into towns. Some towns have had to change their zoning laws so Amish people can bring things like horses along with them. Rachel McDavid of member station WITF has a story:

“Kids are feeding chicken and goats outside of Busy Bees farm market in Lancaster County. The little open-air red barn is a traditional Amish farm stand, stocked with fresh produce, soft bretzels and handmade crafts. Every few minutes a horse-and-buggy passes by. Kassel Espinola is visiting from New York City with her parents.

‘I’m just really fascinated with the Amish community, and how they live. Hum, my parents grew up in a farm, obviously way different from this, but very similar vibe.’

But most Amish people in Lancaster County are no longer working on farms. The price of farm land has risen from about \$8 000 an acre a few decades ago to \$20 000 today, and fewer and fewer Amish are farming. The majority work outside the home in businesses and construction, and so, they’re moving into towns.”