

# OHIO CENTURY FARM REGISTRATION

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The Ohio Department of Agriculture Ohio Century Farm Program has been designed to recognize families who have maintained a farm or homestead in their family for at least 100 years, with an emphasis on well-preserved, working farms.

**Return completed registration and supporting material(s) to:**

Ohio Department of Agriculture  
Attn: Communications Office  
8995 East Main Street  
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068-3399  
(614) 752-9817

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## Registration Rules:

1. All questions on the registration must be answered in full.
  2. At least one current photograph of the farm and homestead must accompany the registration. Additional photographs of any barns, outbuildings and farm-related buildings and structures are welcomed and encouraged.
  3. Required deed documentation can be researched through the local County Recorder's Office. See page 4.
  4. **NO MATERIALS OR PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE RETURNED. PLEASE SEND COPIES.**
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## Present Owners

Name of Owner (as it appears on the deed): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## Location of the Land

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City (or vicinity of): \_\_\_\_\_

Township: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_

Has this farm or homestead been listed in any previous Registers of Historic Ohio Homesteads?  Yes  No

If Yes, what year? \_\_\_\_\_

Has this farm or homestead been listed as a Century Farm with any other organization or program?  Yes  No

If Yes, what year? Please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

## Guidelines

1. The history and interesting background behind the farm and homestead, including total number of years and generations the farm has been part of the family. Important contributions of the family to the development of Ohio's agriculture should also be noted.
2. The present condition of the farm and homestead.
3. Preservation and integrity of historic buildings and structures on the farm. A historic building structure is one that is at least fifty (50) years old, and has contributed to the operation and development of the farm. Please read section entitled, "Additional Information regarding Architectural and Structural Integrity."
4. The extent to which the farm and homestead is a working farm.

## Ownership Rules

1. A family member must own, or be in possession of, the homestead or tract of land.
2. For the purposes of this program, the definition of a "homestead" is: land or a building in the possession of, or owned by, an individual or members of the original family for more than one hundred (100) years.
3. For purposes of this program, the definition of a "working farm" is: land or buildings that generate \$1,000 in agricultural income per year. Although the homestead does not have to be a working farm to qualify for an award, special consideration will be given to those that meet the "working farm" criteria.
4. If there is a house on the grounds, it must be occupied, but not necessarily by the owner of the land.
5. The line of ownership from the first family member owning the land may be through wives, husbands, children, brothers, sisters, nephews or nieces. Adopted children will be recognized equally with blood children.
6. Any land in the process of being sold to a non-relative is not eligible.

## Architectural & Structural Integrity

Farm buildings that retain historic materials and form convey a physical association with Ohio's agricultural past. A building or structure with integrity presents an accurate sense of that past which made it a significant part of the farm in the first place. The location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, setting, or association help convey this sense of past. Buildings and structures demonstrating historical integrity always possess several of these aspects.

To determine if a building retains historical integrity, the building should still have the physical attributes or essence of design that makes it architecturally or structurally significant and able to convey its historical agricultural association.

Because buildings change over time, most do not retain all of the physical features or characteristics. However, the building must retain the essential physical features enabling it to convey its historic identity or character.

1. A farm building should be used for its historic agricultural purpose to be placed in a new use that involves minimal change to the building and its environment.
2. The historic character of a farm building should be retained and preserved. The removal of historical materials or alterations of a building should be avoided.
3. Changes that create a false sense of history, such as adding conjectural features or architectural elements from other buildings, should not be undertaken.

4. Most farm buildings change over time; those changes that have acquired historic significance in their own right should be retained and preserved.
5. Distinctive features, finishes and construction techniques, or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a historic farm building, should be preserved.
6. Deteriorated historic features should be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature should match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities, and (when possible) materials.
7. Chemical or physical treatments, such as sandblasting, that cause damage to historic materials should not be used. The surface cleaning of structure, if appropriate, should be undertaken using the gentlest means possible.
8. Significant archaeological resources affected by a rehabilitation project should be protected and preserved.
9. New additions, alterations or related new construction should not destroy historic materials that characterize the farm building and should be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential integrity of the historic building and its environment would be unimpaired. The new work should be differentiated from old, but should be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features of the farm building.

## History

Name of the first family member(s) to own the land (referred to as “founder”): \_\_\_\_\_

Date founder purchased or acquired land: \_\_\_\_\_

Place founder was from originally: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for founder coming to Ohio: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of acres originally acquired by founder: \_\_\_\_\_

Use of land by founder (crops grown, commercial activity, etc. – use additional pages, if needed): \_\_\_\_\_

Other pertinent or interesting information regarding the founder and any subsequent owner (can include contributions to agriculture – use additional pages, if needed): \_\_\_\_\_

## Current Information

Has the farm or homestead remained in the family line for at least 100 consecutive years?  Yes  No

If no, please detail the lapse in ownership and provide any extenuating circumstances that the selection committee should consider: \_\_\_\_\_

How many generations removed is the current owner from the founder? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any of the original or historic structures remaining on the farm?  Yes  No

If yes, please indicate: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the current amount of acreage included in the farm or homestead? \_\_\_\_\_

Have any renovations or restorations been made to the farm structures over the years?  Yes  No

If yes, please detail activity (use additional sheets, if needed): \_\_\_\_\_

Does the farm or homestead produce at least \$1,000 in agricultural revenues each year?  Yes  No

Please detail all agricultural production that occurs on the farm: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a house on the property?  Yes  No

If yes, please list who is currently occupying the house and their relationship to the owner, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Why is it important to preserve the heritage of Ohio’s farms (use additional sheets, if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_

Please include any additional information of off-the-farm activities, such as involvement in local ag-related boards, councils, etc. (use additional sheets, if needed): \_\_\_\_\_

