



Fall 2014

Cuyahoga Historic Farms Honored



ODA Deputy Director Janelle Mead attended the 2014 Cuyahoga County Soil and Water Conservation District's annual meeting to honor the county's Ohio Century Farms. Pictured from left are: Mead; Foote Family: Diane Seman and Joy Foote; Giere Family: Meredith Giere and Brant Giere; and Cuyahoga County SWCD District Administrator Jan Rybka. Photo courtesy of Cuyahoga County SWCD. Blog: www.agri.ohio.gov/Blog/honoring-cuyahoga-county-century-farms/

Cory Family, Ross County



A Message From Director Daniels



Welcome to the new format of the *Century Notes* newsletter. Farming has always been a big part of my family, and I enjoy discovering more about our agriculture heritage. I hope you, too, enjoy reading about the Bicentennial and Century Farm families featured in this newsletter.

In 2014, for the second year, I traveled to local fairs to meet our new Bicentennial Farm families. I value spending time getting to know these folks, and look forward to meeting the 2015 Bicentennial Farm families.

I wish you and your family a safe fall harvest.

Respectfully,

David T. Daniels, Director

Changes to Century Notes

Our goal is to provide a streamlined, easy-to-read publication for everyone. Please watch your email for quarterly

Congratulations to Grant Cory on receiving an Ohio Farm Bureau Federation Foundation college scholarship. The award was granted in recognition of his academic effort, activity within his community, and agricultural career interest. Grant is the son of Joe and Terri Cory, who own a Ross County Bicentennial Farm. Best wishes, Grant! Blog: www.agri.ohio.gov/Blog/ross-countys-cory-family-200-years-strong/

Mark Metzger, Hancock County



Mark Metzger, Hancock County, is shown with the Fordson tractor his grandfather purchased in 1922. The tractor, which is still driven today, was highlighted at Mark's farm on the annual Hancock County Barn Tour, sponsored by the Hancock County Historical Museum. Blog: <http://www.agri.ohio.gov/Blog/metzgers-cherish-preserve-family-history/>

Joe & Mary Bick, Brown County

updates. Direct your questions or comments to: cindy.shy@agri.ohio.gov or 614-752-9817.

So Many Stories!

Each Century Farm story is unique and important, and deserves to be heard. Which leaves us with a bit of a dilemma: how do we get these great stories out to everyone?

We hit on what we think is a good solution - use ODA's blog, *The Dirt*, to post expanded stories on our Century & Bicentennial Farms. If you see a link to a blog post in this newsletter, just click on it and it will take you to a related story. You can also visit the blog directly at www.agri.ohio.gov/Blog/. Enjoy!

Farm Signs

Signs are available exclusively to registered Ohio Bicentennial & Century Farms. Please contact Cindy Shy (614-752-9817 or cindy.shy@agri.ohio.gov) for more information.

Agriculture's Lasting Heritage

The number of Ohio profiles on the American Farm Bureau Foundation's website (www.agricultureslastingheritage.org/) is growing, but we need more representation. Please speak up, and make your Ohio farm story heard.

Tri-County Farms Gather



Joe and Mary Bick placed a new Bicentennial Farm sign at their home, Stonehurst, on their farm which was founded by the family in 1798. Blog: www.agri.ohio.gov/Blog/tradition-grows-on-martin-bick-farm/

Ferguson Family, Carroll County



Daffodil, the Carroll County dairy board mascot, joined Dairy Princesses Lynden Ferguson (left) and Eliza Days to help promote Dairy Month in June. The Ferguson Century Farm was established in 1859 and the family is active both on and off the farm. Lynden's brother, Evan, showed the grand champion dairy beef feeder at the



Historic farm families in Fayette, Highland and Ross counties were treated to an evening of fun by station WVNU. Director Daniels thanked the families for their long-term commitment to Ohio agriculture. Photo courtesy of M. Dale Teeters, Highland County Century Farm Est. 1900.

In Remembrance

Wendell Litt
May 30, 1926 - June 9, 2014

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2014 Carroll County Fair.

Coshocton County Century Farms



Coshocton County Recorder Susan Turner has planted an Ohio Bicentennial & Century Farms tree in her office. Blog: www.agri.ohio.gov/Blog/branching-out-in-coshocton-county/

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