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Arkansas Century Farm Program Honors 40 Farms from 27 Counties

STATEWIDE, ARK. – Governor Asa Hutchinson and Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture Wes Ward inducted 40 Arkansas farms into the Arkansas Century Farm Program at the State Capitol on Friday, October 27, 2017. The Arkansas Century Farm Program recognizes Arkansas farms of 10 acres or more owned by the same family for at least a century.

The Arkansas Agriculture Department began the Century Farm program in 2012 as a way to highlight the contributions of these families to the agriculture industry well as their overall contributions to our state. Agriculture is Arkansas's largest industry, contributing more than \$20 billion to the state's economy annually and providing one in every six jobs in the state. Arkansas consistently ranks in the top 25 nationally in the production of 23 agricultural commodities.

"Through obstacles and challenges you have maintained your commitment to your farm and to your family. When families are strong, our communities are strong, and our state is strong" said Governor Hutchinson to the Century Farm Families.

Including new inductees, 376 farms are currently recognized as Arkansas Century Farms. The 40 newly inducted Century Farms are located in the following 27 counties: Arkansas, Calhoun, Clay, Cleburne, Columbia, Craighead, Drew, Faulkner, Franklin, Greene, Independence, Jackson, Jefferson, Little River, Logan, Lonoke, Marion, Montgomery, Newton/Searcy, Pope, Prairie, Sebastian, Sharp, Stone, Union, White, and Woodruff.

Applications for the 2018 Century Farm Inductees will open in February, 2018. For questions about the Arkansas Century Farm program, contact Mary Elizabeth Lea at maryelizabeth.lea@aad.ar.gov.

Find a complete list of all farms in the Arkansas Century Farm, [here](#).

Find photo galleries of inductees with Governor Hutchinson, taken by the [Arkansas Agriculture Department here](#), and by [Governor Hutchinson's staff here](#).

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