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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This year’s family being honored is:
Voss Farms-Jeannette Voss & Julie Edy

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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

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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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