OREGON CENTURY FARM & RANCH PROGRAM 2018 Applicant Approval Checklist

| Name of applicant John Beitel |
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| Name of Farm or Ranch Beitel Farm County Marion |
| Notarized yes no Posted by May 1 yes no \$250 Application yes no |
| Other fees (additional certificates, @ \$20 ea.), amount \$ Total fees pd. \$ |
| 1. Applicant is legal owneryes no other |
| 2. 100 years of continuous operation by same family ves no |
| Comments |
| 3. Not less than \$1,000 gross income per year for three out of last five yearsno |
| Comments |
| 4. Living on or actively managing and directing the farming or ranching activity on the landyesno |
| Comments |
| 5. Line of ownership from original settler or buyer through children, siblings, nephews or nieces. Adopted children will be recognized equally with other descendants |
| 6. Official form used with all questions answered completely, including narrativeno |
| Comments |
| 7. Documentation showing the date of earliest ownership (Donation Land Claim, Deed of Sale, Homestead Certificate, Family Bible, diary entry, or correspondence) yes no |
| Comments <u>Deed</u> |
| Photos included with applicationyesno Sent digital photosyesno 5/31/18 |
| Additional information needed from applicant |
| Dig. photos; org. App w/ C office 5/30 |
| Concerns or questions |
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| Application Approval/Reviewer Notes Identification of Family Stories for Narratives: |
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| Reviewer #1: Initials LC |
| Notes: Application contains original deal but not much other bocumentation. Donative is lacking in specific dates on several key points of transition. Does this meet minimum do cumultation standards? |
| Reviewer #2: Initials: PA |
| Notes: Good awestion on the Succession dates. Since ownership records aren't required beyond the unitial ownership date (deal other records) how vigorous do we approach the many intervent years if the family doesn't indicate non-family ownership? |
| Reviewer #3: Initials: |
| Notes: Maybe include family tree (Lots of Johns). |
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| Reviewer #4: Initials: |
| Notes: |
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| Reviewer #5: Initials: |
| Notes: |
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Provide at meeting:

- Blank copies of applications
- Copies of drafted narratives sent on hand
- Print digital pictures for review if only send digital
- Model "Timeline" added to application materials for applicants * This was not done, will do in 2016

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| Type of designation (please check) |
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| Legal owner / Applicant name The Beitel Family Limited Partership |
| Farm or Ranch Name (this is the name used in all publicity & marketing) The Beitel Farm |
| Mailing address of Legal Owner / Applicant Redacted For Privacy |
| Redacted For Privacy Telephone E-mail address Redacted For Privacy |
| Contact name (if different than legal owner) John J Beitel |
| Mailing address of contact Redacted For Privacy |
| Contact telephonesame E-mail address |
| Location of farm or ranch (which is the subject of this application): County |
| Distance1 1/2 Miles E from nearest town Sublimity |
| Township _8S Range1WSection36 |
| Address or physical location of the farm or ranch (which is subject of this application) |
| Redacted For Privacy |
| Stayton, OR 97383 |

| GPS (Global Positioning System) Coordinates, if knownRedacted For Privacy | acted For Privacy |
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| Please attach a map or drawing showing the location of the eligible family farm or ranch. | |
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| Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program Application | on - Continued |
| Founder(s): | |
| Original family owner(s) or founder(s)Alois & Ceclia Beit | el |
| Date (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s)1915 (Attach verifying documentation. See Application Qualification # | |
| Who farms or ranches the land today? Beitel Family Farms LLC, along with their son John R Beitel. John J is the Grandson of Alo | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| Relationship of applicant to original owner. Clearly explain linea current applicant. (See Application Qualification #7) Was farmed till 1974, then by John J, Grandson of Alois. In 2017, Beitel Fam to the next generation. Beitel Family Farms includes John J Beite Alois Beitel's great grandson. | by Alois' sons, John A, Tony, and Florence ily Farms was formed to start the transition |
| How many acres were included in original farm or ranch? | 160 |
| How many acres are included today in the farm or ranch? | 160 |
| How many acres are in agricultural use today? | _160 |
| If the farm or ranch has ever been rented or leased, please explain example, is the owner actively involved in the management of the | the owner's role in this relationship. For land? |

At some point as Alois transferred the management to the sons, John A, Tony and Florence formed Beitel Brothers partnership that became the farming entity. It was disbanded in the 70's when the brothers retired.

Land was leased by John J from his father John A in 1974. Then in 1998 it was leased from Beitel Family Ltd Partnership by John J. Partnership is owned by the John J Beitel Family which includes his wife Debbie and their sons, John R and Michael and his sister, Elizabeth DeAngelis and her husband Jack. Today it is leased from the Beitel Family Ltd Partnership by Beitel Family Farms, LLC. Since John J and John R are both owners of both entities, the owners are actively involved in management of the land. John sister, Elizabeth and her husband are also involved in the Beitel FLP.

History of crops or livestock raised on farm or ranch:

What were the early crops or livestock? Originally, crops were cows, sheep, pigs, goats, and chickens. Grain, hay and dry land corn silage, was raised, mostly to feed the livestock.

How did the crops / livestock / use of farm or ranch change over the years?

A Filbert(yes Filberts in those days) orchard was planted sometime in the 30's It had been abandoned by the 50's and was grubbed in the early 80's

The cows and pigs were gone by the end of the 1950's. The sheep and chickens were gone by the end of the 1970's Bentgrass was first harvested in the 1950's. The first Chewings fescue was first harvested in the 1970's

Crops today include Chewings Fescue, Perenial Ryegrass, Wheat and timber.

What are crops / livestock raised on the farm or ranch today?

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History of buildings:

Are any of the original buildings still in use? Yes No

When was the first house built? If it is still in use, describe the changes that have been made. The house the family lived in originally was built around 1900. It was damaged by fire in 1985 and was replaced by the current home in 1986 which was built by Clem Beitel, son of Gus Beitel. In 1996, an 800 foot addition was added to the current home. The barn was built in 1936 by Lulay Bros and is still used for storage. I assume that the old barn that it replaced was torn down at some point after that because it was gone when I was young. A large, modern shop-machine shed was built in 1987 by Guy Barth. There are still several chicken houses left but I don't know when they were built. A spring house that covers the original water source still stands over the spring. A number of old buildings were damaged by the Columbus Day Storm in 1962, including a building that may have been built by the original Land Claim settlers. At the time, it was used for grain and grass storage. A smoke house was recently moved and re-purposed to be used as a small chemical storage shed, not sure when it was built. The big tool shed is also very old, used to have tubs under a roof on the back where hogs were scalded after they were slaughtered.

What years were other structures built (examples: barns, silos, machine shops, coops, smokehouses, dryers, etc.). Describe the changes that have been made to them, including any demolition. See above.

The family:

How many generations live on the farm or ranch today?

List names and birth years:

John J Beitel (grandson of Alois, son of John A) lives on the farm with his family. He was born in 1952.

John R (son of John J) was born in 1992 and still lives on the farm.

The family history narrative:

Submit two or three pages of family history narrative, including, but not limited to generational transfers of the farm or ranch. Please also submit historical & current photos of the property & family, if available. Digital format photos (at highest resolution [300 dpi]) are particularly desirable,

so that they may be used in publications, the program's database or the web site. Submitted information, including photos, will be deposited in the OSU Libraries – Special Collections & Archives Research Center for future reference. Please send digital photos included with your application to cfr@oregonfb.org by May 1.

Type of information to include in your family history narrative:

- Where founder(s) may have moved from to farm or ranch
- Significant events in the family (births, deaths, marriages, etc.)
- Any major changes to operations (methods of production, etc.)
- · Additional information on crops, buildings, other changes from the original farm or ranch

The original owners of the Beitel Farm were Alois and Cecilia Beitel. They were both born in Austria in small towns near each other in the foothills of the Alps. The area is part of the Czech Republic today.

When he was 10 years old, Alois immigrated to the US with his parents and they settled near Humphrey Nebraska in 1879. Alois married Theresa Albracht in 1897 and they had one child, Marie Lulay. Theresa passed away in 1899. Cecilia immigrated to the US in 1901 and married Alois in 1905. They had John A, and Angela in Nebraska, Tony was born in Salem, OR. Florence was born in Nebraska. In Sublimity, they had Agnes, Gertrude, Rose, and Betty Silbernagel. Angela, Gertrude and Rose died in childhood.

In 1909, Alois moved to a farm in south Salem. For some unknown reason, they then moved back to Nebraska. One rumor had it that Cecilia said that the cows never got fat here like they did in the old country (Austria). Then in 1915, they returned to Oregon and settled on the farm near Sublimity that is the subject of this story.

Alois was always looking for a better place to farm. At one point, he bought 40 acres in the Indian River country of Florida. He never went to see the place. A friend checked on the place when he was in Florida and told him that someone had logged all the pine timber off (stole it) so he let it go for taxes. Another time it was rumored that he was considering moving to the Salinas Valley in California. I think he wanted to raise vegetables so his whole farm would be like his garden.

Speaking of gardens, Alois loved his garden. He had a garden that covered almost a half acre and fed his family and had extra. That love has been passed down. John A always liked to garden. In the summer you could usually find him hoeing weeds out in the garden. The garden shrank to about half its original size when it became impossible to grow a good potato because of various soil borne issues. John J continues growing a garden to this day. It produces vegetables during the summer months for a large extended family. The garden plot is sub irrigated so it requires far less irrigation than most soil in the area.

Since all of the siblings of Alois Beitel and all the neighbors that might have known much about early farm life on the Beitel farm are deceased, I am writing this from what I remember hearing during my younger years.

The farm was a typical farm from the early 1900's with cows, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens and maybe ducks being raised. Horses provided the horsepower to farm the land, producing food in the form of oats, hay, dry land corn silage and a little wheat to feed the animals. They also sold some wood from

the woodlot. At times, they sold sword fern out of the woodlot and peeled Chittum bark, also known as Cascara bark.

Alois Beitel bought three more properties sometime in the years after he bought the original homestead. They were a 240 acre place and a 160 acre place on Fern Ridge road, and an 80 acre place adjacent to the home place. Interestingly, each place has a portion that is fir timber. Alois wanted his farm to include timberland. Apparently, where he came from in Austria, farms were intermingled with rorest land. By having forest land on his property, it reminded him of where he was born. Happily, all the land is still owned by decendents of Alois Beitel. Beitel Family Farms still farms all of those properties except the one Ed Beitel farms.

At some point, probably in the thirties, a walnut and filbert orchard of about 10 acres was planted. I did see records that showed my Dad paying kids to pick up nuts during the war years but by the 50's, it had been abandoned during the first collapse of the filbert industry. Most of the walnuts had died but the filbert orchard was grubbed in the 80's.

I have no idea when they started it but John, Tony and Florence formed Beitel Brothers partnership that became the farming entity until John J took over in the 70's and the brothers retired. to this day, J still get occasional mail addressed to Beitel Bros.

The Beitel's first tractor was a Cat 15 that they bought sometime before the war. Their second tractor was an AC model B that was purchased using a military coupon after the war was over. They never owned a threshing machine. I think that the Van Handel's did their threshing for them. Their first combine was a Woods that was pulled with the Cat 15. They then Bought an A6 or 75 Case combine during the post war years. By 1954, with good post war prices for Bentgrass, they bought their first self propelled combine, a 90 Massey Harris for \$5400.

After the war, the rebuilding effort in Europe required a lot of grass seed creating a very good market for grass seed. The farm began producing Bentgrass seed which had been a terrible weed in grain production. That continued till 1962, when the Columbus Day windstorm blew down several million feet of timber on the properties that the brothers owned. At that point, they gave up the bentgrass business, except for 20 acres because another invasive grass, creeping velvetgrass, was choking out the Bentgrass. With no high horsepower equipment and no time to fallow the fields, the brothers, John, Tony, and Florence spent most of the next several years logging to salvage the Columbus Day storm blowdown. In the meantime, they turned all of the fields into sheep pasture as the velvetgrass did make good sheep pasture. During that time, they had over 300 ewes on the land that they were farming along with a few Angora goats. The sheep were fed Eastern Oregon alfalfa hay during the winters. By the early '70s coyotes had a devastating effect on the sheep. In one of the last big sheep years, one flock of 120 ewes only had 50 marketable lambs when the coyotes were finished getting their share. Timber still makes a portion of the farm income to this day as the original woodland still is growing wood for today and tomorrow.

During High School, John J rented and summer fallowed 30 acres with an R2 cat that he borrowed from the Beitel Brothers and planted it to Highland Bentgrass. The production from those 30 acres along with another job helped John J make it through college with only a tiny school loan. In 1974, upon graduation from OSU with a degree in Ag Ecomomics, John J Beitel, grandson of Alois and son of John A, rented the land owned by John, Tony and Florence and started farming on his own. He had a lot of help from the three retired brothers for the first few years which helped him get a foothold in the business. I (John J) am also the author of this article.

The fields in the beginning were in poor condition, infested with weeds and with very low fertility. With a lot of hard work, lime, chemical weed control and modern equipment the fields became productive again. The primary crop since then has been Chewings fescue which is ideally suited to the area. Bentgrass was the secondary crop until the mid-nineties when poor prices made it unprofitable and it was dropped from the cropping program. Around 1980, perennial ryegrass became the secondary crop, being used as a rotation between fescue crops. Occasionally, wheat or oats was also rotated in.

Open field burning has been a valuable tool on the farm since the 50's. Today, only Chewings fescue can be burned anymore but it is more important than ever to keep problem weeds at bay. Because much of the soil is shallow and it is all sloped, it is very valuable to keep from having erosion problems by helping to extend the stand life of perennial crops. As an aid to the loss of some field burning, the farm had been experimenting with using peas and turnips as potential rotation crops to help break up weed cycles. No till planting and minimum tillage are also being used to help prevent soil loss.

The farm has grown from the 160 acres originally with 80 crop acres to 579 field crop acres today, all of it leased. The leased ground includes all of the land that Alois Beitel owned in the area except the land that Gus Beitel inherited. It is being farmed by Ed Beitel, Gus's son.

To the best of my knowledge, Alois Beitel gifted each of his sons 160 acres in the Stayton area in the 1950's with John A getting the original homestead, the property we are concerned with today. Those properties are all still owned by heirs of Alois Beitel to this day. As an interesting sidelight, each of the three daughters, Marie Lulay, Sr Agnes Beitel, and Betty Silbernagel each received 80 acres of land that was in Nebraska. At that time this was all done with little concern about tax consequences. Since that time, much of the planning for succession process involves making sure that taxes don't create such a burden that the following generation can not afford to keep the land.

In 1995, John A formed The Beitel Family Limited Partnership to make sure that the farm was not lost to estate taxes and went to his children. It is still the holder of record of the land today. It is owned by John J, his wife Debbie and their sons John R and Michael along with John A's daughter Elizabeth and her husband Jack DeAngelis.

Both of John J's sons grew up working on the farm for their Dad. With the money they earned working on the farm, along with some that their grandpa, John A, gave them before he passed away, both boys were able to pay for their college education. Michael is now working for a bank in Lake Oswego but still returns to the farm regularly to check on things and lend a hand when it is needed.

In 2017, John J formed an LLC with his wife Debbie, and their son, John R to start a transition to the next generation. John R graduated from OSU in 2015 with a degree in crop science. He has had farming in his blood his whole life, since he rode the tractor with his Dad when he was an infant. He began running combine when he was 11 years old and has worked full time on the farm since 2015.

Most of the oldest buildings are gone now. Several of the buildings blew down in the Columbus Day storm, including one of the pioneer houses that was never occupied by the Beitel Family. It was used as a grainery until the Columbus Day storm. Others were torn down as they deteriorated or became unneeded. The original tool shed still stands even though it is only used for storage today. The original spring house still covers the spring which still provides drinking water in the event of power failure. The large dairy barn that was built by Lulay brothers in 1936 still stands today. It was one of the few old gambrel roof style barns that withstood the Columbus Day storm almost intact. The wind

cracked two beams in the south wall but they never caved in. It also blew out all four hay loft windows. Since then, the south wall has been reinforced and a new metal roof covers the old hand split fir shake roof that lasted 60 years. It was also painted red in 1997. Originally a silo was built with the barn. It was filled with corn silage but the day after it was filled the water in the spring turned white with corn juice. The shallow spring was being contaminated from the silo. From what I heard, it was never filled again. The original Beitel farmhouse burned down in 1985 and was replaced with a ranch style home in 1986. A modern shop/equipment storage building was built in 1987. In 1996, an 800 foot addition was put on the house when John J and his family moved to the farm.

The Beitel's tend to lead long lives. Alois died in 1957 at age 88. Gus died in 1992 at age 81. John died in 1998 at age 92, Florence died in 2010 at age 95. Tony died in 2013 at age 103.



R to L. John A, Tony, Gus, and Florence (F.B.) Beitel



Alois & Cecilia Beitel



Alois Beitel by old garages



New Barn in 1936 with silo



Farm Picture from '20s



Cecilia Beitel feeding bumber lambs. You can see a work horse in the background



Florence (F.B.) Beitel working on a threshing crew



John A Beitel and wife Hilda(Krantz) 1951

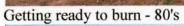


FB Beitel combining oats -1975



John J Beitel Swathing fescue -1987



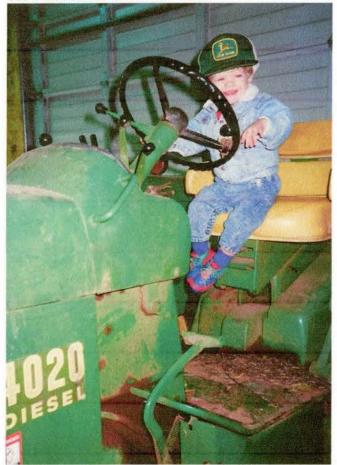




Putting a new roof on the barn



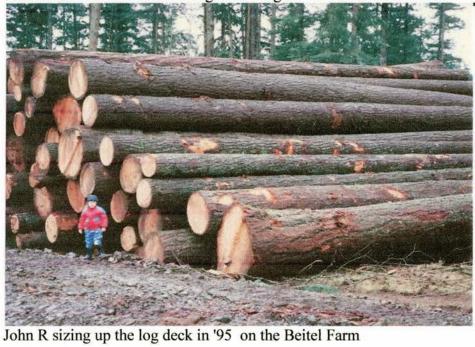
Old Farm house after fire - 1985



John R learning to drive tractor at 2 '93



John A and F.B. Beitel checking on the log sale '94 on the Beitel Farm





Chewings fescue harvest in 2009



New Well 313 Feet to good water in 2004



Current farmhouse - Winter 2013



Wheat Harvest 2010

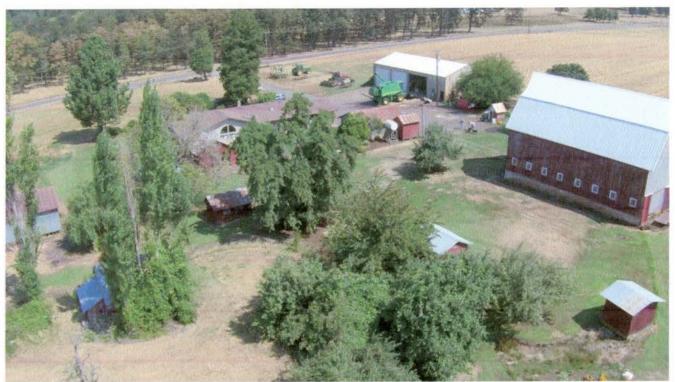


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Open Field Burn 2014



Aerial photo of farm 2004



Drone photo of Barn yard 2015



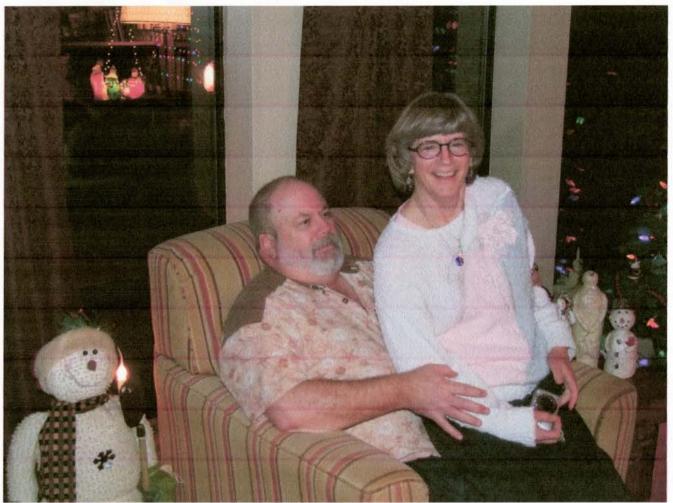
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New Combine in 2013 R to L John J, John R & Michael



Harvest 2012 John J & Debbie



Elizabeth DeAngelis (John A's daughter) and husband Jack



Perennial Ryegrass harvest 2011 on the Beitel Farm
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| Statement of Affirmation I, John J Beitel | |
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| hereby affirm and declare that the farm or ranch v | which I own atRedacted For Privacy |
| IN the State of Oregon, in the County of Marion | of |
| has been owned by my family for at least 100 cor | atinuous years, as specified in the qualifications for the |
| Century Farm & Ranch Program, on or before De | cember 31 of the current calendar year. Further, I hereby |
| affirm that this property meets all other requireme | ents for Century Farm or Ranch honors, including that the |
| farm or ranch has a gross income from farming or | ranching activities of not less than \$1,000 per year for three |
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| and photographs. | |
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| In Testimony Whereof, I have set my hand and af | my official seal the day and year last above written. |
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| Fees Application Fee (includes one certificate & | For office use only |
| roadside sign, Note \$50 of this fee is nonrefundable) \$ 250.00 | Date Received |
| Additional Certificates (\$20 each) \$ | Approved? □ Yes □ No |
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| Be it remembered, that on thisday of undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said cour , known to executed the within instrument and acknowledge the same freely and voluntarily. | nty and state, personally appeared the within named to me to be the identical individual described in and who |
| In Testimony Whereof, I have set my hand and a | ffixed my official seal the day and year last above written. |
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| Total Enclosed | \$ | Authorization |
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| Make chec | ks payable to: Oregon | Agricultural Education Foundation or OAEF |

THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH, That H. Barkmeyer and Hary Barkmeyer his wife,

for the consideration of the sum of Eight Thousaward Bight Hundred 88500 bergain, have bargained and sold and by those presents as bargain, sell and convey unto Alpis Beitel. the following described pressures to-wit;

DOLLARS.

Beginning at a point 29.13 chains gost of the North West corner of the Dougton Land Claim of Comper Hudolph and wife, in Township 8 and 9 south Range 1 West of the Millamette Leridian, Barion County State of Oregon; Thence South 27.55 chains to a point 27.40 chains north of the South line of the Rudolph Claim; Thence bouth 89° 99' East 29.10 v to the east line of the West hulf of said Claim, Themse North 0° 15' West 27.59 chains to the North East corner of the West half of said Claim; Thence East

29.00 U.S.Rev. Stamps cancelled 3/1/15 H.B. & M.B.

28.99 chains to the place of beginning, containing 80 acres of land.

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Albin Beitel him beirs and assigns that he / the owner is fee simple of said premises; that they are free from all incumbrances and that he will warrant and defend the same from all lawful claims whatsnever

N WITNESS WHEREOF. We have hereunto pet our hands and seals this lat day of 1 arch 1915. Done is the presence of

Grant Corby

H. Burkmeyer

Hary Barkmeyer

J. N. Ledgerwood

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State of Oregon, County of Marion

on the first day of March 1915

personally came before me, a Notary Public

in and for and County and State, the within named H. Barkmeyer and Kary Barkmeyer,

he wife, to me personally known to be the element person to described in and who executed the within instrument, and who each personally acknowledged. or me that they executed the name freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein named and without fear or companion from any one.
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Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program

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Application Guidelines



Background

The Century Farm & Ranch Program is a nonprofit, volunteer-led program to honor farm and ranch families with century-long connections to the land and recognize Oregon's rich agricultural heritage. The program is administered through the Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation and partially funded through a partnership with the Oregon Farm Bureau, the Oregon Department of Agriculture, the State Historic Preservation Office, Oregon State University and community members throughout Oregon.

All applications are added to the OSU Libraries' Special Collections & Archives Research Center. They provide valuable information about settlement patterns, livestock and crop choices, building design and family history. Successful applicants receive a distinctive certificate, with acknowledgement by the governor of Oregon and the director of the Oregon Department of Agriculture at a special awards ceremony at the Oregon State Fair. A metal roadside sign identifying the historical Century Farm or Century Ranch is also available.

Qualifications

- 1. Only the legal owner(s) of the property may apply for the Century Farm or Century Ranch status.
- 2. The farm or ranch must have been operated continuously in the same family for 100 years or more. A farm or ranch settled any time 100 years ago or earlier will be eligible if it meets other requirements.
- 3. The farm or ranch must have a gross income from farming or ranching activities of not less than \$1,000 per year for three out of the five years immediately preceding the application.
- 4. Applicants must live on the farm or ranch, or if living off the farm or ranch, must actively manage and direct the farming or ranching activity on the land. If the farm or ranch has ever been rented or leased, it may not qualify. Contact 503-400-7884 or cfr@oregonfb.org if you have any questions about eligibility.
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- 7. All applications must include verification of continuous ownership for 100 years. Acceptable forms of proof include a document (either original or photocopy) showing date of earliest ownership. This may be provided through a Donation Land Claim, Deed of Sale, or Homestead Certificate. Other records, subject to review, include a family Bible, diary entry, or correspondence.
- 8. Applications must be signed and certified by a Notary Public.

9. Deadline for returning applications is May 1 of the current year and must be postmarked by midnight.

Researching Farm and Ranch History

The Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program website has tips on gathering information about farm and ranch history. The website is located at www.oregonfb.org/centuryfarm.

Completing the Application

This application is a Word document. You can fill information in as you answer the questions. You may notice the page adjusting as you enter text. That is OK. You can also submit a completed photocopy of this form.

Fees

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Where to Send Completed Application Packets

Send the completed application (including the family history narrative, map and digital photos), Statement of Affirmation, your documentation, and sign and certificate form, with fee payment, to:

Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program
Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation
3415 Commercial Street SE
Salem, OR 97302

We recommend that you make a copy of your completed application before mailing. It makes a wonderful single source of farm information for years to come.

Review Process and Notification

All applications are checked for completeness by the program coordinator and reviewed by the Program Board. All applicants will be notified about their status by July 1.

Honoring Ceremony

Successful applicants, their families and neighbors are invited to a special ceremony at the Oregon State Fair to receive the certificate. The certificate has the name of the farm or ranch and is suitable for framing.

Still Have Questions About the Program?

Contact Andréa Kuenzi, Program Coordinator, at 503-400-7884 or cfr@oregonfb.org

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| Type of designation (please check) Century Farm Century Farm |
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| Legal owner / Applicant nameThe Beitel Family Limited Partership |
| Farm or Ranch Name (this is the name used in all publicity & marketing) The Beitel Farm |
| Mailing address of Legal Owner / Applicant Redacted For Privacy |
| Telephone Redacted For Privacy E-mail address Redacted For Privacy |
| Contact name (if different than legal owner) John J Beitel |
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Please attach a map or drawing showing the location of the eligible property within the context of the family farm or ranch.

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| Date (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s)1915 (Attach verifying documentation. See Application Qualification #7 | 6 No. |
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| How many acres were included in original farm or ranch? | 160 |
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| How many acres are in agricultural use today? | _160 |
| If the farm or ranch has ever been rented or leased, please explain example, is the owner actively involved in the management of the | - A |
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At some point as Alois transferred the management to the sons, John A, Tony and Florence formed Beitel Brothers partnership that became the farming entity. It was disbanded in the 70's when the brothers retired.

Land was leased by John J from his father John A in 1974. Then in 1998 it was leased from Beitel Family Ltd Partnership by John J. Partnership is owned by the John J Beitel Family which includes his wife Debbie and their sons, John R and Michael and his sister, Elizabeth DeAngelis and her husband Jack. Today it is leased from the Beitel Family Ltd Partnership by Beitel Family Farms, LLC. Since John J and John R are both owners of both entities, the owners are actively involved in management of the land. John sister, Elizabeth and her husband are also involved in the Beitel FLP.

History of crops or livestock raised on farm or ranch:

What were the early crops or livestock? Originally, crops were cows, sheep, pigs, goats, and chickens. Grain, hay and dry land corn silage, was raised, mostly to feed the livestock.

How did the crops / livestock / use of farm or ranch change over the years?

A Filbert(yes Filberts in those days) orchard was planted sometime in the 30's It had been abandoned by the 50's and was grubbed in the early 80's

The cows and pigs were gone by the end of the 1950's. The sheep and chickens were gone by the end of the 1970's Bentgrass was first harvested in the 1950's. The first Chewings fescue was first harvested in the 1970's

Crops today include Chewings Fescue, Perenial Ryegrass, Wheat and timber.

What are crops / livestock raised on the farm or ranch today?

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History of buildings:

Are any of the original buildings still in use? Yes No

When was the first house built? If it is still in use, describe the changes that have been made. The house the family lived in originally was built around 1900. It was damaged by fire in 1985 and was replaced by the current home in 1986 which was built by Clem Beitel, son of Gus Beitel. In 1996, an 800 foot addition was added to the current home. The barn was built in 1936 by Lulay Bros and is still used for storage. I assume that the old barn that it replaced was torn down at some point after that because it was gone when I was young. A large, modern shop-machine shed was built in 1987 by Guy Barth. There are still several chicken houses left but I don't know when they were built. A spring house that covers the original water source still stands over the spring. A number of old buildings were damaged by the Columbus Day Storm in 1962, including a building that may have been built by the original Land Claim settlers. At the time, it was used for grain and grass storage. A smoke house was recently moved and re-purposed to be used as a small chemical storage shed, not sure when it was built. The big tool shed is also very old, used to have tubs under a roof on the back where hogs were scalded after they were slaughtered.

What years were other structures built (examples: barns, silos, machine shops, coops, smokehouses, dryers, etc.). Describe the changes that have been made to them, including any demolition. See above.

The family:

How many generations live on the farm or ranch today?

List names and birth years:

John J Beitel (grandson of Alois, son of John A) lives on the farm with his family. He was born in 1952.

John R (son of John J) was born in 1992 and still lives on the farm.

The family history narrative:

Submit two or three pages of family history narrative, including, but not limited to generational transfers of the farm or ranch. Please also submit historical & current photos of the property & family, if available. Digital format photos (at highest resolution [300 dpi]) are particularly desirable.

so that they may be used in publications, the program's database or the web site. Submitted information, including photos, will be deposited in the OSU Libraries – Special Collections & Archives Research Center for future reference. Please send digital photos included with your application to cfr@oregonfb.org by **May 1**.

Type of information to include in your family history narrative:

- Where founder(s) may have moved from to farm or ranch
- Significant events in the family (births, deaths, marriages, etc.)
- Any major changes to operations (methods of production, etc.)
- Additional information on crops, buildings, other changes from the original farm or ranch

The original owners of the Beitel Farm were Alois and Cecilia Beitel. They were both born in Austria in small towns near each other in the foothills of the Alps. The area is part of the Czech Republic today.

When he was 10 years old, Alois immigrated to the US with his parents and they settled near Humphrey Nebraska in 1879. Alois married Theresa Albracht in 1897 and they had one child, Marie Lulay. Theresa passed away in 1899. Cecilia immigrated to the US in 1901 and married Alois in 1905. They had John A, and Angela in Nebraska, Tony was born in Salem, OR. Florence was born in Nebraska. In Sublimity, they had Agnes, Gertrude, Rose, and Betty Silbernagel. Angela, Gertrude and Rose died in childhood.

In 1909, Alois moved to a farm in south Salem. For some unkown reason, they then moved back to Nebraska. One rumor had it that Cecilia said that the cows never got fat here like they did in the old country (Austria). Then in 1915, they returned to Oregon and settled on the farm near Sublimity that is the subject of this story.

Alois was always looking for a better place to farm. At one point, he bought 40 acres in the Indian River country of Florida. He never went to see the place. A friend checked on the place when he was in Florida and told him that someone had logged all the pine timber off (stole it) so he let it go for taxes. Another time it was rumored that he was considering moving to the Salinas Valley in California. I think he wanted to raise vegetables so his whole farm would be like his garden.

Speaking of gardens, Alois loved his garden. He had a garden that covered almost a half acre and fed his family and had extra. That love has been passed down. John A always liked to garden. In the summer you could usually find him hoeing weeds out in the garden. The garden shrank to about half its original size when it became impossible to grow a good potato because of various soil borne issues. John J continues growing a garden to this day. It produces vegetables during the summer months for a large extended family. The garden plot is sub irrigated so it requires far less irrigation than most soil in the area.

Since all of the siblings of Alois Beitel and all the neighbors that might have known much about early farm life on the Beitel farm are deceased, I am writing this from what I remember hearing during my younger years.

The farm was a typical farm from the early 1900's with cows, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens and maybe ducks being raised. Horses provided the horsepower to farm the land, producing food in the form of oats, hay, dry land corn silage and a little wheat to feed the animals. They also sold some wood from

the woodlot. At times, they sold sword fern out of the woodlot and peeled Chittum bark, also known as Cascara bark.

Alois Beitel bought three more properties sometime in the years after he bought the original homestead. They were a 240 acre place and a 160 acre place on Fern Ridge road, and an 80 acre place adjacent to the home place. Interestingly, each place has a portion that is fir timber. Alois wanted his farm to include timberland. Apparently, where he came from in Austria, farms were intermingled with forest land. By having forest land on his property, it reminded him of where he was born. Happily, all the land is still owned by decendents of Alois Beitel. Beitel Family Farms still farms all of those properties except the one Ed Beitel farms.

At some point, probably in the thirties, a walnut and filbert orchard of about 10 acres was planted. I did see records that showed my Dad paying kids to pick up nuts during the war years but by the 50's, it had been abandoned during the first collapse of the filbert industry. Most of the walnuts had died but the filbert orchard was grubbed in the 80's.

I have no idea when they started it but John, Tony and Florence formed Beitel Brothers partnership that became the farming entity until John J took over in the 70's and the brothers retired. to this day, I still get occasional mail addressed to Beitel Bros.

The Beitel's first tractor was a Cat 15 that they bought sometime before the war. Their second tractor was an AC model B that was purchased using a military coupon after the war was over. They never owned a threshing machine. I think that the Van Handel's did their threshing for them. Their first combine was a Woods that was pulled with the Cat 15. They then Bought an A6 or 75 Case combine during the post war years. By 1954, with good post war prices for Bentgrass, they bought their first self propelled combine, a 90 Massey Harris for \$5400.

After the war, the rebuilding effort in Europe required a lot of grass seed creating a very good market for grass seed. The farm began producing Bentgrass seed which had been a terrible weed in grain production. That continued till 1962, when the Columbus Day windstorm blew down several million feet of timber on the properties that the brothers owned. At that point, they gave up the bentgrass business, except for 20 acres because another invasive grass, creeping velvetgrass, was choking out the Bentgrass. With no high horsepower equipment and no time to fallow the fields, the brothers, John, Tony, and Florence spent most of the next several years logging to salvage the Columbus Day storm blowdown. In the meantime, they turned all of the fields into sheep pasture as the velvetgrass did make good sheep pasture. During that time, they had over 300 ewes on the land that they were farming along with a few Angora goats. The sheep were fed Eastern Oregon alfalfa hay during the winters. By the early '70s coyotes had a devastating effect on the sheep. In one of the last big sheep years, one flock of 120 ewes only had 50 marketable lambs when the coyotes were finished getting their share. Timber still makes a portion of the farm income to this day as the original woodland still is growing wood for today and tomorrow.

During High School, John J rented and summer fallowed 30 acres with an R2 cat that he borrowed from the Beitel Brothers and planted it to Highland Bentgrass. The production from those 30 acres along with another job helped John J make it through college with only a tiny school loan. In 1974, upon graduation from OSU with a degree in Ag Ecomomics, John J Beitel, grandson of Alois and son of John A, rented the land owned by John, Tony and Florence and started farming on his own. He had a lot of help from the three retired brothers for the first few years which helped him get a foothold in the business. I (John J) am also the author of this article.

The fields in the beginning were in poor condition, infested with weeds and with very low fertility. With a lot of hard work, lime, chemical weed control and modern equipment the fields became productive again. The primary crop since then has been Chewings fescue which is ideally suited to the area. Bentgrass was the secondary crop until the mid-nineties when poor prices made it unprofitable and it was dropped from the cropping program. Around 1980, perennial ryegrass became the secondary crop, being used as a rotation between fescue crops. Occasionally, wheat or oats was also rotated in.

Open field burning has been a valuable tool on the farm since the 50's. Today, only Chewings fescue can be burned anymore but it is more important than ever to keep problem weeds at bay. Because much of the soil is shallow and it is all sloped, it is very valuable to keep from having erosion problems by helping to extend the stand life of perennial crops. As an aid to the loss of some field burning, the farm had been experimenting with using peas and turnips as potential rotation crops to help break up weed cycles. No till planting and minimum tillage are also being used to help prevent soil loss.

The farm has grown from the 160 acres originally with 80 crop acres to 579 field crop acres today, all of it leased. The leased ground includes all of the land that Alois Beitel owned in the area except the land that Gus Beitel inherited. It is being farmed by Ed Beitel, Gus's son.

To the best of my knowledge, Alois Beitel gifted each of his sons 160 acres in the Stayton area in the 1950's with John A getting the original homestead, the property we are concerned with today. Those properties are all still owned by heirs of Alois Beitel to this day. As an interesting sidelight, each of the three daughters, Marie Lulay, Sr Agnes Beitel, and Betty Silbernagel each received 80 acres of land that was in Nebraska. At that time this was all done with little concern about tax consequences. Since that time, much of the planning for succession process involves making sure that taxes don't create such a burden that the following generation can not afford to keep the land.

In 1995, John A formed The Beitel Family Limited Partnership to make sure that the farm was not lost to estate taxes and went to his children. It is still the holder of record of the land today. It is owned by John J, his wife Debbie and their sons John R and Michael along with John A's daughter Elizabeth and her husband Jack DeAngelis.

Both of John J's sons grew up working on the farm for their Dad. With the money they earned working on the farm, along with some that their grandpa, John A, gave them before he passed away, both boys were able to pay for their college education. Michael is now working for a bank in Lake Oswego but still returns to the farm regularly to check on things and lend a hand when it is needed.

In 2017, John J formed an LLC with his wife Debbie, and their son, John R to start a transition to the next generation. John R graduated from OSU in 2015 with a degree in crop science. He has had farming in his blood his whole life, since he rode the tractor with his Dad when he was an infant. He began running combine when he was 11 years old and has worked full time on the farm since 2015.

Most of the oldest buildings are gone now. Several of the buildings blew down in the Columbus Day storm, including one of the pioneer houses that was never occupied by the Beitel Family. It was used as a grainery until the Columbus Day storm. Others were torn down as they deteriorated or became unneeded. The original tool shed still stands even though it is only used for storage today. The original spring house still covers the spring which still provides drinking water in the event of power failure. The large dairy barn that was built by Lulay brothers in 1936 still stands today. It was one of the few old gambrel roof style barns that withstood the Columbus Day storm almost intact. The wind

cracked two beams in the south wall but they never caved in. It also blew out all four hay loft windows. Since then, the south wall has been reinforced and a new metal roof covers the old hand split fir shake roof that lasted 60 years. It was also painted red in 1997. Originally a silo was built with the barn. It was filled with corn silage but the day after it was filled the water in the spring turned white with corn juice. The shallow spring was being contaminated from the silo. From what I heard, it was never filled again. The original Beitel farmhouse burned down in 1985 and was replaced with a ranch style home in 1986. A modern shop/equipment storage building was built in 1987. In 1996, an 800 foot addition was put on the house when John J and his family moved to the farm.

The Beitel's tend to lead long lives. Alois died in 1957 at age 88. Gus died in 1992 at age 81. John died in 1998 at age 92, Florence died in 2010 at age 95. Tony died in 2013 at age 103.



R to L. John A, Tony, Gus, and Florence (F.B.) Beitel



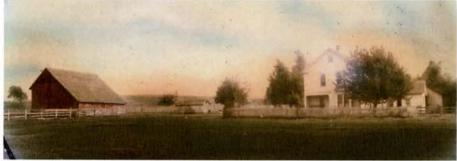
Alois & Cecilia Beitel



Alois Beitel by old garages



New Barn in 1936 with silo



Farm Picture from '20s



Cecilia Beitel feeding bumber lambs. You can see a work horse in the background



Florence (F.B.) Beitel working on a threshing crew



John A Beitel and wife Hilda(Krantz) 1951



FB Beitel combining oats -1975



John J Beitel Swathing fescue -1987



Getting ready to burn - 80's



Putting a new roof on the barn



Old Farm house after fire - 1985



John R learning to drive tractor at 2 '93



John A and F.B. Beitel checking on the log sale '94 on the Beitel Farm



John R sizing up the log deck in '95 on the Beitel Farm



Chewings fescue harvest in 2009



New Well 313 Feet to good water in 2004



Current farmhouse - Winter 2013





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Open Field Burn 2014



Aerial photo of farm 2004



Drone photo of Barn yard 2015



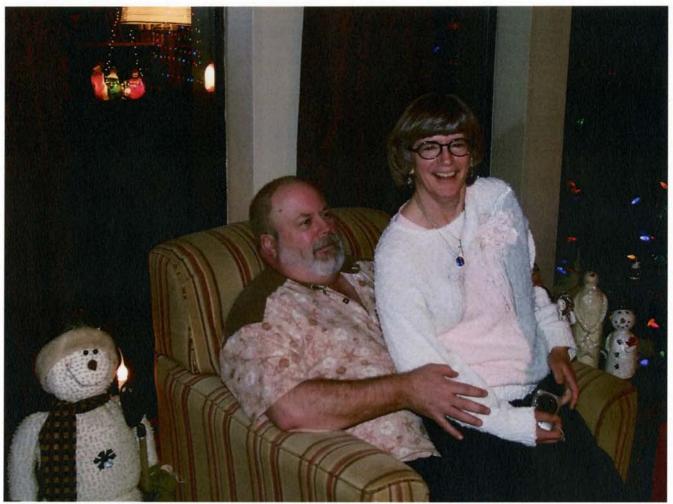
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New Combine in 2013 R to L John J, John R & Michael



Harvest 2012 John J & Debbie



Elizabeth DeAngelis (John A's daughter) and husband Jack



Perennial Ryegrass harvest 2011 on the Beitel Farm
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Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program Application

| I, John J Beitel |
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| has been owned by my family for at least 100 continuous years, as specified in the qualifications for the |
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| Be it remembered, that on this $\frac{2}{1}$ day of $\frac{A_{pr}}{1}$, $\frac{2018}{2018}$, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named $\frac{2018}{2010}$, known to me to be the identical individual described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that $\frac{1}{1}$ executed the same freely and voluntarily. |
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