Governor Honors Md. Century Farm

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — In a first of its kind ceremony in Maryland, Governor William Donald Schaefer honored 35 farm families from across the state whose farms have stayed in the same family for a century or more.

All of the families came to the Governor's Reception Room in the State House in Annapolis where Governor Schaefer presented them with a special certificate from the Maryland Department of Agriculture recognizing their longevity in farming. In addition, each family received a sign to put up at their farm declaring their operation to be a "Maryland Century Farm."

"Maryland farmers are the backbone of our economy. These farms

we are recognizing today have been passed down from generation to generation. This is a proud tradition of hard work that is well worth celebrating," Schaefer said.

Governor Schaefer established the Maryland Century Farm Program to honor families whose farms have been in the same family for more than 100 consecutive years, contain at least ten of the original acres and ... gross more than \$2,500 annually

from the sale of farm products.

"I congratulate all of these families for their continuing efforts to supply food and fiber to their fellow citizens," said Schaefer.

Maryland Secretary of Agriculture Lewis R. Riley presided over the ceremony-that included farm families from Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, Washington and Wicomico Counties.

"We are still accepting applications. I urge all those who think they may qualify as a Century Farm to do so," said Riley.

Applications may be obtained from the Maryland Department of Agriculture, 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, Md. 21401 or from local cooperative extension service offices.

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Farm Bureau Announces Young Farmer Winner

CALLICOON. N.Y. — At their annual conference in Callicoon, New York, the 25,000member New York Farm Bureau announced that John and Shelley Reynolds are the recipients of the Farm Bureau's 1994 Young Farmer Achievement Award.

Residents of Genesee County, the Revnoldses own 675 acres and rent an additional 200 acres of land on which they grow alfalfa, corn grain and silage, wheat and grass hay. They have a 225-head dairy operation and have been in farming for many years. They have three children, Tyler, 4; MacKenzie, 2; and a half, and Andrew, 6 mos.

During the presentation, outgoing New York Farm Bureau President Charles Wille said, "This is one of the most prestigious awards our organization gives during the course of the year. Shelley and John represent the future of this organization and agriculture in

New York. Their dedication, commitment, and attitude reflect the strong values that so many members of this organization share. On behalf of New York Farm Bureau, I extend my warmest congratulations."

Over the course of the past several years, the Reynoldses have made many improvements to the farming business that was handed down to them from John's father. They have built an animal barn, installed an automatic take-off milking system in their parlor, and purchased a computer which has been used to keep track of all of their financial records.

John and Shelley have held several leadership positions in other organizations including 4-H, the Dairy Herd Improvement Association, and the Holstein Association. In addition, John is a member of the town planning board, and Shelley is an elder in her local church. Also, they have received the DHIA Herd Improvement Award, the Silver Certificate for high quality milk and the Super Milk Award.

The Reynoldses have won a 486SX computer given on behalf of New York Farm Family Insurance Agency Managers, \$500 from Dodge, and an all expensespaid trip to St. Louis in January of 1995, where they will be representing New York Farm Bureau at the National Young Farmer and Rancher competition held at the American Farm Bureau Conference, in St. Louis.

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