



Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program

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Awards Century Status to 19 Farms & Ranches and 1 Sesquicentennial Farms & Ranches in 2017

(Salem, OR) – At the annual awards ceremony at the Oregon State Fair, families from across the state will receive recognition for operating as Century or Sesquicentennial (150-year) Farm or Ranch. The 2017 ceremony will be held on **Saturday, August 26, 2017, at 11:00 am at the Oregon State Fair**. The public recognition ceremony and awards celebration will be held in the **Picnic Grove Area**. Please join us for this special event that celebrates Oregon’s agricultural heritage.

Nineteen farms and ranches from ten different counties will be honored this year as Century Farms or Ranches and one farm from Clackamas County reached Sesquicentennial status, bringing the total number of Oregon Century Farms and Ranches to 1,200 & Sesquicentennial to 39.

The Century Farm and Ranch families being honored in 2017 are:

Iwasaki Bros. Inc.-Jim Iwasaki

Haskin Heritage Farm-David McCready

Kranberry Acres-David Cranick & Marci Murray

Sievers Farm-Diana Arvieux, Rosemary Wood, Trudy Stenger

Haselbacher Farms-Raymond & Mary Haselbacher

Four Ridge Orchards-David & Bonnie Brown

Cattrall Brothers Vineyard-William & Thomas Cattrall



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Shady Brook Farm-Tom & Lona Bunn

Stubblefield Ranch-Lucian & Margot Turner

Belshe Ranch-James Belshe

Oak Creek Farm-Alton Coyle

Misner Family Farm-Michael & Therese Misner

Bar M Ranch-Gary & Ingrid Margason

Kee/Crofoot Ranch-Dell & Nikki Squire

Basil & Mary Stupfel-Mark Stupfel

Herring Farm-Lea Herring

Charles M. Colton & Sons- Robert, Lorene & Michael Colton

Nicholson Investments LLC- Larry Nicholson

C & S Waterman Ranch LLC-Charlie & Sharon Waterman

The Sesquicentennial Award program began in 2008 in honor of Oregon's 150th birthday celebration. Sesquicentennial awards recognize Oregon families who have continuously farmed portions of their original family acreage for 150 years or more. Thirty-nine families have now received this prestigious sesquicentennial award.

This year's family being honored is:

Voss Farms-Jeannette Voss & Julie Edy

Every Oregon farm and ranch has a unique history and special family story. The Oregon Century Farm & Ranch program encourages agriculture families to share, with a broader audience, these stories. By promoting family stories, rich cultural heritage is passed down to future generations while educating Oregonians about the social and economic impact of Oregon agriculture.

The Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program began in 1958 to honor farm and ranch families with century-long connections to the land. To qualify for a century or sesquicentennial award, interested families must follow a formal application process. Members of the Application Review Committee review each application against the qualifications, which include continuous



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family operation of the farm or ranch; a gross income from farm use of not less than \$1,000 per year for at least three years out of five prior to application; and family members must live on or actively manage the farm or ranch activities. Application documentation may include photos, original deeds, personal stories, or other historic records. These records help support Oregon's agricultural history by providing valuable information about settlement patterns or statistics on livestock and crop cycles. All documents are archived for public access.

Award winners receive a certificate signed by the Governor and Director of the Oregon Department of Agriculture. Historic roadside signs are imprinted with the founder's name and the year the ranch or farm was established.

The Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program is administered by the Oregon Farm Bureau Foundation for Education. It is supported by a partnership among the Oregon Farm Bureau, the

State Historic Preservation Office, OSU University Archives, and by generous donations of Oregonians. For information about the Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program, contact Andréa Kuenzi, Program Coordinator, at 503-400-7884 or cfr@oregonfb.org. The application deadline for 2018 is May 1.

The 2017 family narratives are included in the press release.

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