



## The Oregon Century Farm and Century Ranch Program Facts

Founded in 1958, the Oregon Century Farm and Century Ranch Program honors families with century-long connections to the land and recognizes Oregon's rich agricultural heritage. These farm and ranch families are an integral part of the foundation of the early settlement and development of Oregon communities. They are a critical segment of our state's economy and continue to be the backbone of hundreds of towns.

More than 1,000 family farms and ranches have been recognized during the past 45 years. To be eligible for a Century Farm and Ranch Award, a farm or ranch must have been operated continuously in the same family for a century or more. If the land has ever been rented out, it will not qualify.

The Century Farm and Ranch Program works cooperatively statewide with agricultural groups and historical societies to identify potential nominees. The governor and the director of the Oregon Department of Agriculture sign distinctive certificates presented to each family. The program is administered through the **Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation**, in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Agriculture, the Oregon Farm Bureau, and the Oregon Historical Society.

Applications for Century Farm and Century Ranch designation are added to the Oregon Historical Society research library and provide valuable information about settlement patterns, livestock and crop choices, building design, and farm history.

The families operating the Century Farms and Ranches are valuable models for all Oregonians. They have been innovators, experimenters and risk-takers in their endeavors to make their land work for themselves and all of the state's residents. Oregon's history would be far different from what it is today if it were not for these families.



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