

# 2017 Century Farm Recognition Program

Thank you for your interest in the 2017 Century Farm recognition program, sponsored by the State Fair and the Minnesota Farm Bureau. Enclosed you will find an application form. Please fill it out completely. The deadline for the 2017 program is **April 3**.

Please return the application to the address below:

Minnesota State Fair  
Century Farm Program  
1265 Snelling Ave North  
St. Paul, MN 55108

Qualifications for entry are as follows:

1. The farm must be at least 100 years old this year (2017) according to abstract of title, land patent, original deed, county land records, court file in registration proceedings, or other authentic land records. **Please do not send originals or copies of records.**
2. Your family must have owned the farm for 100 years or more. "Family" is defined as parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, first cousins and direct in-laws (father, mother, brother, sister, daughter, son-in-law).
3. Continuous residence on farm is not required, but ownership must be continuous.
4. The farm should consist of 50 or more acres, and currently be involved in agricultural production.

All of the qualifications must be met at the time the application is submitted. Recognition ceremonies are handled by the local county fair. If your county fair does not have a ceremony, your certificate and sign will be sent directly to you shortly after June 1. The Century Farm status is only conferred on a farm one time. New owners from the same "family", after a farm has already been designated a Century Farm, may not reapply or request a new certificate.

Once again, the State Fair and the Minnesota Farm Bureau thank you for your interest in the Century Farm program.

# MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION - 2017

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

Main Contact Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Main Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(area code) (phone number)

Main Contact Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Present Owner of the Farm: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s), or Family Name, or Farm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

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

Number of acres in the farm now: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of original purchase by a member of your family: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the farm previously been registered as a Century Farm? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Description of Land (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

**PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP**

Name	Years of Ownership	Relationship to Original Owner
Original Family Owner		
Next Owner		
Next Owner		
Next Owner		
Next Owner		

Please do not send originals or copies of records. Continuous family ownership is taken from one or more of the following records.

- Abstract of Title
- Land Patent
- Court File in Registration Proceedings
- Original Deed
- County Land Record
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the information listed above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature of present owner) (date)

*(over)*

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Any information you can add to this form will be most valuable to future historians. The questions below are only a guide. Feel free to add other data, especially family or pioneer stories concerning the farm and the area around it.

From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres were in the original parcel? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the first family owner born? \_\_\_\_\_

Did he/she engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please list \_\_\_\_\_

Was this a homestead? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the original home, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing? \_\_\_\_\_

When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_

What were the farm's major crops or products? \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments \_\_\_\_\_

Feel free to attach any additional files if you have run out of space above.

*Mail application to:*  
**Minnesota State Fair**  
**Century Farms**  
**1265 Snelling Avenue North**  
**St. Paul, MN 55108-3099**

*Questions? Email: [centuryfarms@mnstatefair.org](mailto:centuryfarms@mnstatefair.org) or Call: (651) 288-4400*

