

Century Notes




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New Century Farms in 2012

The Ohio Department of Agriculture recognized 78 farms as Ohio Century Farms in 2012. Congratulations to the following families for registering their farms:

County	Name	Year	County	Name	Year
Adams	Bennington	1911	Paulding	Schwab	1905
Allen	Post	1825	Perry	Cooperrider	1831
Athens	Dorr	1902	Pickaway	Emrick	1837
Butler	Groh	1911	Pike	Pfeifer	1856
Champaign	Broshes	1909	Pike	Vanmeter	1801
Champaign	Johnson	1873	Preble	Kirkpatrick	1912
Champaign	Yoder	1910	Putnam	Basinger	1868
Clinton	Fisher	1890	Putnam	Brinkman Kreinbrink	1873
Clinton	Fisher	1907	Putnam	Ellerbrock	1887
Columbiana	Neville	1906	Putnam	Gerten	1911
Columbiana	Lindesmith	1895	Putnam	Heitmeyer	1869
Crawford	Hartschuh	1889	Putnam	Kahle	1895
Cuyahoga	Footte	1820	Putnam	Knippen	1873
Darke	DeMoss	1906	Putnam	Kreinbrink	1864
Darke	Siefring	1908	Putnam	Kreinbrink	1873
Defiance	Karacson	1879	Putnam	Michel	1911
Fulton	Beam	1877	Putnam	Miehls	1835
Hancock	Bowman	1912	Putnam	Niese	1862
Hardin	Ault	1862	Putnam	Niese	1895
Hardin	Williams	1911	Putnam	Stauffer	1908
Henry	Miller	1870	Putnam	Weller	1899
Highland	Daniels	1842	Sandusky	Haar	1911
Holmes	Troyer	1894	Sandusky	House	1912
Licking	Carr	1911	Sandusky	Knepper	1885
Licking	Todd	1833	Seneca	Haugh	1849
Licking	Wagy	1844	Shelby	Puthoff	1857
Lucas	Hassen	1895	Stark	Antram	1910
Marion	Hord	1905	Union	Mayer	1912
Mercer	Fledderjohann	1903	Van Wert	Evans	1901
Mercer	Hoying	1899	Van Wert	Hertel	1880
Mercer	Miller	1852	Van Wert	Morris	1881
Mercer	Suhr	1885	Van Wert	Recker	1848
Monroe	Carpenter	1865	Van Wert	Sawmiller	1902
Monroe	Carpenter	1887	Warren	Irons	1899
Muskingum	Lapp	1849	Wayne	Armstrong	1866
Noble	Sanford	1819	Wayne	Hines	1876
Ottawa	Meng	1912	Williams	Robinson	1886
Ottawa	Stoiber	1825	Wood	Gessford/Norvell	1882
Paulding	Crone	1884	Wood	Kale	1905

News & Updates for the Next Newsletter

It's always good to hear from century farm families. Please keep in touch, and let us know of any news you would like to share with your fellow century farmers in the next newsletter (June/July 2013).

Bicentennial Farms

In 2013, 66 registered Century Farms in 32 counties can claim continuous single-family ownership for at least 200 years. To commemorate this achievement, Ohio Department of Agriculture Director David Daniels or his staff will present a certificate to the family during an event at the family's county fair. Each Bicentennial Farm family will be contacted to provide information on the date and time, and to confirm attendance.

Farms registered in the Ohio Century Farm program will automatically qualify as Bicentennial Farms once they reach their 200-year anniversary. No additional registration is required.

Does your Century Farm qualify as an Ohio Bicentennial Farm? Check out the Century Farm listing on our website (www.agri.ohio.gov/divs/cent_farms/) to confirm the year your farm was founded. If you have any questions, please email or call Cindy Shy (cindy.shy@agri.ohio.gov or 614-752-9817).

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A Message from Director David Daniels

It's been a year since the first issue of Century Notes was sent out, and I am also coming up on my first anniversary here at the Ohio Department of Agriculture. Looking back, I can tell you that I'm pleased with the work we've accomplished to protect consumers and farmers and to promote Ohio's strong agriculture industry.

The Ohio Century Farm program reached an important milestone last year. With the registrations of the Dorr family in Athens County, Pfeifer family in Pike County, and Sanford family in Noble County, we now have at least one Ohio Century Farm registered in each of Ohio's 88 counties.

This year we will begin recognizing Ohio's Bicentennial Farms. I or my staff will meet each family at their county fair to present them with a Bicentennial Farm certificate. We will contact the families in advance to share the event details, and I can tell you that I'm already looking forward to the privilege of meeting these families.

On a personal note, my family is honored to announce our Highland County farm has received the Ohio Century Farm designation. This was a special event for us, and we're pleased to be counted among Ohio's Century Farm families.

I wish you and your family a safe, prosperous year.

David T. Daniels, Director
Ohio Department of Agriculture



Ohio Agriculture Director David Daniels' family received the Ohio Century Farm designation for its Highland County farm. Ancestor James Douglass purchased the oldest parcel of the existing farm in 1842. Today the farm is roughly 470 acres in Madison Township. Friends and family gathered on the Daniels farm on Oct. 5 to commemorate the farm's designation. Above: ODA staff presented a gift of a Century Farm sign to family members David Daniels, Elizabeth Daniels (middle), and Betty Daniels.

Honoring Our Heritage: Ohio Century Farms

Scioto County - Adkins Family

Brothers John and Thomas Adkins co-own their Jefferson Township farm, established in 1899 by their great-grandfather, Samuel McCarty. The original house was built in 1841 and stands today. The farm is operated by John. Tom is director of the Garnet A. Wilson Public Library in Pike County, and has assisted the Century Farm program with outreach efforts. Shown right: Carrie McCarty on the footbridge over Candy Run Creek, 1916.



Herman Hoying, age 96, with son, Dan Hoying

Mercer County - Hoying Family

Established in 1899 and registered as an Ohio Century Farm in 2012, the Daniel and Brenda Hoying Century Farm consists of 160 acres in Granville Township. Grandfather Herman Hoying was the founder, purchasing the ground when he married and building the house in 1900. The farm passed to Dan's father Herman Henry Hoying, Jr. in 1941, then to current owners Daniel and Brenda.

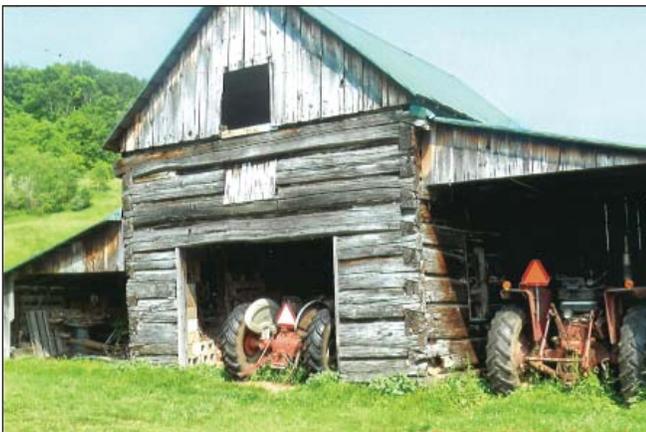


Hardin County - Williams Family

Marion Township is the home of the Robert Jr. and Mary Williams Century Farm. Born in Ohio, founder John Williams originally planned to move on to Kansas before changing his mind and purchasing the farmstead in 1911. Grandson Spencer Williams researched and completed the registration form for his family.

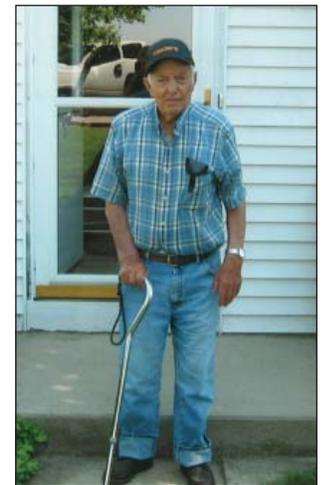
Athens County - Dorr Family

Congratulations to the Dorr family for becoming the first Ohio Century Farm registration in Athens County. The farm was established by Charles Dorr, who purchased 180 acres in Canaan Township in 1902. A Civil War-era cabin and plank barn remain standing on the farm today. Cheryl Wright completed the registration for her family.



Union County - Mayer Family

The Eugene and Ruth Ann Mayer, and Mary Mayer Century Farm was established in 1912, and is home to family patriarch, Walter. Moving to the farm when he was six days old, Walter celebrated his 100th birthday on June 18, 2012 and continues to live in the same farmhouse today. Walter has witnessed many changes on the farm, including the 1937 addition of electricity and the modern-day use of tractors with GPS.



Walter Mayer

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Wayne County - Hines Family

Great-grandfather Samuel Kreiling founded the Hines' Century Farm in 1876. Today's farmhouse (shown at right) was a former 1830s stagecoach inn that was called Kollar's Tavern. Owners Stephen and Dianne Hines breed and show registered Belgian Horses, and Stephen is vice president of Smith Dairy.



Charlie and Donna Karacson

Defiance County - Karacson Family

Charles and Donna Karacson are the fourth generation owners of the Thiel-Karacson Century Farm in Mark Township. Great-grandparents Mathias and Elizabeth Thiel originally purchased the farm in 1879, with Elizabeth owning the farm until her death at age 101 in 1949. The farms' 85.7 acres of land are used to grow corn, wheat, and soybeans by the owners.

Left: To display his new Century Farm sign, Charlie purchased the scroll bracket, and constructed the remainder of the sign frame.



Huron County - Smith Family

Howard and Sharon Smith's Peru Township Century Farm was founded in 1830, and is the subject of a new profile on the Agriculture's Lasting Heritage website. Their story tells of German ancestors continuing their agriculture tradition in Ohio, surviving through the Great Depression and reaping the benefits of modern technology. The Smith family honors the past but also looks to the future, recently working with a land conservancy group to preserve their farmland and agricultural tradition. Shown at right is a 1938 aerial view of the farm.

New Video Spotlights Ohio Century Farm Family

Congratulations to Rob Bouic and family, Union County, for appearing in the first Ohio Century Farm video. Rob, his grandfather Arthur Loschky, and Rob's children, Lydia Flores and Matt Bouic, took time from their schedules to allow ODA Videographer David Tornero to film them on their farm.



The Bouic video tells the story of a modern, active century farm, and can be viewed at www.agri.ohio.gov/divs/cent_farms/. ODA also supplied raw video footage to the American Farm Bureau, which adapted it for their website.

We encourage you to share your farm and family history. Submit a profile to the American Farm Bureau (www.agricultureslastingheritage.org/profiles/). Or, if interested in your farm as the subject of a videotape project, contact us (cindy.shy@agri.ohio.gov or 614-752-9817). Due to time and budget constraints, we can't promise to videotape each farm, but we will keep your interest in mind for future projects.

Arthur Loschky, Lydia Flores and Rob Bouic discuss farm operations.