

CFR 0515

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Alderman

CENTURY FARM REGISTRATION

OREGON STATE FAIR -- SEPTEMBER 8, 1959

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- 1. Name: Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Alderman
- 2. Postoffice Address: Rt. 2 Bx 197 Dayton
- 3. County in which your farm is located: Yamhill
- 4. How old is your farm? 113. How old are you? 86.
- 5. Who founded your Century Farm? Albert L. Alderman
- 6. How many miles did you travel to come today? 22
- 7. Did you receive a Century Farm award at last year's State Fair? no
- 8. Do you have Century Farm land on both husband and wife sides of the family?  
no
- 9. How many generations of your family live on the farm today? 1
- 10. How many exhibits do you have at the 1959 Oregon State Fair? none

What are they? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 11. How many years have you belonged to the Oregon Historical Society or your county Historical Society? no

INFORMATION  
on  
ALDERMAN FARMS

U. S. Alderman is the grandson of Albert L. Alderman who came to Oregon in 1846.

U. S. Alderman's grandfather was a pioneer in the processing business. He dried apples as early as 1880's and sold the product to the Merchant Marines.

Alderman farms freezing plant was built during World War II.

Before that time Mr. Alderman shipped fresh sweet corn to San Francisco and Los Angeles and grew potatoes for the chipping industry.

Strawberries and blue lake beans were added to the farm after the processing plant was built.

Crops this year, 1959, consist of: 500 acres blue lake beans, or 1% of the entire production in the United States. 200 acres of strawberries, 1000 acres of potatoes, 1200 acres sweet corn, and 250 acres grain.

During peak harvest days 2800 people, men, women, and children will be employed.

This corporation has a payroll in excess of \$1,000,000.00 a year.

This farm and others in the county like it contribute to the social well being of the area.

Instead of building extensive playground areas and furnishing same with staff to supervise, these boys and girls are learning about farm life.

Delinquency is at a minimum during the summer in this county.

These boys and girls also earn for clothing, music lessons, and spending money for winter months.

Acreages of hand harvested crops in Yamhill County are:

Peaches	300 A.
Prunes	3500 A.
Cherries	1160 A.
Sour Cherries	140 A.
Filberts	3000 A.
Walnuts	5500 A.
Strawberries	1200 A.
Blackcaps	450 A.
Blackberries	250 A.
Miscellaneous berries	110 A.
(Goose, blue & red rasp)	
Beans	1250 A.

## Facts About L. R. Alderman Farm

Settled 1846 by Albert L. Alderman father of L. R. Alderman.

First crop was oats grown in the field by the house.

Other grain (wheat) was grown and shipped out by boat in later years.

First grain was gathered with a cradle and bundles bound with grain straw.

As a boy L. R. Alderman drove team and slip to clean out the mouth of the Yamhill River to aid boats coming into the Yamhill.

Apples and pears were early fruits on the farm. Apples were dried and sold to the merchant merine. There were 40 acres of apples at one time. The farm has been a dairy farm during the past 30 years.

Robert Niehus operator of the farm has 42 cows and 25 heifers.

Started working for Mr. Alderman 1948. Production of Dairy the first year was 330# Butter fat per cow.

1958 production per cow average.

470# Butter fat and 13,700# milk.

One of the top herds under DHIA in State of Oregon.

There are 122 acres in the farm.

Bob sells some wheat and crimson clover and buys a high quality hay which comes from a dryer climate.

There was 300 ton of grass silage put up this year.

Fifty ton of corn silage put up this fall.

Moves pasture fence twice a day which is considered the best in pasture management.

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Existed 113 Years

# Lewis Alderman Acreage Rated Top Century Farm

SALEM (Special)—The wood-  
ed, green 113-year-old farm own-  
ed by Lewis R. Alderman at Day-  
ton Junction this week was offi-  
cially recognized by the State  
Historical society and Depart-

ment of Agriculture as the oldest  
of Oregon's 394 Century Farms.

The state announcement said  
that 44 more Century Farms  
have been added to the list.

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QUIET SCENE—Lewis R. Alderman's farm near Dayton Junction this week was rated as oldest of all Oregon's Century Farms. The property has been in the family 113 years (News-Register Pk 13133)

Yamhill Co.

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