

1995 Ohio's Outstanding Century Farm Awards Program regional winners honored at the Ohio State Fair

Eight farm families from across Ohio received honors at the Ohio State Fair for contributing more than a century's worth of leadership, stability and conservation stewardship to Ohio agriculture. The eight farms combined represent nearly 1,200 years of Ohio agrarian efforts.

Lieutenant Governor Nancy P. Hollister presented the Ohio's Outstanding Century Farm Regional Awards to the families.

"As a descendant of one of Ohio's first pioneer families, I'm especially pleased to present these awards," said Lt. Gov. Hollister. "The rich history and leadership that each of these farms possess make them Ohio treasures."

Sponsored by the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA), *Ohio's Country Journal* and the Ohio Historical Society, the program recognizes farms or homesteads that have been owned and operated by the same family for at least a century. More than 400 families have submitted entries since the program began in 1993.

"The tenacity of these families in surviving more than 100 years, and in some cases nearly 175 years, of inclement weather, low commodity prices and changing government policies, is a testament of the strength of our family farms," said Ohio Department of Agriculture Director Fred Dailey.

Each regional winner received a specially designed plaque designating their farm as one of Ohio's century farms. Regional winners from this

year and from 1993 will be considered for the 1995 Ohio's Outstanding Century Farm Award.

The winners include:

Northeast

- Century Acres Farm, Harold and Flora Phillips, Chardon, in family 125 years;
- Homestead Farms, Jim and Nancy Burton, Salem, in family 135 years;

Southeast

- Angel Valley Farm, Mildred Cronebaugh, Tuscarawas County, in family 135 years;
- Coffman Farms, Robert and Sherry Coffman, Marietta, in family 140 years;

Northwest

- The Degler Farm, Hildegard Degler, Defiance, in family 117 years;
- Ream/Hollanshead Farm, Justin Hollanshead, Upper Sandusky, in family 135 years;

Southwest

- Hupman family Farm, James and Rosalie Hupman, Greenville, in family 137 years;
- Ye Olde McDonald Homestead, Marge Bodwell, Xenia, in family 183 years.

The state winner will be announced at the Farm Science Review on September 20, at 10:15 a.m., in the ABN Barn.

For more information on the Ohio's Outstanding Century Farm Awards Program please contact Andrew Ware, Ohio Department of Agriculture, at (800) 282-1955 or (614) 752-9811, or download the information from the ODA Homepage on the World Wide Web at <http://www.agri.ohio.gov/agri/>.



Members of the Harold and Flora Phillips, Jim and Nancy Burton, Mildred Cronebaugh, Robert and Sherry Coffman, Hildegard Degler, Justin Hollanshead, James and Rosalie Hupman and Marge Bodwell families were honored at the Ohio's Outstanding Century Farm Regional Awards Program at the Ohio State Fair.