

# Ohio's Outstanding Century Farm Representatives Honored

Lt. Gov. Maureen O'Connor recognized the achievements and tenacity of eight Ohio farm families at a ceremony at the Ohio State Fair. The eight families were recognized as Ohio's Outstanding Century Farm Families for the year 2000 – an annual recognition given to

productive farms held in the same family for the past 100 years or more. One of the families will be chosen as the statewide honoree to be announced at the Farm Science Review in September.

The program, now in its eighth year, is a joint project of the Ohio

Department of Agriculture, the Ohio Historical Society, and Ohio's Country Journal. Families are chosen for their commitment to preserving their heritage, their contribution to the agriculture community, and their environmental stewardship.

## Northeast Ohio

### Northwest Ohio



Hassen Family Farm,  
Swanton  
Owner *Norma Hassen*



Bensman Family Farm,  
Sidney  
Owners *Leonard & Constance Bensman*



Sugargrove Tree Farm, Ashland  
Owners *Blake & Christine Rafeld*



Heritage Farms, Peninsula  
Owners *Robert & Jeanette Bishop and Carol & George Haramis, Jr.*

## Southeast Ohio

### Southwest Ohio



Kirker Family Farm,  
West Union  
Owners *Charles & Jean Kirker, Jr.*



Wildermuth Family Farm, Canal Winchester  
Owners *Rodney & Edith Wildermuth*



Wal-Mec Family Farm, Thornville  
Owners *Paul & Annabelle Mechling*



Stacy Family Farm, Marietta  
Owners *William & Janet Stacy*