

Pa. Century Farms Honored

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Thirty-one farms were recently designated by the State Department of Agriculture as official Pennsylvania Century Farms, according to Secretary of Agriculture Boyd E. Wolff.

"We are pleased to honor these farm owners for their dedication and contributions to our agricultural heritage. The farm family is still the backbone of our state and nation, and we are firmly committed to the preservation of our farmland resources," he said.

The Century Farms Program was established to help publicize the strengths and durability of Pennsylvania farm families and to stress the importance of agriculture to all citizens of the Commonwealth. This brings to 1,545 the number of farms recognized by the department as Century Farms.

To qualify as a Pennsylvania Century Farm, the farm must be owned by the same family for 100 or more consecutive years and a family member must currently live on the farm. In addition, the farm must contain at least 10 of the original acres or gross more than \$1,000 annually from the sale of farm products. Applications are available from the Department of Agriculture by calling (717) 787-4737.

The following families were recognized during the first quarter of 1991 under the Century Farms Program:

ADAMS COUNTY — Dorothy Bowers & Gloria Bowers Burr

(mother & daughter), Bowers Road, Littlestown; original purchase in 1826 by Gloria's great-great-grandfather Emanuel Pitzer, Sr.

ARMSTRONG COUNTY — William & Allene Crissman, RD 2, Templeton; original purchase in 1838 by his great grandparents John & Catherine Crissman.

BEDFORD COUNTY — William & Mary Alice Mock, RD 1, Alum Bank; original purchase in 1826 by his great-great grandparents Benjamin & Mary Walker.

Robert & Linda Swartzwelder, RD 1, Breezewood; original purchase in 1866 by his great grandfather Phillip Swartzwelder.

BERKS COUNTY — William & Margaret Delp, RD 2, Temple; original purchase in 1815 by his great-great grandfather Conrad Keller.

BUTLER COUNTY — Children of Edward & Nina Meeder, Route 19, Mars; original purchase in 1866 by Fredrick Meter (Meeder).

Margaret Powell, Powell Farm, Powell Road, Butler; original purchase in 1874 by Joseph Henry, her late husband's grandfather.

Wendell & Ruth Smith, Hinch-Smith Farm, Bull Creek Road, Butler; original purchase in 1870 by his grandfather Joseph Hinchberger.

CLARION COUNTY — Arlene (Rose) Denslinger & son W. Keith Rose, RD 1, Parker; original purchase in 1857 by her great grandfather Robert Stewart II.

Betty Jean & Paul Neely, Woodside Road, Glenshaw; original purchase in 1823 by her great-great-grandfather Joseph McKee.

INDIANA COUNTY — John & Judy Miller, RD 1, Smicksburg; original purchase in 1850 by his great grandfather John Henry.

JEFFERSON COUNTY — Gertrude Sterrett, RD 1, Brockway; original purchase in 1865 by Ezekiel Sterrett, her late husband's grandfather.

Stanley & Lois Jane Webster, Brookville; original purchase in 1886 by his grandfather Enoch McFadden.

JUNIATA COUNTY — W. Richard & Sandra Deen, RD 1, Port Royal; original purchase in 1868 by his great grandfather William Cook.

William Drolsbough, RD 1, Honey Grove; original purchase in 1862 by his great grandfather Jacob Drolsbough.

LAWRENCE COUNTY — Ralph & Ruth Johnston, RD 1, New Wilmington; original purchase in 1861 by his great grandfather J. Smith Johnston.

LYCOMING COUNTY — Clyde & Ruth Hornberger, RD 2, Cogan Station; original purchase in 1888 by his great grandfather Jacob Ludwig.

George & F. Lindsey Ridge (brothers), RD 1, Roaring Branch; original purchase in 1865 by their great grandfather Harrison Ridge.

Stanley Warn, RD 4, Muncy; original purchase in 1838 by his great grandfather John Warn.

MERCER COUNTY — Roy & Pauline Marsh, North Perry Highway, Mercer; original purchase in 1880 by his grandfather Lewis Abel Marsh.

MIFFLIN COUNTY — Glenn & Elizabeth (Brought) Laughlin, Big Ridge Road, Lewistown; original purchase in 1878 by her great-great grandfather William Harrison Brought.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY — W. Blaine & Linda Souder, Hunsicker Road, Telford; original purchase in 1867 by his great-great grandfather Henry Bergey.

MONTOUR COUNTY — Eugene & Catherine Billhime, RD 3, Danville; original purchase in 1880 by his great grandfather Michael Billhime.

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY — Vera I. Schwalm Kimmel, Valley View; original purchase in 1851 by her great-great grandparents Frederick & Sarah Schwalm.

SOMERSET COUNTY — Ray

& Lori Carver, RD 1, Berlin; original purchase in 1878 by his great grandfather Henry Carver.

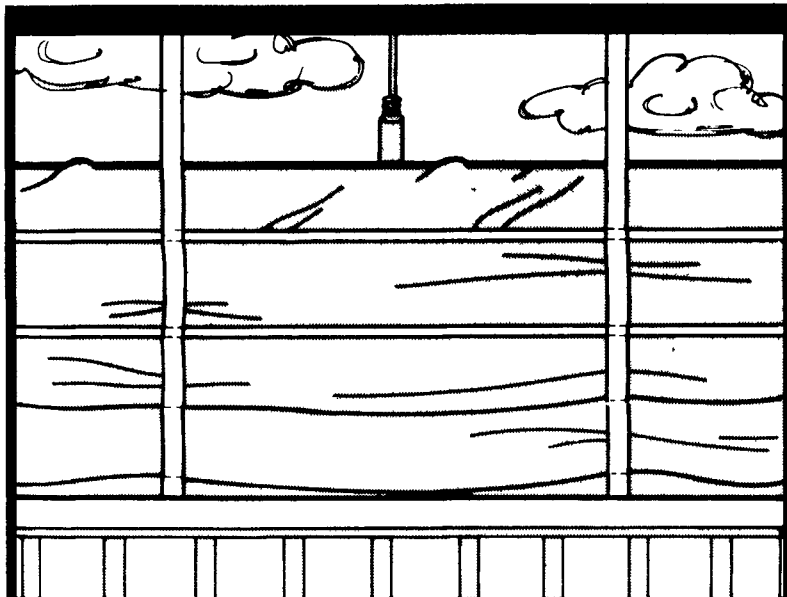
Sue Ella & Marjorie Saylor (sisters), RD 2, Rockwood; original purchase in 1876 by their great-great grandfather Joseph Saylor.

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY — Reed Burman, RD 1, Thompson; original purchase in 1867 by his grandfather George Burman.

TIOGA COUNTY — Jack M. & Mary Jo (Stuart) Wilcox and Jack H. & Ernestine (Stuart) Allen (sisters), Mansfield; original purchase in 1884 by their grandfather Hart Stuart.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY — Helen Maza, RD 1, Irwin; original purchase in 1890 by her grandfather Jacob Deaterly.

YORK COUNTY — Calvin & Pauline Robertson, Potts Hill Road, Lewisberry; original purchase in 1859 by her great grandfather Jacob Hutton.



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