

CFR 0712

Mr. John A. Weimar

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

Deadline for filing application - May 1, 1990

(please type or print)

telephone: Redacted for Privacy

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss) Mr. John A. Weimar

Your Address Redacted for Privacy
street, route or box city ZIP code

Location of farm Redacted for Privacy

To qualify as a Century Farm, a farm must have no fewer than 10 acres with a gross income from farm use of not less than \$500 per year for three out of the five years immediately preceding application for Century Farm honors.
Does your farm meet this qualification? yes

Name of family member who was founder or original owner of farm: John Weimar

Founder gained ownership of farm in (year) 1886
(ATTACH VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION, see rule 9).

Founder came to Oregon from California

Who farms the land today? John A. Weimar and Michael W. Weimar

Relationship to original owner grandson and great grandson

Are any of the original buildings still in use? no
If yes, which ones? _____

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm one hundred years ago, please list: wheat and hogs

What do you raise on the farm today? Wheat, barley and cattle

How many generations live on the farm today? three

Please list names: John and Margie; Michael and Holly, Spencer and Ashlee

Do you declare that the statements made above are accurate and correct to the best of your knowledge? yes

John A. Weimar
(signature of owner)

Please return forms to:

Century Farm Program
Oregon Historical Society
1230 S. W. Park Avenue
Portland, OR 97205

John Weimar

STATEMENT FORM

I, John A. Weimar, hereby affirm
(print name)

and declare that the farm which I own at Redacted for Privacy
(full address)

Arlington, Oregon 97812, in Gilliam County,

shall have been owned by my family as specified in Rule 2 of the
RULES FOR 1990 CENTURY FARM PROGRAM for at least one hundred years by
no later than December 31, 1990.

John A. Weimar
Signature

----- Acknowledgement (for use of Notary Public) -----

STATE OF OREGON

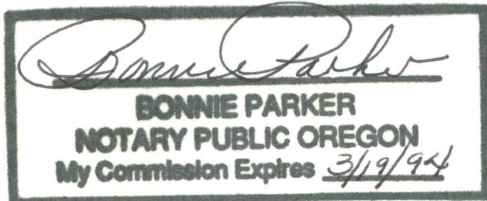
County of Gilliam

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 22nd day of May,
19 90, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for
said County and State, personally appeared the within named

John A. Weimar

known to me to be the identical individual described in and who
executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he
executed the same freely and voluntarily.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my official
seal the day and year last above written.



Bonnie Parker
Notary Public for Oregon
Commission Expires 3/19/94

JOHN A. WEIMAR

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WHEAT AND CATTLE — Holly and Mike Weimar, of Condon, Ore., check some of the yearlings and cows they raise to utilize straw and roughage from their grain operations. (Photo by Jerry George)

Former Gilliam wheat chief farms century-old operation

By JERRY GEORGE

For the Capital Press

CONDON Ore. — Mike Weimar, past chairman of the Gilliam County Wheat Growers League, comes from a family that has farmed in Gilliam County for more than 100 years.

The Weimars have about 2,500 acres that are in a wheat/fallow rotation and another 2,500 acres in range land that is too steep or rocky to cultivate. Much of that range is interspersed within the cultivated acreage.

"We hope to be designated as a Century Farm when the Oregon Historical Society (OHS) makes their designation in 1990," said Weimar's wife, Holly. "The designation is made by the OHS once every five years and we missed the last designation by one year."

"As a lot of ranchers in this area and my predecessors, I run a small cattle herd to utilize the range and the wheat straw," said Mike. The Weimars run 90 cows that are put back on the range as soon as all the calves have dropped.

"I usually carry the cattle through to yearlings before I dispose of them. I keep the heifers from the better-producing cows for replacements. The cattle operation

is secondary to my wheat operation.

"We are one of the shippers that use the Condon-Arlington branch line of the Union Pacific Railroad. They want to close the line from Olex to Condon. That is about 21 miles of line. This would mean that Condon Grain Growers and we would have to ship all our wheat out by truck over Oregon Route 19.

"If you have traveled Route 19 north out of Olex, you can imagine how irritating it would be to follow a loaded truck for 10 to 15 miles before you could pass. There aren't any passing areas, so the state taxpayers would probably be obligated to build a wider road in due time."

In addition to his farm responsibilities, Weimar has been chairman of the Gilliam County Wheat Growers League and remains an active member.

"We haven't developed a really consistently strong county program in the past. Generally we follow the Oregon Wheat Growers League's annual programs. We haven't met on a regular basis, maybe twice a year — our annual meeting and a summer tour.

"If it became really urgent, we would have a special meeting. An ex-

ample would be if the Russian wheat aphid were to show up in someone's field. We would want to be prepared to control any epidemic that could start. We are keeping a close eye on what is occurring and being done to forestall or control the epidemic that appears to be developing in Umatilla and eastern Morrow counties.

"Our biggest problem has been the lack of moisture. We had to seed most of our winter wheat into dry soil," Weimar said in an interview earlier this year. "There was moisture in the fields that had been summer-fallowed, but it was down about 8 inches. We needed about an inch and a half of moisture to make a good contact."

"The fall rains were slow in coming and a lot of the wheat came along spotty, or was two to three weeks later than it would have been under normal moisture conditions. The two fields I toured in February only had one or two leaves. There should have been three or four leaves by then."

He added that the region had about average snowfall, but very little of it went into the soil. "When we got our thaw, we had quite a runoff and lost a lot of water."