

# OREGON CENTURY FARM & RANCH PROGRAM 1958 – 2010

ANNUAL CENTURY & SESQUICENTENNIAL  
AWARDS CEREMONY  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2010

*Oregon State Fair  
Salem, Oregon*





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**Hollingsworth Farm.** Founded in Marion County in 1906 by John and Myrtle Hollingsworth. Applicants are John and Adair Hollingsworth.

**Milne/Leighty Farm.** Founded in Marion County in 1904 by Maria and James Milne. Applicants are Glenn, Ron and Sharon Leighty.



## 2010 CENTURY FARM & RANCH HONOREES

**Neiger-Cherry Farm.** Founded in Polk County in 1909 by Henry Neiger Sr. Applicant is Helen M. Cherry.

**Santoro Farm.** Founded in Washington County in 1910 by Bruno Santoro. Applicants are Joe, Lena, and Eleanor Santoro.

**Sidwell-Gutoski Farm.** Founded in Lane County in 1910 by Clyde and Pearl Sidwell. Applicants are Peter and Judy Gutoski .

**Silbernagel Farm.** Founded in Marion County in 1907 by Joseph and Frances Silbernagel. Applicant is Paul Silbernagel.

**Smutz Century Farm.** Founded in Union County in 1910 by I.D. Smutz. Applicants are Lawrence and Barbara Smutz.

**Werth Farms.** Founded in Polk County in 1909 by Frederick Johan August Werth. Applicants are Elmer and Dennis Werth representing the Werth Living Trust.



No. 189. HARVESTING IN CENTRAL OREGON.

## OREGON CENTURY FARM & RANCH PROGRAM

### 52 YEARS OF HONORING FARM & RANCH FAMILIES

The Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program began in 1958, on the eve of the Statehood Centennial Celebration, to honor farm and ranch families with century-long connections to the land. The program recognizes Oregon's rich agricultural heritage and now has registered 1,117 properties during the past 52 years.

In anticipation of Oregon's 150th year birthday, the CF&R Program introduced a new award for those families who have been able to sustain their family farm or ranch for 150 years. In 2008, the Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program honored the first fourteen families to receive the Sesquicentennial Award. Twenty-two families now have received this prestigious award.



The board and staff of the Program salute all of these families and believe their efforts and successes define the mission of the CF&R Program— "...to generate pride and a greater public awareness of the role family-owned farms and ranches play in the economic and social vitality of Oregon."



## SUSTAINING AN OREGON FARM FOR 150 YEARS

### 2010 SESQUICENTENNIAL FARM HONOREES

**Byron Scott Farm.** Founded in Linn County in 1853 by Commodore Perry Knighton and Rosanna Knighton. Applicants are Maryanne and Donald Wirth.

**Chambers Farm.** Founded in Linn County in 1850 by Matthew Chambers. Applicant is Kenneth Chrisman.

**Buzz Mitchell Farms.** Founded in Linn County in 1847 by J.M. Settle. Applicant is Ralph Mitchell.



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Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program

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Thank you to the **Oregon State Fair** and  
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for their generosity in providing free and discounted tickets.

## THE OREGON CENTURY FARM & RANCH PROGRAM:

- **HONORS** families working together for 100+ years
- **ACKNOWLEDGES** the role family farms and ranches play in providing stability to their communities
- **IS** a storyteller for Oregon's farm & ranch families
- **HELPS** record, preserve and share important agricultural history
- **EDUCATES** all Oregonians about the social and economic impact of agriculture
- **SUSTAINS** practices of long standing natural resource stewardship
- **REFLECTS** the image of Oregon independence and self-sufficiency

**For additional information on the  
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**OREGON CENTURY FARM & RANCH PROGRAM**  
**2010 HONOREE CEREMONY**  
**OREGON STATE FAIR**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2010**  
**PROGRAM OUTLINE**

**3:00 WELCOME – (Kyle)**

- Brief overview of the day's program
- Housekeeping details (process, time, photos, refreshments, etc.)
- Notes the 52nd birthday of Program / 150<sup>th</sup> state birthday

**3:05 OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM & SPONSOR RECOGNITION (Kyle)**

- Importance of CF&R Program from his, community and Oregon Heritage Commission perspective
- Recognition of partners and sponsors

Thank you to all of our contributors. Please refer to your program for a list of the organizations and individuals who have contributed to the program this year.

Special thanks to our partners and sponsors:

**Partners**

1. Oregon Farm Bureau
2. Office of Historic Preservation, Oregon Parks & Recreation Dept.
3. Oregon Travel Information Council
4. Special "Thanks" to administering organization – Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation

**Sponsors**

1. Oregon Department of Agriculture
2. Oregon Hazelnut Marketing Board
3. Oregon Wheat Growers League
4. Oregon Historical Society

- Introductions of Management Committee Members

1. Dale Buck
2. Dave Dillon
3. Kimberly Dunn
4. Richard Engeman
5. Cheryl Gribskov
6. Larry Landis
7. Madeline MacGregor
8. Don Schellenberg

- Introduction of Dalton Hobbs, Assistant Director Oregon Department of Agriculture

**3:10 IMPORTANT ROLE OREGON FARMS & RANCH PLAY IN OREGON (Dalton)**

**3:15 CENTURY FARM & RANCH STORY (Cheryl)**

- Introduction of your-self
- Share story

**3:20 CENTURY FARM & RANCH AWARDS (Maddie)**

- Introduction of your-self
- Thank all the families for submitting applications
- Each family will receive the Garden in Eden Cookbook compliments of author Richard Engeman and the CF& R Program
- Ask each family to come forward as you read the family narrative
- Run PowerPoint for each family
- Present each family forward to receive award  
Kyle & Dalton give certificate to families, pose for photograph with families.

**4:40 SPECIAL RECOGNITION MASONS (Maddie & Kyle)**

- Recognize for years of service
- Present with framed photo

**4:45 SESQUICENTENAIL FARM & RANCH AWARDS (Maddie)**

- Recognizes family with 150 year tradition of farming & ranching
- Established in celebration of Oregon's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday
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- Run PowerPoint for each family, then call family forward for award
- Call each family forward to receive award  
Kyle & Dalton give certificate to families, pose for photograph with families.  
Tom will take photo
- Recognition of sponsors and donors – reference slides

**4:55 CLOSING & REFRESHMENTS (Kyle)**

- Reminder Century Farm & Ranch Cookbook for sale
- Thanks to Oregon State Fair & Oregon Parks & Recreation Department and Neva Hutchinson (as our Fair contact)
- Available to take other photographs of families with the roadside signs
- Invite all to share the refreshments & meet other honorees
- Photo opportunities

# 2010 Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program Awards Presentation

## Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program



2010 Century & Sesquicentennial Awards  
Welcome Family and Friends

## 2010 Century Farms & Ranches

- ☐ Brentano Farm, Yamhill County, 1910
- ☐ Charpilloz Farm, Marion County, 1909
- ☐ Cruickshank Farms, Yamhill County, 1908
- ☐ Edwards Ranch, Gilliam County, 1907
- ☐ Fiala Farms, Clackamas County, 1906
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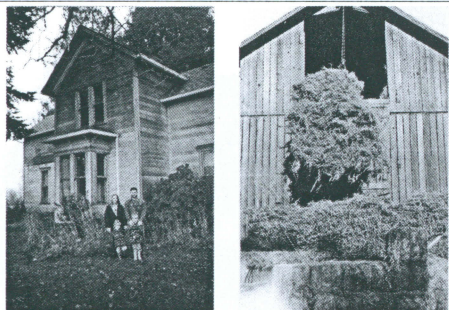
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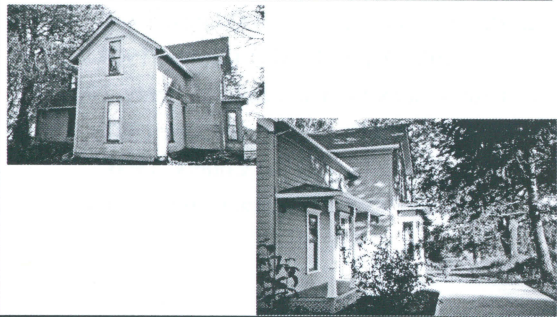
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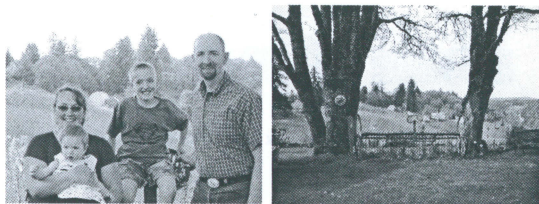
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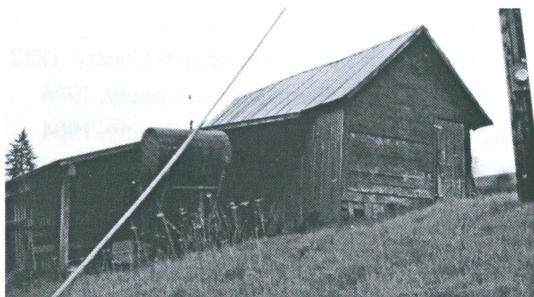
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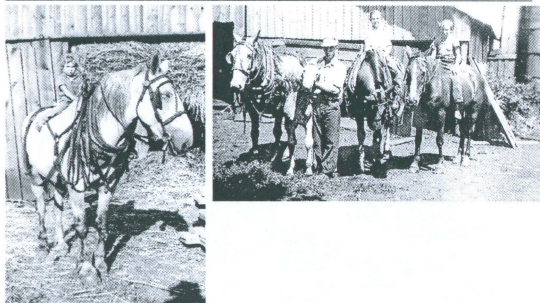
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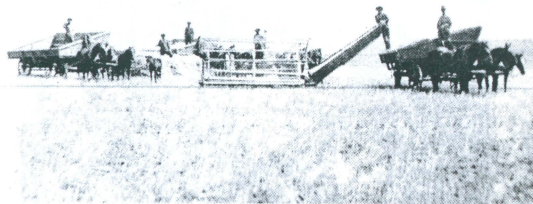
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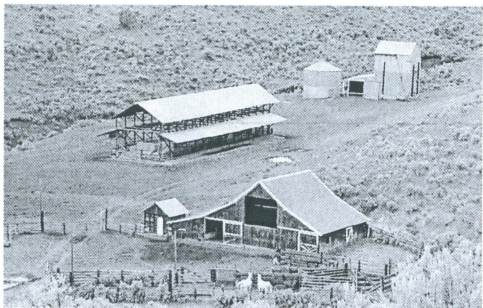
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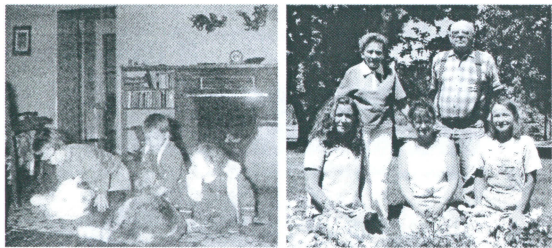
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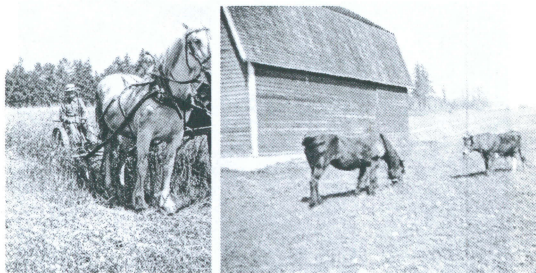
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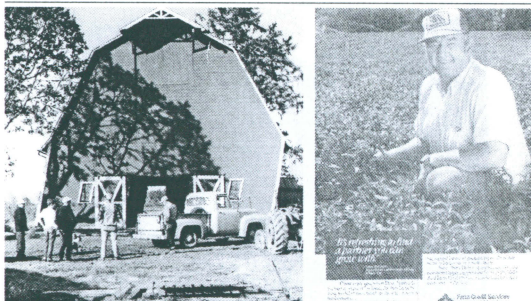


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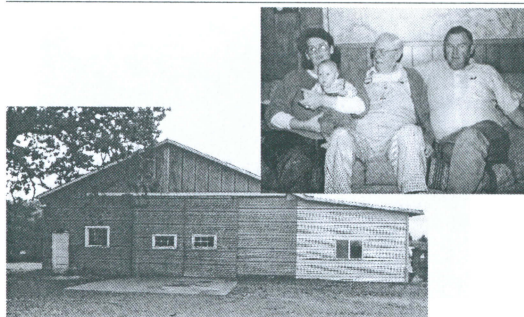


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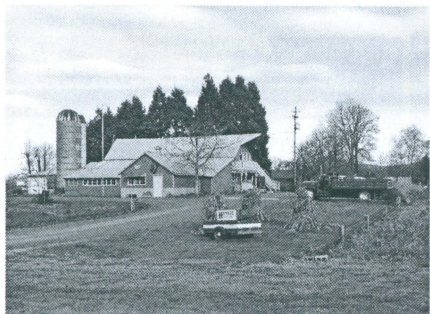
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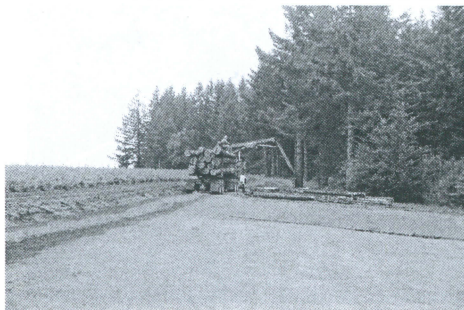
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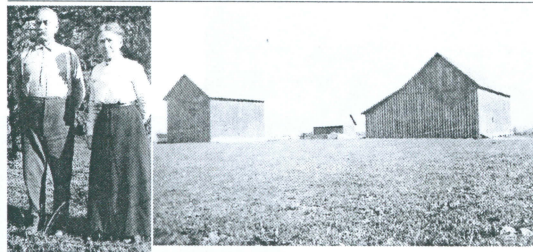


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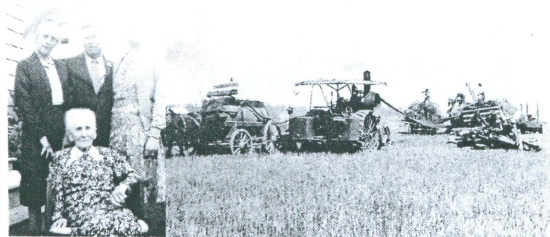
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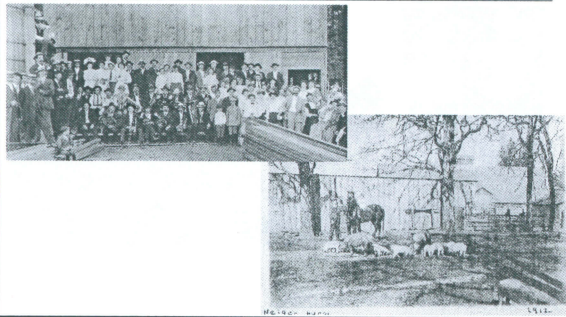
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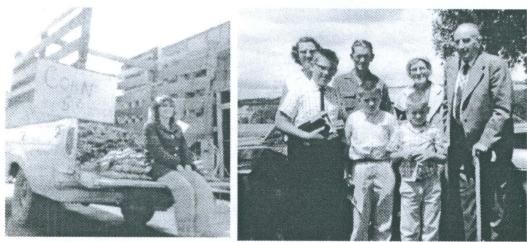
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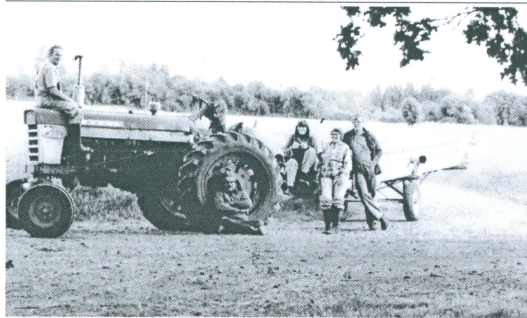
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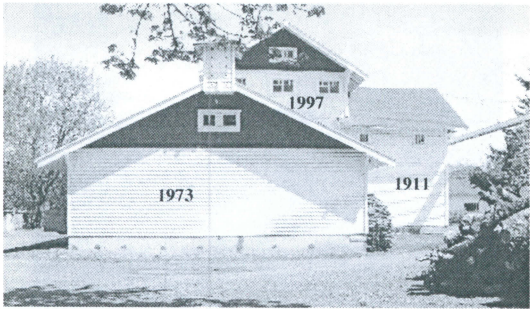


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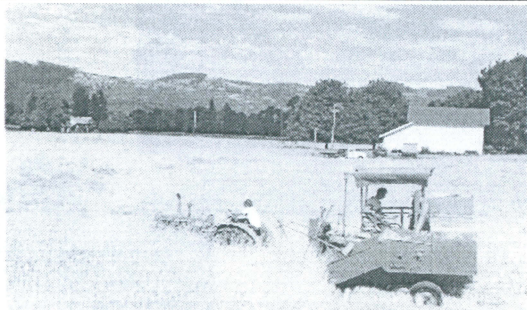
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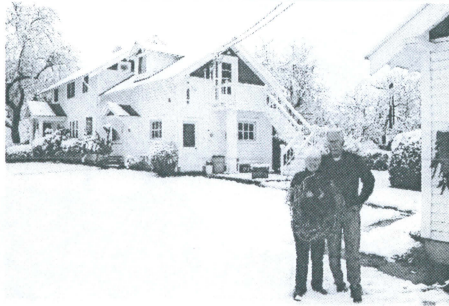
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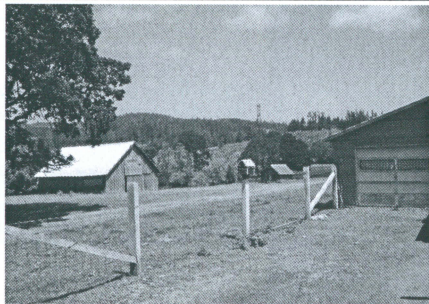
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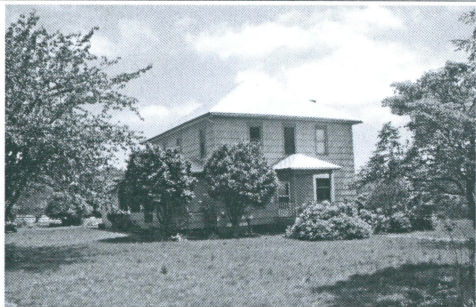
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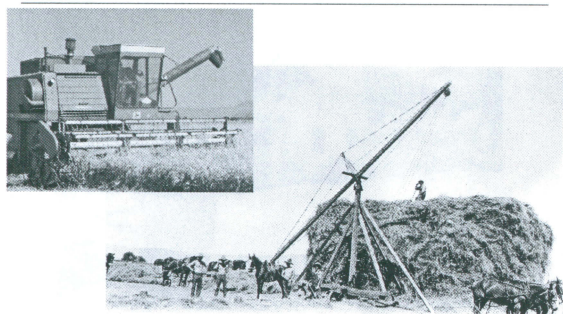


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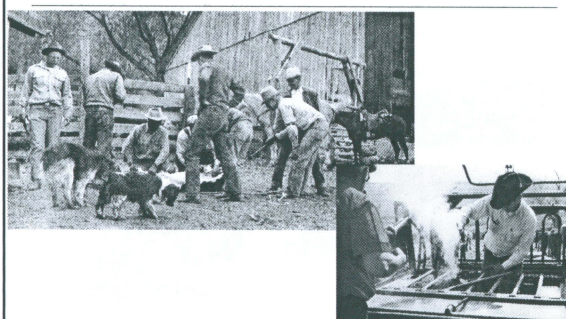
**Original Smutz Home - 1910**



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**2010 Sesquicentennial Farms**

- ❑ Bryon Scott Farm, Linn County, 1853
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- ❑ Buzz Mitchell Farms, Linn County, 1847

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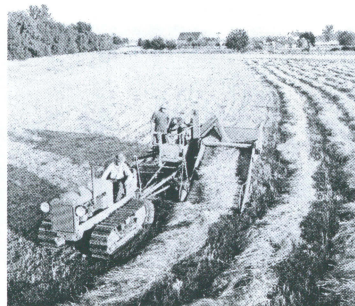
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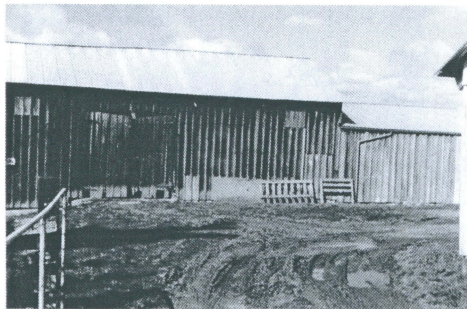
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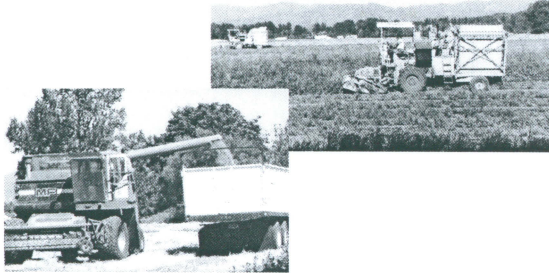


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- ☐ Tillamook County Creamery Association (Milk for Reception)

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Thank you, OAEF!*

## Thank You for Honoring Oregon's Agricultural Heritage

- ☐ Encourage your friends & neighbors to participate in the program
- ☐ Sign up for our e-news
- ☐ Become a storyteller for Oregon farms & ranch families
- ☐ Document your families agriculture heritage

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## 2010 Award Ceremony- Brief Family Descriptions

### Century Farms & Ranches

1. **Brentano Farm.** Founded in Yamhill County in 1910 by George and Mary Vincent. Applicants are Allen and Susan Schwartz.

George and Mary Vincent purchased the family farm in 1910 near McMinnville. Their early farm endeavor was a dairy, which they continued to operate into the 1950s. The second generation, Joe and Susie Brentano, raised hogs, and Susie also raised beef, sheep, hay, grain and grass over the years. In the mid 1980s the farm was converted to grass seed, which remains the primary crop today.

2. **Charpiloz Farm.** Founded in Marion County in 1909 by Albert and Sophie Lea Charpiloz. Applicants are Jeffrey and Stacy Charpiloz.

Albert and Sophie Lea Charpiloz immigrated to the US from Switzerland in 1882. In 1909 they acquired more than 300 acres near Silverton in Marion County. In early days there were dairy cows, sheep and both draft horses and thoroughbreds. Crops included wheat, oats, hay and grass seed. Family history says that Sophie was the primary farmer, and Albert was a violinist and watchmaker. Cattle, horses and sheep and grain continued to be the main staples of the farm through the years. In the 1940s a prized thoroughbred held three Portland Meadows track records. Today, grass seed, oats and wheat are grown. Paint quarter horses are also raised. The farm is now home to the family's fourth and fifth generations.

3. **Cruickshank Farms.** Founded in Yamhill County in 1908 by James and Lizzie Cruickshank. Applicants are Gary and Barbara Cruickshank.

James and Lizzie Cruickshank emigrated from Scotland, and purchased the farm south of McMinnville in 1908. They called the farm Oakdale because of groves of oak trees on the property. They raised Cotswold sheep and Shire horses, and grains and hay to feed them. The second generation on the farm added Guernsey dairy cattle, registered Suffolk – Columbia Southdown sheep and filberts. The third and fourth

generations are still involved in operating the more than 500 acre farm, producing hazelnuts, grass seed, clover, and wheat. They also run a straw baling operation.

4. **Edwards Ranch.** Founded in Gilliam County in 1907 by Claude and Bertha Edwards. Applicants are Jasper and Marie Edwards.

Claude Edwards came to the Condon area with his wife Bertha and two young sons. They filed for a 160 acre homestead in Sunshine Canyon. In spite of the perennial lack of water, they raised 128 sacks of wheat in 1908, and by 1910 had increased to a production of 445 sacks of wheat. They also raised cattle. A well was drilled in 1916, and deepened in 1934. More wells were drilled in the following years. Originally the farm work was done with three 8-horse teams and hired men. In the 1920s a combine was purchased, the family not believing how much money and work was saved. Today Claude's son, Jasper, raises cattle on the farm, which has grown to 4,200 acres with 1,000 acres in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

5. **Fiala Farms.** Founded in Clackamas County in 1906 by Jerry and Lucy Fiala. Applicants are Wes, Doug, Anne, Richard and Art Fiala.

Born in what is now the Czech Republic, Jerry and Lucy Fiala founded the family farm in 1906. Early crops grown were wheat, hay, cabbage, peaches, tomatoes, potatoes, broccoli and milk cows. They sold milk and cream to a creamery and varied their produce crops with changing consumer demand. Jerry was also an artist in metal, which is still visible on buildings in Portland. Today their descendents Wes, Doug and Richard live on the farm and produce hay, berries, and a variety of other fruits and vegetables. In addition to selling to wholesale markets, they maintain a roadside farm stand where customers have been able to buy produce since the early 1900s.

6. **Harnisch Farms, Inc.** Founded in Linn County in 1909 by James J. Davis. Applicants are David and Esther Harnisch.

Charles Harnisch was born in Saxony, Germany and bought the family farm. He and his wife raised a large family and farmed grains, potatoes,

corn, and plums. They also raised hogs and milk cows. Many years later, the family diversified and raised various vegetable crops including grass seed, wheat, seed crops and growing and distilling peppermint. Currently, filberts and blueberries are the main income. They also pasture horses. Four generations now live on the farm.

**7. Hentze Farm.** Founded in Lane County in 1902 by Johan and Arine Hentze. Applicant is Alice Hentze.

Johan and Arine Hentze were originally from the Faroe Islands. After a circuitous route through Denmark and Chicago, they came to the Junction City area where they purchased their family farm in 1902. In early days they raised a small number of hogs, cows and chickens. They cultivated wheat and barley, 12 acres of plums and sold potatoes. The second generation planted walnut and cherry orchards, and cultivated logan and boysenberries. Local students were hired to help with harvests; a practice still continuing. In 1947 a dairy venture was successful in producing 600 pounds of milk per day. The dairy cows were sold in 1967. Crops over the years have included mint and fresh produce. Today the farm produces berries, cherries and fresh vegetables. Livestock includes chickens, geese, turkeys, sheep and cows.

**8. Herb Family Farm.** Founded in Washington County in 1882 by Karl, (Charles) Herb Sr. Applicants are Tom and Vickie Duyck.

Charles Herb was a Union Civil War veteran who had been wounded and held prisoner. After the war, in 1882, he and his wife Theresa moved to Washington County with their young son and purchased the family farm. They raised cattle, grains and hay. The second generation, son Charles Jr., raised grain and hay, and the third generation added strawberries, corn and beets for the commodity markets. Today the farm produces clover, corn, wheat, sugar beet seeds, table beets and grass seed.

**9. Hollingsworth Farm.** Founded in Marion County in 1906 by John and Myrtle Hollingsworth. Applicants are John and Adair Hollingsworth.

Originally from Ontario Canada, John Hollingsworth came to the Detroit area of Marion County in 1893 where he cut wood and owned a sawmill. In 1906 he and his wife Myrtle purchased the family farm. They had fruit trees, goats, a cow, two horses and a mule. Early farm production included logs, strawberries, and grass seed. Over the years 100 acres of trees have been managed as a forest. The family has put in practice a forest management plan, thinning and replanting with red cedar. In the late 1990s the grass seed was replaced with Christmas trees, which is now the primary crop.

**10. Milne/Leighty Farm.** Founded in Marion County in 1904 by Maria and James Milne. Applicants are Glenn, Ron and Sharon Leighty.

Maria and James Milne and their three children moved from South Dakota to the Salem area in 1901. In 1904 they purchased the family farm near Silverton. In the early days, the family harvested wheat, grain and corn, and raised horses, pigs, goats, sheep, cattle and chickens. Over the years, crops have changed to meet the changing market. During the 1950s, the family had dairy cows and sold milk to the Mt. Angel Creamery. Currently the 131 acre farm produces rotations of mustard, sunflowers, green beans, corn, wheat and pumpkins.

**11. Neiger-Cherry Farm.** Founded in Polk County in 1909 by Henry Neiger Sr. Applicant is Helen M. Cherry.

Henry Neiger, Sr., a native of Switzerland, purchased the farm in the Lincoln district of Polk County in 1909. He moved his cows and equipment to Lincoln from Portland by steamboat. Henry was a Swiss dairy farmer and cheesemaker. In addition, he and his wife Anna raised hay, grain and silage for the cows, and had a field of hops in the river bottom. Their products were Swiss cheese, milk and cream. A flock of sheep was added beginning in 1927. When the dairy herd was sold in 1973, Holstein steers, sweet corn, alfalfa and grain were grown. Today, grass hay and sheep are raised. The farm is home to two generations of the family.

**12. Santoro Farm.** Founded in Washington County in 1910 by Bruno Santoro. Applicants are Joe, Lena, and Eleanor Santoro.

After emigrating from Italy in 1896, Bruno and his wife Annunciata moved to Oregon and purchased the family farm near Hillsboro in 1910. They raised cows, chickens, pigs, raspberries, strawberries, loganberries and hay. In 1935 a filbert orchard was added. After an additional 15 acres were purchased, a peach orchard and berries were planted. At one time they had up to 400 chickens and sold eggs and cheese on a route in Portland. From 1945 to 1977 the dairy herd grew to 85 cows, and the berries were removed. In 1977 the dairy herd was sold. Currently, the family raises beef cattle and hay and grain to feed them. They also raise chickens and sell the eggs.

**13. Sidwell-Gutoski Farm.** Founded in Lane County in 1910 by Clyde and Pearl Sidwell. Applicants are Peter and Judy Gutoski.

Young Clyde Sidwell and his brother came to the Coburg area of Lane County around 1900 and worked in a Coburg sawmill. He and his wife Pearl bought the family farm in 1910. Their early production was wood, potatoes, beans, and mint and dill oil. Clyde was known as an early grower and distiller of peppermint oil in Oregon. In 1958 the distillery was sold and the property was placed in the Federal Soil Bank. He continued to grow barley which was sold to a neighbor. Today the family raises wheat and hazelnuts on 143 acres.

**14. Silbernagel Farm.** Founded in Marion County in 1907 by Joseph and Frances Silbernagel. Applicant is Paul Silbernagel.

Originally from Minnesota, Joseph Silbernagel's family moved to Oregon in 1884 when he was about 10 years old. In 1907, he moved with his wife and three young daughters to the family farm near Stayton. The property had a cabin on it near a natural spring, and a resident bull that walked out of the cabin to greet them. Their early crops and livestock included milk cows, sheep, pigs, chickens, goats, horses, geese, grain, hay and corn. Eggs were sold to the local grocery store, and the grain was placed in shocks in the field to dry to feed the livestock. In the 1940s milk was sold to the Mt. Angel creamery. Currently hay, grain, and grass seed is grown, and cows, sheep and horses are raised.

15. **Smutz Century Farm.** Founded in Union County in 1910 by I.D. Smutz. Applicants are Lawrence and Barbara Smutz.

I.D. Smutz and his wife Dora were the founders of the family farm near La Grande. Early crops and livestock included hay, grain, cattle, horses, chickens and hogs. A lively cattle business has continued through the years. Barley, wheat and hay, in addition to horses are still raised. Three generations of the Smutz family live on the 733 acre farm today. The original home is lived in by the third generation of owners and the two original barns are still being used.

16. **Werth Farms.** Founded in Polk County in 1909 by Frederick Johan August Werth. Applicants are Elmer and Dennis Werth representing the Werth Living Trust.

Frederick and his wife emigrated from East Prussia in the late 1880s and bought the farm near Valley Junction in 1909. The claim was divided and assigned to their 10 children. Early livestock included cattle, horses, sheep and dairy. Crops included cereal grain, hay, and timber harvesting. A portion of the farm is now leased to other Werth family relatives for grass seed and hay production. Marginal crop and pasture land has since been reforested for timber production and is certified under the American Tree Farm System. Two families still live on the farm, within view of the original family homestead.

## Sesquicentennial Farms

1. **Byron Scott Farm** Founded in Linn County in 1853 by Commodore Perry Knighton and Rosanna Knighton. Applicants are Maryanne and Donald Wirth.

Newly married, Commodore and Rosanna moved to Oregon in 1850 from Missouri and purchased the farm in 1953. The couple raised 12 children on the farm which included crops such as oats, wheat and cheat. They also raised horses and cows on the 650 acre farm. The multigenerational farm now raises ryegrass, sheep, pigs, cows and feeder cattle. The applicant, Maryanne Wirth, is the great-granddaughter of the Knightons. The family is dedicated to preserving the historical value of the homestead and its connection to area families as well as the Tangent area and Willamette Valley.

2. **Chamber Family Farm** Founded in Linn County in 1850 by Matthew Chambers. Applicant is Kenneth Chrisman.

This 640 acre farm began in 1849 when Matthew married adjoining land claim owner Mary Knox. Listed on the National Register of Historic places, the barn has been restored to its original configuration from the 1860s/1870s where draft horses were kept. The Albany farm's beginnings centered on subsistence agricultural activities providing support for draft animals, beef, hogs and fowl. Crops included hay, oats and wheat as well as vegetables for the family. With the changing of the times and economy, other endeavors included dairy cattle which produced high milk fat for a creamery in Albany. Annual ryegrass is the current main source of income. Additional acreage supports feeder steers that use the historic, restored barn for shelter.

3. **Buzz Mitchell Farms** Founded in Linn County in 1847 by J.M. Settle. Applicant is Ralph Mitchell.

The farm was a part of early Oregon pioneer, 'Uncle Jack' Settle's 640 acre Donation Land claim. Suttle Lake in central Oregon is named after Mr. Settle, even though his name was misspelled for the lake's name. His farm was located two miles north of Lebanon. The farm's early

crops and livestock included sheep and other livestock, plus grain and row crops. The row crops and grain were hand harvested at the time. Now the 95 acre farm focuses on machine harvested row crops of squash, beans, corn and wheat. Additional crops include peas, grass seed and sugar beet seed. The original barn and family home are still in use today.