

Arizona Farm Bureau
Century Farm and Ranch Program



Thank you for your interest in the Arizona Century Farm recognition 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 always the ***first Monday in July*** and must be received by Arizona Farm Bureau by that date (this is not a postmark deadline). Qualified applications received after the ***first Monday in July*** will be considered for the following Century Farm and Ranch year.

Qualifications for inclusion are as follows:

1. The farm or ranch must be at least 100 years old by the end of the current year you are applying in 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 or ranch qualifies as a Century Farm, but we do not require direct proof.
 - b. Please do not send supporting documentation especially if original deeds, only the completed application. Photos, or a screen shot of a document image is fine.
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 the original farm or ranch ***is not required***, only that the ***farm or ranch business has been in continuous operation*** for more than 100 years even if the land and/or headquarters have changed over time.

5. Farm or ranch must be currently involved in agricultural production.
6. A farm or ranch may be recognized only once.
7. Applicant must be a member of Arizona Farm Bureau.

Please return the completed application to: **Arizona Farm Bureau Century Farm 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 President of Arizona Farm Bureau.
2. One metal sign, ***proclaiming the farm or ranch is a "Century Farm."*** Arizona Century Farm and Ranch Recognition 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 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 and are currently involved in agricultural production.

Arizona Farm Bureau • CENTURY FARM and RANCH APPLICATION –PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Name(s):

Best Phone Number: _____

Best Address:

(area code)

(phone number)

(email address)

Present Owner of the Farm:

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

Certificate wording: "Let it be known that this farm or ranch _____ 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 or ranch Address:

_____ (street) (city) (state) (zip)

Farm or ranch County: _____ Estimated Number of acres or
lease section in the farm or ranch now if known (not required): _____ Year of
original purchase by a member of your family or ranch lease: _____ Has
the farm or ranch 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 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)

Deadline: First Monday in July of current year

Name Years of Ownership Relationship to Original Owner

Original Family Owner

Next Owner

Next Owner

Next Owner

Next Owner

(street) (city) (state) (zip)

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/leased sections were in the original parcel if known?

What was the cost of the land per acre at time of original purchase if known?

Where was the first family owner born?

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

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 or ranch's major crops or livestock/products?

Additional comments or historical tidbits (will use to tell your story):

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

Mail application to: Arizona Farm Bureau Century Farm Program 325 South Higley Road, Gilbert, AZ 85296 Questions?

Email: outreach@azfb.org or call: 480.635.3607.