

1998 Ohio's Outstanding Century Farm Regional Award Winners

Rinebold Homestead Farm

Owners: David and Ann Cramer
Location: Fostoria, Seneca County
Original founder: John Rinebold
Date of purchase: 1832
Original acres: 200
Current acres: 500
Crops or livestock: Popcorn, field corn, wheat and soybeans



"Growing up on the farm was great. We didn't have a lot of money, but we had a very good life. I hope we can always have such a life for our youth."
June Cramer Kidd, mother of David, who was born and raised at the homestead

McNary Family Farm

Owners: Garth and Sherry McNary
Location: Mechanicsburg, Madison County
Original founder: John McNary
Date of purchase: 1889
Original acres: 164
Current acres: 300
Crops or livestock: Corn and soybeans



"There are so few true family farms and the ones left have to be preserved. There is a sense of pride in knowing you've preserved something for future generations to see and understand."
Garth McNary

Goodell Family Farm

Owners: Frank and Virginia Goodell
Location: Mantua, Portage County
Original founder: Jonas Goodell
Date of purchase: 1825
Original acres: 50
Current acres: 300
Crops or livestock: Mayple syrup, potatoes, cash grain and an intensive grazing dairy operation



"Preserving Ohio's past is an important link for future generations to better understand the hard work and dedication that our forefathers started for us."
Frank Goodell

Terra Farm

Owners: Larry and Janet Neeley
Location: Millersport, Fairfield County
Original founder: John Cooperider
Date of purchase: 1813
Original acres: 160
Current acres: 400
Crops or livestock: popcorn, field corn, wheat and soybeans



"As we're seeing more farms near metropolitan areas being converted to housing developments and strip malls, Ohio's agricultural history is being lost forever."
Larry Neeley

Buck Run Dairy Farm

Owners: Fred and Kathryn Nicol
Location: Marysville, Union County
Original founder: Geroge Michael Nicol
Date of purchase: 1893
Original acres: 205
Current acres: 212
Crops or livestock: 70 head of Holsteins and 40 head of steers, cash grain and hay



"Our forefathers took a lot of pride in making an honest living from an honest day's work of farming. When it comes time for the next generation to take over, I hope they'll have that same pride in what they do."
Fred Nicol

Waddle Homestead

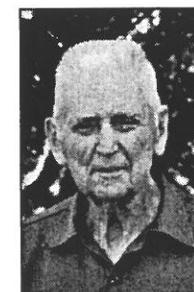
Owner: James (deceased) & Jirdena Waddle
Location: Washington CH, Fayette County
Original founder: William & Dorcas Waddle
Date of purchase: 1858
Original acres: 850
Current acres: 75
Crops or livestock: Corn, soybeans and wheat



"My husband, James, believed a farmer should be involved with the community and not just be content to be a good farmer. That was how he lived. Farming has always been an important part of life. That's what we'd like to pass onto the next generations."
Jirdena Waddle

Smith Family Farm

Owners: Cyrillas and Dennis Smith
Location: North Canton, Stark County
Original founder: Jacob E. Essig
Date of purchase: 1880
Original acres: 120
Current acres: 250
Crops or livestock: 65 head of Holsteins and grain operation



"When I was growing up, I couldn't see anything but farms surrounding us. If you looked hard, you might be able to see a house or two. Today, you have to look hard to see another farm."
Cy Smith

Fairview Farms

Owners: Otto (deceased) & Elizabeth Shaw
Location: Rockbridge, Hocking County
Original founder: Sampson Carpenter
Date of purchase: 1829
Original acres: 30
Current acres: 530
Crops or livestock: Corn, soybeans, hay and wheat and operate a 60 head cow/calf beef operation



"This farm has been a part of Ohio's agriculture for the past 163 years. We'd like to see it continue to do so in the future."
Elizabeth Shaw