

*Century Damage
(1965)*

January 14, 1965

Genevieve Morgan, Head
Information Service
State Dept. of Agriculture
Salem, Oregon

Dear Gen:

I intended to get this back to you sooner. Tom has looked through the material. It appears to be fine with us.

We like the first number 10 better—should save a little work.

Very truly yours,

Robert C. Scott
Chief, Public Services

RCS:bc
enc.



STATE OF OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SALEM 97310

January 10, 1965

Push!
Scott
Gibbons

Mr. Thomas Vaughan, Director
Oregon Historical Society
Portland, Oregon 97201

Dear Tom:

Herewith is copy of first 1965 Century Farm story, which we plan to mail January 15 for use of papers and other communication media on January 21. Suggest any changes you wish.

Also herewith rough copy of suggested rules. Watch rule 10--I have a brainstorm that we might get the applicants to supply their own verification through same sources we get verification.

What do you think of the idea? ^{OK} Be sure to let me know, as I have included two rules 10 --one embracing the old idea and the other my brainstorm.

Any changes you have to suggest for the rules will be incorporated.

We'll have application blanks ready by the 21st, as well as the rules, which will be mailed with each application blank.

I have deliberately played down the state fair presentation feature at the outset as we'll need new "dope" to talk about as we carry along the program.

Should we have the governor make the presentations again this year? -- yes
I confess I've forgotten whether you make the contact with the governor or whether we do--but I suppose it's never too early for one of us to do that!

Reverting to Rule 10, if we decide us sponsors should clear ^{applications} with the county court (judges or commissioners), we should get a letter in the mail to them prior to the time the first story appears in communication media.

Cordially,

Genevieve Morgan
Genevieve Morgan, Head
Information Service
State Department of Agriculture

cc: Jim Short

2 enclosures

RULES FOR 1965 CENTURY FARM PROGRAM

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Applications blanks are available from the State Department of Agriculture, Agriculture Building, Salem, Oregon 97310 and must be returned, with verification, to the ~~Department~~ Department at Salem.

To qualify, these requirements must be met:

1. Your farm must have been operated continuously in the same family for one hundred years or more (since 1865). If the farm has ~~ever been~~ ~~rented~~ ~~leased~~ it will not qualify.
2. You must own the farm and must reside in Oregon.
3. You must live on the farm and farm the land or, if you live off the historic farm you must actively manage and direct the farming of the land.
4. The line of ownership from the original settler or buyer may be through children, brothers and sisters, ~~nephews~~ and nieces. Adopted children will be recognized equally with blood children.
5. Only one person—the 1965 owner of record—will receive the ~~newly~~ ~~new~~ coveted Century Farm Award. If husband and wife own, the award will be made to them jointly.
6. A farm settled any time in ~~the~~ year 1865 (or earlier) will be eligible if it meets the other requirements.
7. Deadline for filing applications is June 15, 1965. All applications bearing postmark by midnight of that date will be considered.
8. Applications must be on blanks provided by the Department, with all questions answered. The applicant may submit as much additional information as he or she desires. (All information will eventually be deposited with the Oregon Historical Society, which provides the beautiful Century Farm document.)
9. Print all names and addresses appearing on the application blank.
10. Applicants must submit with their completed application blanks a ~~property~~ verification of their claims to continuous ownership. This may be in the form of the signature of ~~one of~~ your county commissioners or your county recorder on the form "A" which is supplied with ~~the~~ application blank.
10. The State Department of Agriculture and the Oregon Historical Society will screen applications. It will ~~then~~ submit them to county commissioners, ~~or~~ recorders or assessors for verification on continuous family ownership.
11. No notary is required. ~~(Supporting material will be welcomed and will, if appropriate, be returned to you if you so designate.)~~ *Submission of documents, such as ... to substantiate the*
12. A farm (U.S. Census definition) must have 10 or more acres with ~~any~~ crop or livestock sales of \$50 or more a year; or, if less than 10 acres, sales of at least \$250 a year.
13. Any farm in process of being sold to a non-relative is ineligible.

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and will, if you wish, be filed with Oregon Historical Society for preservation. Or it will be returned to you if you so designate. *is enclosing*