

# Peach Hill Farm named 1994 Ohio's Outstanding Century Farm

Charles Edwin and Alice S. Moore of Peach Hill Farm were presented with the 1994 Ohio's Outstanding Century Farm state award at the 1994 Farm Science Review.

Sponsored by the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA), the Ohio Historical Society and *Ohio's Country Journal*, this program honors working farms in Ohio that have been in the same family continuously for more than 100 years.

Each year eight regional winners are announced at the Ohio State Fair. From these eight and the previous year's regional winners, the state winner is chosen and announced at the Farm Science Review.

Peach Hill Farm was a southeast regional winner.

Since its inception in 1993, more than 400 farms have applied for the award.

## Farm's history

Peach Hill Farm was established by Samuel Moore on February 17, 1881.

Samuel Moore's father, James, was born in Ireland in 1808 and came to Ohio in 1835. He was a farmer and a stockman. Samuel purchased 172 acres of land for \$600 and this tract

was the start of the present operation which encompasses more than 1,000 acres. It is the largest dairy operation in Coshocton county.

The Moores received their award, which included an antique bronze plaque, during ceremonies held in the Agri-Broadcasting Network barn at the 1994 Farm Science Review.

ODA Director Fred Dailey and ABN's Ed Johnson made the presentation.

"The Moore Farm exemplifies the qualities of entrepreneurship, land stewardship and stability that the Ohio's Outstanding Century Farm Program recognizes," said Dailey.

"We congratulate them on being selected as the state winner of this award."

Applications are currently available for the 1995 Ohio's Outstanding Century Farm Awards program. Farms that have already registered for the program are automatically considered for this year's contest.

For more information, or for an application, contact Judy Rowe, *Ohio's Country Journal* at (614) 481-6000 or Andrew Ware, Ohio Department of Agriculture at (614) 752-9811.



## Lt. Governor plans rural focus

Lieutenant Governor Nancy P. Hollister has always cared about the quality of life in Ohio's rural areas. As a descendant of one of Ohio's first pioneer families, she has a natural interest in rural life.

Her involvement and leadership, both professional and volunteer, have delivered important changes for Ohio's rural communities.

As the former director of the Governor's Office of Appalachia, she oversaw economic development, funding and policy issues for 29 southeastern, rural Ohio counties.

Her close work with state agencies successfully linked needed services to the Appalachian region, including road and rail improvements.

While serving on the Marietta City Council and as the city's Mayor, she worked closely with soil and water conservation officials, as well as 4-H, FFA, and Ohio Farm Bureau members, to support local agriculture and encourage greater economic development throughout the region.

In her new role, Lt. Gov. Hollister plans to devote her energy to a set of issues, including agriculture, which will help rural areas prosper.

Working closely with ODA Director Dailey, her goal is to cultivate an expanded economic environment where every sector of the agricultural community, from grape growers and ranchers to food processors, will see their opportunities grow.

Hollister's talent and leadership ability prompted *The Marietta Times* to write in January 1994 that she, "...has become the state's expert of the concerns of rural areas. She has come to know the problems and implications of illiteracy, poverty and economic development."

With an endorsement like that, Ohio's agricultural community can expect strong leadership from Lt. Gov. Hollister.



Charles Edwin and Alice S. Moore's Peach Hill Farm in Coshocton county was selected as the 1994 Ohio's Outstanding Century Farm winner.