

Arizona Farm Bureau Century Farm & Ranch Program



Thank you for your interest in the 2021 Arizona Farm Bureau Century Farm & Ranch Program, sponsored by the Arizona Farm Bureau.

Please fill out the following application completely; incomplete applications will not be considered. All the qualifications must be met at the time the application is submitted.

The annual application deadline is the first Monday in July (July 5, 2021) and must be received by Arizona Farm Bureau by that date (this is not a postmark deadline). Qualified applications received after July 5 will be considered for the 2022 Century Farm and Ranch.

Qualifications for inclusion are as follows:

1. The farm or ranch must be at least 100 years old by the end of 2021 according to abstract of title, land patent, original deed, county land records, court file in registration proceedings or other authentic land records.
 - a. The applicant should verify that the farm qualifies as a Century Farm, but we do not require direct proof.
 - b. Please do not send supporting documentation, only the completed application.
2. Farm or ranch is family-owned for 100 years or more. (Present owner must be related to the original owner)
 - a. "Family" defined as i. parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, first cousins and direct in-laws (father, mother, brother, sister, daughter, son-in-law).
3. Family ownership must be continuous.
4. Continuous residence on farm is not required.
5. The farm or ranch should consist of 50 or more acres (intrastate Arizona).
6. Farm or ranch must be currently involved in agricultural production.
7. A farm or ranch may be recognized only once.
8. Applicant must be a member of Arizona Farm Bureau.

Please return the completed application to: **Arizona Farm Bureau Century Farm & Ranch Program** 325 South Higley Road, Gilbert, AZ 85296. Or email your application to outreach@azfb.org.

Qualifying farms or ranch will receive:

1. One personalized certificate of recognition, signed by the Governor of Arizona, and the President of Arizona Farm Bureau.

2. One metal sign, ***proclaiming the farm or ranch is a "Century Farm."*** Arizona Century Farm and Ranch Program ceremonies are handled by the County Farm Bureau where this milestone may be celebrated with friends, family and neighbors. Certificates and signs will be sent to the respective County Farm Bureau leadership.

Only one sign and certificate will be awarded per farm. Arizona Farm Bureau will also conduct a recognition ceremony during its Annual Meeting. The Century Farm status is only conferred on a farm or ranch one time.

The Arizona Farm Bureau thanks you for your interest in the Century Farm and Ranch program. The Arizona Farm Bureau honors Arizona families who have owned their farms and ranches for at least 100 years, are at least 50 acres in size and are currently involved in agricultural production.

Arizona Farm Bureau Century Farm and Ranch Application - 2021 PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Name(s): _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Present Owner of the Farm: _____

Name(s), or Family Name, or Farm Name: _____

Certificate wording:

"Let it be known that this farm _____ has been in continuous agricultural operation since _____ signifying more than 100 years of contributions to the community, state, nation, and world." Information on certificate will appear exactly as you have printed here.

Farm Address: (street) _____

(city/state/zip) _____

Farm County: _____ Number of acres in the farm now: _____

Year of original purchase by a member of your family: _____

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

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP

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 Original Deed County Land Record Court File in Registration Proceedings
 Other _____

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

(signature of present owner)

(date)

Deadline: July 5, 2021

Name Years of Ownership Relationship to Original Owner _____

Original Family Owner _____

Next Owner _____

Next Owner _____

Next Owner _____

Next Owner _____

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? Yes _____ No _____

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 copies of any additional files if you have run out of space above.

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Questions? Email: outreach@azfb.org or call: 480-635-3607.