



Fall 2016 Moore Family, Harrison



Congratulations to the **Moore** family, who celebrated their 200-year anniversary of farm ownership, spanning eight generations, at this year's Harrison County Fair. Ohio Department of Agriculture Assistant Director Howard Wise presented the family with an Ohio Bicentennial Farm certificate. Cottage Hill Farm is the largest ewe farm in the state, with 1,500 lambs produced from 950 ewes in 2015. The family cross breeds Merino, Dorset and Suffolk breeds to produce quality wool and meat, with nearly 10,000 pounds of wool sold each year. Stanley and son Rick received the Buckeye Master Shepherd Award (1989), and the family has received the Ohio Environmental Stewardship Award from the Ohio Sheep Improvement Association, the Conservation Farm Family Award (2010), Harrison County Conservation Farm of the Year award (2004), and was recognized by the American Sheep Industry for their environmental stewardship. *Photo courtesy of Farm and Dairy.*

Lippincott Family, Columbiana

A Message from Director Daniels



Here we are, starting the home stretch of the 2016 fair season.

I've enjoyed visiting a number of fairs over the past few years. It is always a real pleasure to meet our farmers and the young, energetic 4-H and FFA students who will keep Ohio growing for generations to come.

The fairs have also helped me discover a few things: 1) I can find some really good ice cream in every county; and 2) I've got an even greater appreciation of our state, its strong food and agriculture industry, and the talented, committed farmers who make the impossible happen every day.

I hope that everyone can get out to experience local agriculture at its best - whether it's at a fair, a farm market, or a local farmers' market.



The **Lippincott** family has several reasons to celebrate in 2016: not only did they join the Historic Family Farms program, but Neil's mother, Wilma, was a new inductee into the Columbiana County Agriculture Hall of Fame. She joins several family members who have previously received this honor: Neil's father, Russell (2006 inductee); Neil's grandfather, Edmond (2001), and Wilma's father, C. F. Mindling (2004). The Lippincott farm dates to at least 1840, with Neil and Carol working to find earlier records of ownership. Congratulations to the Lippincotts!

Richardson Family, Butler



Harold and Cathy Richardson and family were recognized at the 2016 Butler County Fair as owners of an Ohio Bicentennial Farm, established in Cathy's family in 1816. ODA Deputy Director John Schlichter (center) was on hand to congratulate the family. Their farm is 30 acres used for hay, corn and soybeans. The Richardsons also raise cattle and sell the calves to 4-H and FFA members. The Richardsons are involved in Farm Bureau and Pork Producers, and were 4-H advisors for 13 years. Their farm was part of the 2016 Friends of Ohio Barns tour, and the organization presented them with an award as owners of the oldest barn still used for agriculture in the county.

Osborne Family, Meigs

Respectfully,

Director David T. Daniels

New Geauga Farms

Gauga County Recorder Sharon Gingerich has been busy helping local farmers apply for Historic Family Farm registration. We welcome two new program members, the Sperry and Nelson families.



Above: Wayne and Joyce Sperry own a farm which has been in Wayne's family since 1828. Field corn and pumpkins are grown on this 9.5 acre Sesquicentennial farm. Family members own a combined 19 acres of the founder's original farm in Chester Township.



Above: John and Ethel Smith Nelson receive their Century Farm certificate from Sharon Gingerich. The Smith-Nelson farm is located in Burton Township, and has been in Ethel's family since 1900. The farm is 27 acres, and produces timber,



Jim and Connie Osborne, along with daughters Kara and Kiana, operate the Risen Son Farm, which has been in their family since 1872. The family has free-range poultry and eggs, organic vegetables and heritage grains. They also train and mentor new area beekeepers, and enjoy their two favorite hobbies: Guernsey cattle and draft horses. The Osborne family owns one of the latest Historic Family Farms to be featured as a [Snapshot](#).

blueberries, apples and blackberries.

Update on Signs

Sesquicentennial Farm signs are now available! Please watch your mail and email for information and an order form.

Due to the potential for inscription errors to occur, we will not take orders over the phone. Please mail or fax the forms using the information found on the form.

Sesquicentennial Farm owners may purchase and display both the Century and Sesquicentennial Farm signs. Bicentennial Farm owners may purchase & display Century, Sesquicentennial and Bicentennial Farm signs.

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