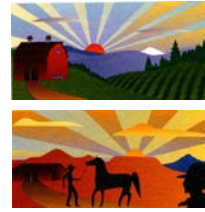


Century Farm & Ranch Program

Application Guidelines



Background

The Century Farm & Ranch Program started in 1958, on the eve of the Statehood Centennial Celebration, 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, Oregon Department of Agriculture, the Oregon Historical Society, and other contributors. All applications are added to the Oregon Historical Society (OHS) Library and provide valuable information about settlement patterns, livestock and crop choices, building design, and family history. Successful applicants receive a special certificate, with acknowledgement by the governor of Oregon and the director of the Oregon Department of Agriculture. A metal roadside sign identifying their historical Century Farm or Century Ranch is also available at the owner's expense.

Qualifications

1. Only the legal owner(s) of the property may apply for the Century Farm or Century Ranch status.
2. Your 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. You must live on the farm or ranch, or if you live off the farm or ranch, you must actively manage and direct the farming or ranching activity on the land. If the entire farm or ranch has ever been rented or leased, it may not qualify.
5. The line of ownership from the original settler or buyer may be through children, siblings, or nephews and nieces. Adopted children will be recognized equally with other descendants.
6. Applications must be submitted on official forms provided by the Century Farm and Ranch Program with all questions completed. Applicants must submit additional descriptive information on other family history details not specifically requested in the application (**two or three pages of narrative**). Copies of historical & current photographs of the farm or ranch and family are encouraged. All information, including photos, will be deposited in the OHS Library for future reference.
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 Family Bible, diary entry, or correspondence.
8. Applications must be signed and certified by a Notary Public.
9. Deadline for returning applications is **June 1** of the current year. All applications postmarked by midnight of that date will be considered.

Fees

A \$65 non-refundable fee is required with each application. This fee covers administrative costs and includes one certificate. Additional certificates may be ordered at the time of application @ \$20 each. Make checks payable to **Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation** or **OAEF**.

Where to Send Completed Application Packets

When you have completed the form and gathered the necessary documentation, please send the pages titled **Application** and **Statement of Affirmation** and your documentation, with fee payment, to:

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

(Suggestion: Make a file copy of your completed application form before mailing.)

Review Process and Notification

All applications are checked for completeness by the program coordinator. They are reviewed in June by the Program Board. Following the review, all applicants will be notified about their status by mail.

Honoring Ceremony

Successful applicants are invited to a special ceremony at the Oregon State Fair in Salem and receive a certificate, with acknowledgement by the governor of Oregon and the director of the State Department of Agriculture. The certificate has the name of the farm or ranch in calligraphy and is suitable for framing (11 x 14 inches).

Still Have Questions About the Program?

Please contact **Glenn Mason, Program Coordinator**, at **503-297-5892** or orcentury@juno.com

Note: A source to help you research a farm or ranch history, American Farms: Exploring Their History, written by R. Douglas Hurt, published by Krieger Publishing Co., Malabar, FL, originally printed in 1996, is available at some Oregon libraries or through interlibrary loan.

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Century Farm & Ranch Program Application

Date _____

Type of designation *(please check)* Century Farm Century Ranch

Legal owner / Applicant name _____

Mailing address of Legal Owner / Applicant _____

Telephone _____ E-mail address _____

Contact name (if different than legal owner) _____

Mailing address of Contact _____

Contact Telephone _____ Contact E-mail address _____

Location of farm or ranch (which is the subject of this application):

County _____

Distance _____ from nearest town _____

Township _____ Range _____ Section _____

Address or physical location of the farm or ranch (which is subject of this application): _____

GPS (Global Positioning System) Coordinates, if known: _____

(Please continue application on next page)

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Founder(s):

Original family owner(s) or founder(s) _____

Date (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s) _____
(Attach verifying documentation. See Application Qualification #7)

Who farms or ranches the land today? _____

Relationship of Applicant to original owner. Please explain lineage. (See Application Qualification #7)

History of buildings:

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

If yes, please describe the buildings and their former and current use:

Are any of the buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places? Yes No
If, "yes", please describe:

History of crops or livestock raised on farm or ranch:

What were the early crops or livestock?

How many acres were included in original farm or ranch?

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

(Please continue application on next page.)

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History of crops or livestock raised on farm or ranch – Cont'd:

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

How many acres does the subject farm or ranch include today?

How many acres are in agricultural use today?

The Family:

How many generations live on the farm or ranch today?

Please list names and birth years:

Please 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, as available.

Type of information to include in your family history narrative:

- Where founder(s) may have moved to farm or ranch from
- 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

(Please continue application on next page.)

Statement of Affirmation

I, _____,
hereby affirm and declare that the farm or ranch which I own at _____
_____, in the County of _____
has been owned by my family for at least 100 continuous years, as specified in the qualifications for the
Century Farm & Ranch Program, on or before December 31 of the current calendar year. Further, I hereby
affirm that this property meets all other requirements 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 out of the five years immediately preceding making this statement. I understand that the application
materials will become property of the Oregon Historical Society Library and be made available for public
use. By signing below, I understand that I am consenting to the use of both information and photographs.

Signature of Owner

Date

Certification by Notary Public

State of Oregon
County of _____

Be it remembered, that on this _____ day of _____, 20____, before me, the
undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named
_____, known to me to be the identical individual described in and who
executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that _____ executed
the same freely and voluntarily.

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

Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires _____

Fees

Application Fee
(includes one certificate) \$ 65.00

Additional Certificates (\$20 each) \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to:

Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation or OAEF

For office use only

Date Received _____

Approved? Yes No

Authorization _____
Century Farm & Ranch Program Coordinator
OHS Library

MSS 1604 Program ID No. _____

