



Spring 2016
2016 Ag Day = Historic Family Farms



Ohio Agriculture Day, March 15, was an ideal time to roll out the Ohio Sesquicentennial Farm designation in the Ohio's Historic Family Farms program. This new level recognizes families maintaining the same farm for at least 150 years, and joins the program's Century and Bicentennial Farm designations. Local historic farm families from Clinton, Fayette, Highland and Ross counties attended the Ag Day celebration in Leesburg.



Director David T. Daniels (left) presented an Ohio Sesquicentennial Farm certificate to Patricia and David Hackney, who own a Clinton County farm which has remained in their family since 1843. Congratulations and

A Message From
Director Daniels



Ohio Agriculture Week is the time to highlight just how important our industry is to **everyone**.

A main spotlight this year was on the new Ohio Sesquicentennial Farm designation in our Historic Family Farms program.

Governor Kasich thought 100 years was too long for families to wait between the century and bicentennial levels. I strongly agree with him, and I'm proud to say that the historic farms program now recognizes three levels of farm ownership: century (100 to 149 years), sesquicentennial (150 to 199 years) and bicentennial (200 years or more). Each year we will take a look at our records, and move already-registered farms into the next level when they qualify.

Something I take away from Ag Week each year is confirmation of the strength and vitality of our state. I am grateful for all that you do to make food and agriculture the number one

thank you, David and Patricia!



Larry Ging, the region's newest historic family farm owner, received his Ohio Century Farm certificate from Director Daniels. Larry's family established the Fayette County farm in 1900. Welcome and congratulations, Larry!



Three area families (pictured from left with Director Daniels) - Becky and Craig Strafford (Clinton County), Kathy and John Levo (Clinton County), and Bob and Lanase Carey (Highland County) - were recognized for promoting the historic farms program to local civic groups.

Maurer Family, Mercer County

Ohio industry.

Respectfully,

David T. Daniels, Director

Mavis Family, Fayette County



Geoff Mavis submitted this picture featuring his Century Farm sign with a field of cover crop rye in the background. Geoff represents the 6th generation of his family on the Jefferson Farm, established by his family in 1840. In order to encourage wildlife habitat on the farm, he has planted trees and native grasses, restored wetlands, and installed nesting boxes.

Wagy Family, Licking County

The Licking County Soil and Water Conservation District recognized John Wagy (left) as the Cooperator of the Year for his efforts in protecting and conserving natural resources. The award is sponsored by Farm Credit Mid-America, and was presented by Kyle Feucht. *Photo courtesy Licking County Soil and Water Conservation District.*



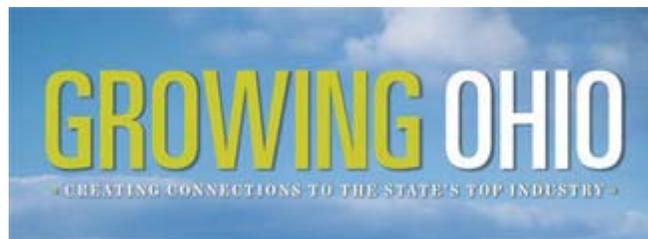
Siblings Bob and Pam Maurer are pictured with their Century Farm sign. Bob's daughter lives in the farmhouse, which was built by his and Pam's great-great grandmother Palmer. Bob's grandchildren represent the 7th generation of the family to live on the farm, which was established by the family in 1834.



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