

Pa. Century Farm total reaches 845

HARRISBURG — Twenty-seven farms were designated official Pennsylvania Century Farms during 1983, bringing the total number of Century Farms in the commonwealth to 845, according to Penrose Hallowell, State Agriculture Secretary.

Hallowell said, "The Century Farms Program was established to help publicize the strengths and durability of our farm families which have contributed so much to our commonwealth's economic and agricultural heritage. For more than 200 years our farm families have kept Pennsylvania growing better, as the leading agricultural state in the Northeast. Our 59,000 farm families produce more than \$3 billion annually in farm products and help make agriculture Pennsylvania's number one industry."

To be recognized as a Century Farm by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, the farm must be owned by the same family for 100 consecutive years to the date of application, and a family member must presently live on the farm. The farm must consist of at least ten acres of the original holding.

The Secretary urged other Pennsylvania farm families who qualify for the Century Farm honors to make application for the

program and "show your Keystone Pride."

Following are the present farm owners recognized in 1983, with year of purchase by their ancestors:

BERKS COUNTY: Charles and Betty Kissling, R1, Robesonia, farm purchased in 1972 by his great grandfather Amandon Kissling.

BUCKS COUNTY: B. Harrison and Myrtle Landis, R1, Perkase, farm purchased in 1734 by his great great great great grandfather Jacob Detweiler.

CENTRE COUNTY: Phyllis and Carl Royer, R2, Spring Mills, farm purchased in 1883 by her great grandfather Benjamin Frankenberger.

CLARION COUNTY: Harold and Marie Beels, Beels Hill Farm, R1, Emlenton, farm purchased in 1844 by his great great grandfather Daniel Beels.

CLEARFIELD COUNTY: William S. McKenrick, R1, Grampian, farm purchased in 1841 by his great great grandfather William Wood.

CRAWFORD COUNTY: Crawford County Farm, R1, Saegertown, farm purchased by the county in 1881.

FRANKLIN COUNTY: Grace and Clarence Burkholder, Bricker Road, Chambersburg, farm

purchased in 1877 by his great grandfather Jacob Knoll; M. Dice and Roberta Statler, Social Island Road, Chambersburg, farm purchased in 1872 by his great grandfather Daniel Statler; Daniel and Anna Rice Myers, Hollowell Church Road, Chambersburg, farm purchased in 1766 by the great great great great grandfather Jacob Leashore; Harry and Dorothy Reitz of McCord Road, Chambersburg, farm purchased in 1876 by her grandfather John Gross; Mary Louise Sauder, Price's Church Road, Waynesboro, farm purchased in 1883 by her grandfather George Foltz; and Vernon Fox of Harbaugh Church Road, Waynesboro, farm purchased around 1876 by his great grandmother Sarah Fox.

FULTON COUNTY: R. Boyd and Freda Cromer of Star Route North, McConnellsburg, farm purchased in 1881 by his grandmother Emma Cromer.

JUNIATA COUNTY: C. George and Nancy Book of Mexico, farm purchased in 1851 by his great great grandfather John Book; and James and Fleda Wilson, Star Route, Mifflintown, farm purchased in 1869 by his great grandfather J. Banks Wilson.

LUZERNE COUNTY: Gordon and Judith Dawe, Downland Farm, Lehman, farm purchased in

1847 by her great great grandfather William Major.

LANCASTER COUNTY: J. Clayton and Dorothy Charles, R2, Lancaster, farm purchased in 1774 by Clayton's great great great grandfather Jacob Charles; Paul and Emma Krantz of R1, Strasburg, farm purchased in 1864 by Paul's great great grandfather Peter Herr; Grace and Clarence Shearer, Jr., R1, Washington Boro, farm purchased in 1883 by his great great great grandfather Jake Hershey; and Labertha and Charles Tindall, Jr., R1, Peach Bottom, farm purchased in 1882 by his great grandfather Silas Herr and brother David.

MIFFLIN COUNTY: William and Helen Bratton, R2, McVeytown, farm purchased in 1779 by his great great great grandfather James Bratton.

MONROE COUNTY: George and Katherine Kitchen, Spring Willow Farm, R4, Stroudsburg, farm purchased in 1881 by her great grandfather William Haney Sr. and Barbara Keiser and

Jeffrey Wright, R2, Stroudsburg, farm purchased in 1835 by her great great grandfather Michael Keiser.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY: Francis and Shirley Follmer, R3, Milton, farm purchased in 1799 by his great great great great grandfather Johannes Follmer.

SOMERSET COUNTY: Ray and Gladys Spangler, R2, Friedens, farm purchased in 1854 by his great grandfather Perry Spangler.

TIOGA COUNTY: Basil and Joe Stevens, R5, Wellsboro, farm purchased in 1883 by their great grandparents John and Elizabeth Hatherill.

WARREN COUNTY: Raymond and Lucy Mahan, R3, Sugar Grove, farm purchased in 1882 by his grandfather Harry Mahan.

Applications or additional information on the program can be obtained by writing to Century Farms, c/o Press Office, Pa. Department of Agriculture, 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110, or by calling 717-787-5085.

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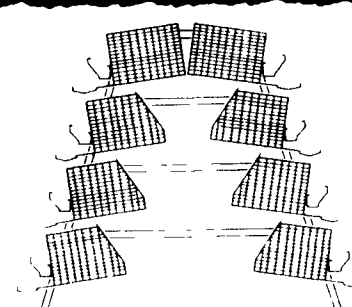
The Pennsylvania Farmers Association is sponsoring a series of meetings in April open to anyone

interested in learning more about roadside marketing.

Starting at 7:30, the meetings are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Meetings will be held on the following dates and at the following locations:

- April 3, at Barton's Fruit Farm, Stewartstown, York County.
- April 4 at Kohler Farm, Prospectville, Montgomery County.
- April 5 at Seiple Farm Market, Bath, Northampton County.
- April 10 at Trax Farms, Library, Allegheny County.
- April 11 at Apple Castle, New Wilmington, Lawrence County.
- April 12 at Crum Brothers Orchards, Catawissa, Columbia County.



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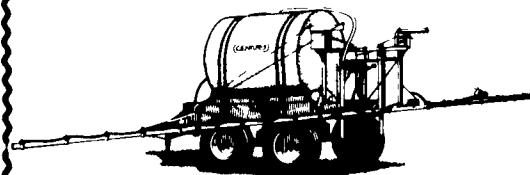


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