



Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program

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Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program Seeks Oregon Families Who Worked Land for at Least 100 Years

(Salem, OR) – Applications are now being accepted for the 2011 award year of the Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program, a statewide recognition program honoring farmers and ranchers who have worked the same land for at least 100 years. Applications are also available for the Sesquicentennial Award, introduced by the program in 2008, honoring families with farms or ranches continuously worked for 150 years or more. To date, 1,117 families have formally received the Century designation and 22 families have received the Sesquicentennial Award.

Celebrating its 53rd year, the program is administered through the Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation (OAEF) in Salem and is partially funded by the Oregon Farm Bureau, the State Historic Preservation Office (Department of Parks & Recreation), the Oregon Department of Agriculture, the Oregon Travel Information Council, various county farm bureaus, agriculture-based organizations and individuals.

Family farmers and ranchers throughout Oregon are encouraged to apply for the Century Award and/or the Sesquicentennial Award by the June 1, 2011 deadline. Successful applicants receive a personalized certificate with acknowledgment by the Governor and the director of the Oregon Department of Agriculture. A durable metal road side sign to identify the family's farm or ranch as having historic Century or Sesquicentennial status is also available. Each family will be honored during a special ceremony and reception at the Oregon State Fair September 3, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

For more information on the program or to obtain application guidelines for either award, please visit www.oregonfb.org or contact Sharon Leighty, Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program Coordinator at 503-400-7884 or cfr@oregonfb.org.

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