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New Historic Farm Registrations in 2013

The Ohio Department of Agriculture recognized 103 new farms in the Bicentennial & Century Farms program in 2013. There were five designated as Bicentennial Farms (marked with an asterisk below): Shay, Carnahan, Noyes, Fagan and Dill farms. Congratulations to:

County	Name	Year	County	Name	Year
Adams	Brodt	1858	Highland	Trutner	1885
Adams	Brodt	1856	Hocking	St. Clair	1907
Adams	McClanahan	1883	Jackson	Cochran	1851
Ashtabula	Labrousse	1913	Jefferson	Carnahan	1812*
Auglaize	Heitkamp	1897	Knox	McCoy	1866
Auglaize	Heitkamp	1890	Licking	Davison	1858
Brown	Fite	1868	Licking	Gutridge	1864
Brown	Schwallie	1836	Licking	Hupp	1878
Brown	Shay	1801*	Licking	West	1877
Butler	Hesselbrock	1911	Madison	Chenoweth	1824
Carroll	Ferguson	1859	Mahoning	Detwiler	1838
Champaign	Putnam	1863	Mercer	Bertke	1878
Clark	Troxell	1832	Mercer	Dues	1853
Clinton	Levo	1902	Mercer	Hemmelgarn	1866
Columbiana	Croft	1904	Mercer	Kremer	1837
Crawford	Stineman	1839	Mercer	Rogers	1839
Crawford	Swalley	1913	Mercer	Schroeder	1897
Darke	Barga	1902	Mercer	Will	1886
Darke	Bruey	1907	Morgan	Best	1867
Darke	Rank	1893	Morgan	Gibeaut	1893
Darke	Sherry	1886	Muskingum	Stewart	1834
Darke	Sneary	1913	Muskingum	Vernon	1819
Delaware	Hoover	1913	Noble	Archer	1852
Delaware	Jones	1839	Ottawa	Taylor	1871
Fairfield	Webb	1908	Ottawa	Taylor	1871
Fulton	Bolger	1885	Paulding	Manson	1861
Fulton	Holland	1863	Perry	Hursey	1863
Fulton	Kissel	1912	Perry	Noyes	1813*
Fulton	Northcott	1903	Perry	Sturgeon	1818
Greene	Hanna	1866	Pickaway	Fagan	1809*
Greene	Hutchison	1897	Pike	Schmidt	1907
Hardin	Kraft	1837	Preble	Jamison	1835
Hardin	Mankey	1867	Preble	Ross	1817
Hardin	Nelson	1869	Preble	Toney	1819
Hardin	Wilson	1865	Preble	Weist	1909

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News & Updates for the Next Newsletter

Please keep in touch, and let us know of any news you would like to share in the next newsletter (June/July 2014).

What's Happening?

Check out ODA's new blog

(www.agri.ohio.gov/blog/); Ohio's Bicentennial & Century Farms are being featured in a weekly series of postings.

Adams County is paying tribute to its century & bicentennial farm families. A framed certificate for each farm will be permanently displayed in the Adams County courthouse. Read more on page 4.

The Todd Bumgardner Family of Clark County is featured in a new Century Farm video. To view, go to www.agri.ohio.gov/divs/cent_farms/.

The Canton Museum of Art will feature an exhibit of 19th-century farm drawings by Ferdinand Brader, Dec. 4, 2014 through March 15, 2015. More information is on their website (www.braderexhibit.com/).

The American Farm Bureau Foundation would like to share your farm's story on their website (www.agricultureslastingheritage.org/profiles/).

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A Message from Director David Daniels

I'd like to take the opportunity of this new year to say a few words about the old one. Last year was good for Ohio and agriculture. I am proud to say that the state continued to grow and move forward. We're now in a much better place than just a few years ago, and that progress is due in no small part to our strong food and agriculture industry.

Of course, the industry couldn't thrive - or even survive - without the hard work and dedication of the state's agricultural work force. Our bicentennial and century farm families are the rock-solid foundation of this community, and deserve our thanks and special recognition.

I look forward to another exciting year of working with you to advance our important industry.

Thank you for all that you do for Ohio agriculture. Please accept my wishes for a safe, prosperous new year.

David T. Daniels, Director
Ohio Department of Agriculture



Director David Daniels (left) met the Caldwell, Keir, and Lillie Bicentennial Farm families at the Trumbull County Fair on July 9. Director Daniels thanked the families for their contributions to Ohio agriculture and presented them with a certificate from the Governor's Office.

Director Daniels presented Jeff Webb with his Century Farm certificate at the 2013 Farm Science Review. Read more about the Webb Family on page 3.

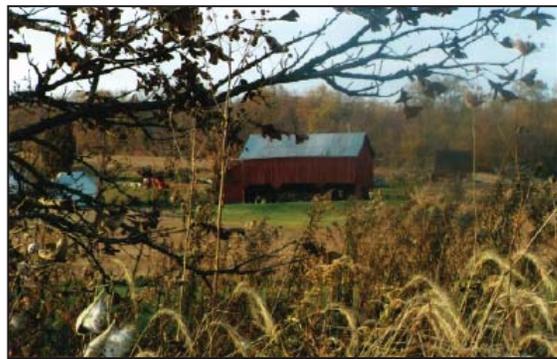


Honoring Our Agriculture Heritage

Carroll County - Ferguson Family

At the 2013 Carroll County Fair, Jennifer Ferguson's son, Evan, exhibited the grand champion for dairy beef feeders, while her daughter, Lynden, exhibited the reserve champion. Both Evan and Lynden won the "showman of showman" award in their division and Lynden also competed in super showmanship.

The Ferguson Century Farm was founded in 1859 by Jennifer's great-great-great grandfather, William Aimes. Today the 100-acre farm is operated by the family and used for produce gardens, cattle, corn, and hay.



Fairfield County - Webb Family

The Ohio Department of Agriculture unveiled its newly-renovated building interior at the 2013 Farm Science Review. Featuring bold display colors with authentic barn siding, the new design is a reflection of Ohio's vibrant ag industry coupled with its prominent past.

The barn siding for the renovation was donated by Jeff Webb, from his family's Century Farm in Fairfield County (*barn pictured on left*). First obtained by the family in 1908, the 37-acre farm is today managed by Jeff and produces corn, soybeans, and wheat.

Muskingum County - Wilson/Quinn Family

At its 69th annual meeting, the Muskingum Soil and Water Conservation District presented the 2013 Resource Conservation Agricultural Award to John and Cindi (Wilson) Quinn. John has operated the Wilson Century Farm since 1994. Cindi's father, Ronald, son, Kevin, and daughter, Vicky, assist on the 436-acre farm, used to produce corn, soybeans, and hay, along with 40 cow/calf pairs. *From left: Cindi and John Quinn; Joshua Henderson, Farm Credit Services; and Lance Deal, SWCD Board Chairman. Photo courtesy of the Muskingum Soil & Water Conservation District.*



Pickaway County - Bower Family

The Bower Century Farm in Saltcreek Township is home to Bob & Melodee Bower's son, John, and daughter, Carey Bower Ward. In 2005, Bob moved a dismantled log cabin to the farm from land once owned by his great-great-great grandparents, Abraham and Catherine Heffner. After discovering carved letters and numbers on one of the log beams, he realized that the cabin (pictured left) was originally built by his ancestor Abraham in 1809. The cabin reconstruction project was completed in 2006 on his family's 1860 Century Farm.

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County	Name	Year
Putnam	Bird	1896
Putnam	Bird	1900
Putnam	Fickel	1890
Putnam	Fischbach	1853
Putnam	Hohenbrink	1873
Putnam	Inkrott	1882
Putnam	Kuhlman	1894
Putnam	Meyer	1899
Putnam	Miller	1899
Putnam	Niese	1906
Putnam	Niese	1862
Putnam	Riggenbach	1899
Putnam	Schimmoeiler	1857
Putnam	Unverferth	1901
Putnam	Weis	1851
Putnam	Weller	1869
Ross	Byars	1865
Ross	Dill	1803*
Seneca	George	1866
Shelby	Eschmeyer	1890
Shelby	Holthaus	1881
Shelby	Sayre	1824
Shelby	Verdier	1829
Summit	Kendall	1907
Tuscarawas	Foust	1894
Van Wert	Baumgarte	1845
Van Wert	Moenter	1853
Warren	Montgomery	1896
Wood	Moenter	1901
Wood	Obermyer	1881
Wood	Simon	1848
Wyandot	Adams	1886
Wyandot	Frisch	1883

Celebrating Ohio's Bicentennial Farms



Fairfield County's Bicentennial Farms

James Berry and Brad Berry Families (1810)
 90.18 Acres Protected in 2012 with the Board of Fairfield County Commissioners
 • In 1811, Maryland native Edward Berry received a land patent from President James Madison for 160 acres of land in Walnut Township.
 • In the Berry family, the farm was passed from son to son. Edward's son Henry was second in the family to acquire the land, and from Henry it passed to Theodore, to Clyde, and then to Kermit.
 • When the railroad came into existence in the area, tracks ran on the edge of their farm. The New Salem Train Depot was built here, and Clyde Berry served as the depot master.
 • A grain mill was built on the farm around 1880 and was operated by Clyde and then his son Kermit. The mill still stands today, although it was closed for business in 1970.
 • The farm was rented out for several generations. When Kermit's son James returned from his service in the Army, he decided he wanted to farm and became active in the operations.
 • Two daughters, Susan Berry Fast and Peggy Berry Rogers, and two sons, Mike and Brad, were raised on the farm.
 • Today, James Berry is the sixth generation. His son Brad and his wife Mary Ann are the seventh generation of the family to own the Bicentennial Farm. They raise corn, soybeans, wheat, hay and beef cattle.

Rowles Family (1807)
 • Emanuel Ruffner came to Fairfield County from Virginia and purchased 206 acres of land in 1805, with their deed recorded in 1807.
 • While building their log cabin, Emanuel's son Henry was killed by a falling tree. He was buried in the family cemetery on a hill overlooking the farm.
 • Emanuel's son Joseph was the second in line to own the farm. He used a Castrologa wagon to haul grain to Philadelphia and Baltimore and bring back household supplies for his family and the neighbors. The wagon is still in the possession of the family today.
 • The log cabin was replaced with a pioneer cottage, which remains standing. The family home was built in 1844, with additions made to it in 1875 and 1975.
 • The farm was passed in the family from Joseph to his daughter Mary Ann Ruffner Friend, to her son Charles Friend, to his niece Mary Brunner Reynolds, then to her nephew, Robert Rowles, in 1973.
 • The farm is currently owned by Robert's trust, and his wife Marjorie serves as trustee. Family members include children Barbara Rowles and Roger and Melode Rowles; Granddaughter Megan Worthington and her children James, William and Vivian who are the 4th and 5th generation of the family now living on the farm; Grandson Brock Rowles and his children Abby, Josh and Madison; Grandchildren Brant and Darian Rowles and their children Brennan, Braxton, Brannon, and Dominick.
 • Cows and soybeans are raised on their 197-acre farm.

Wesley Family (1810)
 127.92 Acres Protected in 2003 and 2007 with the Licking Land Trust
 • In 1813, John Cooper purchased 160 acres of ground in Walnut Township.
 • The original land deed was signed by President James Madison.
 • In 1823, the original 160 acres were divided by the Ohio Erie Canal. This portion of the canal was called the "Deep Cut". Part of the canal land is today owned by the family, and the remainder is in a permanent conservation easement.
 • John Cooper's son George was the next in the family to own the farm.
 • Successing generations of daughters acquired the farm, with the family name changing from Cooper to Smith to Stollberg.
 • Fifth generation owner Ida Marie Stollberg, a teacher, married Floyd Wesley. They managed the farm as a dairy and grain operation for many years.
 • The land passed to their son Larry and his wife Janet in 1992.
 • Larry and Janet's children, Marla and Paul, both lived on the farm, as well as their granddaughter, Janet. Paul's wife Cindy and their son Kyle have spent much time there, as has Marla's partner, Frank.
 • Today the Terra Farm is more than 400 acres of land, used to raise corn, wheat and soybeans.

Smith Family (1799)
 80.97 Acres Protected in 2007 with the Board of Fairfield County Commissioners
 • Frederick and Ester Haman migrated from Pennsylvania in 1799 and acquired 640 acres in Pleasant Township.
 • The early frontier road known as Zanes Trace went through the farm.
 • Frederick built a log house in 1802 near the three springs that run through the property.
 • The original house, smokehouse, springhouse and summer kitchen remain standing today.
 • In 1926, Frederick's great-granddaughter, Fannie Haman and her husband Carl George acquired the farm.
 • They raised corn, wheat, soybeans, hay, cattle, pigs and sheep.
 • Fannie and Carl's daughter, Dixie and her husband Howard Smith are the sixth generation of the family to own the Three Springs Farm. They raise corn and soybeans on the farm's 81 acres.

Miller Family (1806)
 449.36 Acres Protected in 2003 with the Board of Fairfield County Commissioners
 • Andrew Wagner and his father-in-law John Soliday purchased land in Walnut Township in 1806. Their land holdings were estimated to be about 600 acres, on which they raised fruit trees, corn, wheat, and hay. They also maintained pasture for cattle and horses and produced sugar maple syrup. Their farm had one of the earliest sawmills in Fairfield County.
 • Several of the original structures exist today, including the log cabin, 3 bank barns, 2 houses, a smokehouse and a summer kitchen.
 • The current owner's great-grandmother, Susan Wagner married Frank Miller, and they eventually acquired the farm.
 • In 1978, the Miller Farm was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.
 • An agricultural easement was placed on the farm in 2003.
 • Today, Steven and Deborah Miller own this 456-acre farm, on which are raised corn, soybeans and wheat.

Maintained for Ohio Bicentennial Farm Families provided by the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

The Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District printed placemats with information on the county's Bicentennial Farms.

In the inaugural year of the Ohio Bicentennial Farm program, Ohio Agriculture Director David Daniels and his senior staff met many of the newly-designated Bicentennial Farm families across the state.



The Adams County Commissioners and Adams County Recorder invited Agriculture Director David Daniels (left) to pay tribute to the county's century and bicentennial farms on Nov. 1. A permanent display will be kept at the courthouse to honor the families: Brodt; Nixon; Swearingen; McClanahan; Kirker; Edenfield; Bennington; Pence; O'Brien; McCormick; Morris; McCoy; and Smiley.



Anderson Family, Mahoning Co., with ODA Deputy Director Janelle Mead (left).



The Ewing Family, Wayne Co., with ODA Deputy Director Sereana Dresbach (right).



Poorman Family, Perry Co., with ODA Deputy Director John Schlichter (left).



The Cook Family, Warren Co., with Director Daniels (left).



The Hively Family, Columbiana County, with ODA Assistant Director Howard Wise (right).