

# Ohio Historic Family Farms



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## ***How to Register***

- The farm must consist of ten or more acres devoted to agriculture use. If under ten acres, the farm must produce an average yearly gross income of at least \$2,500. Land under a land retirement or conservation program in agreement with the federal government qualifies.
- All six sections of the registration must be completed in full.
- **Include deed documentation** (copies **must** accompany this form), and can be researched through the local County Recorder's Office. Please obtain a **complete copy** of each deed, including signature page and filing information (deed book, volume and page).
- When reviewing deeds, in addition to checking names and dates, we look for:
  - A consistent description of the land; and
  - An unbroken chain of title (Person A to B, B to C, etc.). If a deed is unavailable for a particular transfer – especially in earlier years – please check for the existence of a transfer by will, and provide a copy of that documentation. For questions, email [centuryfarms@agri.ohio.gov](mailto:centuryfarms@agri.ohio.gov) or call (614) 752-9817.
- **Include an 8.5" X 11" map** from the County Auditor's Office showing farm boundaries, homestead, existing roads and buildings, cropland, pasture, woodlots, and other features such as ponds or wetlands.
- **Include at least one current photo** of the farm. Additional photographs of buildings and structures are welcomed and encouraged.
- **All application materials and photos will be stored digitally and returned to you.**
- By submitting this registration, you hereby consent to the Ohio Department of Agriculture's use of any material submitted for promotional and/or educational purposes.
- Owner(s) or family member(s) must ensure validity of the registration by completing Section 6.

## ***Ownership Rules***

- The same family must have ownership (title of the land or proof of land contract) for a minimum of 100 consecutive years. Leasing or sharecropping does not qualify as ownership. Note: Land in the process of being sold or transferred to a non-relative is not eligible.
- Line of ownership from the first family member owning the land may be through wives, husbands, children, brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles, or cousins. Legally adopted family members are recognized equally with blood relatives.
- For land in a trust or in the name of a corporation: proof must be submitted that the land remains in the family by submitting a copy of the articles of incorporation showing that only family members are members of the corporation or a copy of the trust document showing that only family members are beneficiaries of the trust.
- Upon registering in the Ohio Historic Family Farms program: in order to keep the historic designation, the family must continue ownership of the farm and the farm must continue to be engaged in agricultural activities.
- A farm in the same family for:
  - 100-149 years will receive a Century Farm designation;
  - 150-199 years will receive a Sesquicentennial Farm designation;
  - 200 or more years will receive a Bicentennial Farm designation.



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## Section One: Present Owners

Name of Owner (as it appears on the deed): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name, address, & phone number of relative to contact if we are unable to reach you:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Section Two: Location of the Land

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City (or vicinity): \_\_\_\_\_

Township: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Parcel Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Was this farm previously listed as a Century Farm or in a historic registry by another organization/program?

Yes  No If yes, give year and organization: \_\_\_\_\_

## Section Three: History

Name of the first family member(s) to own the land (the founder): \_\_\_\_\_

Date founder purchased or acquired land: \_\_\_\_\_

Place founder was from originally: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for founder coming to Ohio: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of acres originally acquired by founder: \_\_\_\_\_

Use of land by founder (crops grown, livestock raised, timber production, etc.):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Pertinent or interesting information regarding the founder and any subsequent owner, as well as any contributions the farm has made to agriculture: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are there any of the original or historic structures remaining on the farm?  Yes  No If yes, please indicate:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Section Four: Current Information**

How many generations removed is the current owner from the founder? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the current amount of acreage? \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres of the original tract are still owned? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the farm currently enrolled in the county's Current Agricultural Use Value (CAUV) program?  Yes  No

Is the farm operated by a family member or leased to a local farmer? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a house on the property?  Yes  No

If yes, please list who is currently residing there and their relationship to the owner: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe the current agricultural activities on the farm (types of crops, livestock, timber production, etc.):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List any involvement that the landowner(s) has with local, state or national agricultural or farm-related organizations (including farm awards, educational or research use of the farm, etc.):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Additional information on the farm or its ownership:*

## Section Five: Summary List of Owners

<u>Founder's Name</u>	<u>Date of Acquisition</u>	<u>Relationship to You</u>	<u>Deed Book Volume/Page*</u>
1 _____			
<u>Next Owner's Name</u>	<u>Date of Acquisition</u>	<u>Relationship to You</u>	<u>Deed Book Volume/Page*</u>
2 _____			
3 _____			
4 _____			
5 _____			
6 _____			
7 _____			
8 _____			

**\*Copies of deeds showing above chain of title must be included with this registration. Copies may be obtained through the local County Recorder's Office. A complete copy of each deed, including signature page and filing information (deed book volume and page) is required. Please also include copies of articles of incorporation or trust documents, if applicable. Articles of incorporation may be obtained from the Ohio Secretary of State's Office.**

**Family or farm name you would like on your certificate: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Please allow at least 4-6 weeks for certificate processing.**

## Section Six: Certification and Signature

*By signing below:*

- I certify that the statements made within this form are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and represent a summary of the list of owners for the farm/homestead listed.
- I understand that any material submitted may be used by the Department for promotional and/or educational purposes.
- I certify that the enclosed deed copies are true copies and they represent a true chain of title.
- I certify that I am the owner or a relative of the owner. The signature below is my own.

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Return completed registration and supporting materials to:  
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 Ohio's Historic Family Farms Program  
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