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## Arkansas Century Farm Program

### **Application Guidelines**

#### **Background**

The Arkansas Century Farm Program recognizes Arkansas's rich agricultural heritage and honors families who have owned and farmed the same land for at least 100 years. The program is administered by the Arkansas Department of Agriculture. All applications are shared with the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, a division of the Department of Arkansas Heritage.

The Arkansas Century Farm Program is a voluntary program as each family chooses whether to submit an application and participate in the program. The program places no restrictions on the farm and offers no legal protection. There is no cost to the family to submit an application and participate in the program. Successful applicants receive a special certificate and a metal sign identifying their historical farm.

#### **Qualifications**

1. Only the legal owner(s) of the property may apply for the Arkansas Century Farm Program.
2. The farm must have been owned by the same family for 100 years or more.
3. The line of ownership from the original settler or buyer may be through spouses, children, siblings, or nephews and nieces. Adopted children will be recognized equally with other descendants.
4. The land under consideration must be 10 acres or more of the original farm and make a financial contribution to the overall farm income.
5. Applications must be submitted on official forms provided by the Arkansas Century Farm Program with all questions completed.
6. All applications must include verification of ownership for 100 years.
7. Applications must be signed.
8. Applications must be postmarked by May 31.

#### **Application Process**

Application may be obtained online at the Arkansas Department of Agriculture's website, <http://www.aad.arkansas.gov/arkansas-century-farm-program>, by calling 501-219-6363, or emailing [Maryelizabeth.Lea@agriculture.arkansas.gov](mailto:Maryelizabeth.Lea@agriculture.arkansas.gov).



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## Arkansas Century Farm Program Check List

- \_\_\_\_\_ Application Completed
- \_\_\_\_\_ Certificate of Recognition Completed (Family Name, Farm Name for Sign, Year)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Evidence of Family Ownership (Abstract of Title, Original Deed, Wills, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other Documents (Ancestors who owned the land, Events or Activities planned on Farm, etc.)

Please mail application to:

Arkansas Department of Agriculture  
Century Farm Program  
Attn: Mary Elizabeth Lea  
#1 Natural Resources Drive  
Little Rock, AR 72205

Or email application to:

Subject Line – Century Farm Program Application  
Maryelizabeth.Lea@agriculture.arkansas.gov

We suggest you keep a copy of the completed application for your records. If you have questions, please call Mary Elizabeth Lea at (501)219-6363

# What you will receive

Arkansas Department of Agriculture



It is fitting that we formally designate the

**Farm Name**

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as a

Arkansas Century Farm and recognize the

**Family Name**

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for having owned the farm for at least one hundred years



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## Certificate of Recognition

### Arkansas Century Farm Sign

30" x 24" metal reflective sign





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## Arkansas Century Farm Program Application

(please type or print legibly)

Current Name of Farm: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Farm: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

911 Address of Farm (if available): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Current Owner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Description of Land: \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres (minimum of 10 acres) of the original farm are you qualifying as a Century Farm? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the above acreage contribute toward the current income of the owners from agricultural related activities? (Such as Rent, Active Farming, Timber, Etc.) Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No \_\_\_\_\_, If yes, how? \_\_\_\_\_

List all Previous Ancestors Who Owned the Land (beginning with first owner to present):  
If you need more room please attach to the back of the application.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Owned</u>	<u>Relationship to Present Owner</u>



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The above evidence of family ownership is taken from one or more of the following records: (copies of documents must accompany this application. Please do not send originals)

\_\_\_\_\_ Abstract of Title                      \_\_\_\_\_ Land Patent                      \_\_\_\_\_ Wills  
\_\_\_\_\_ Original Deed                      \_\_\_\_\_ County Land Record                      \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Application Prepared By:

\*Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

\*This person will be our primary point of contact with your family during the application process and will receive notification of approval and presentation schedules.

Please fill in below as you want the family name and farm name to appear on the Certificate of Recognition. Only the farm name and the year will appear on the metal sign.

<p><b>Certificate of Recognition</b></p> <p><b>Arkansas Century Farm</b></p> <p>It is fitting that we formally recognize on this day  (Fill in last or family name) The _____ Family/Families  for having owned</p> <p>(Fill in name of farm) _____ Farm  established (fill in year) _____</p>
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Please include the name and contact information of your local newspaper. This is necessary as press releases will be sent out before and after the award presentation.

Preferred Newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_

Newspaper Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Newspaper E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_



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Are you a Certified Tree Farm? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

What type of agricultural related activity occurs on the farm? (Trees, Crops, Livestock, Etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Additional information about important events and activities occurring on the farm that may be valuable to historians is welcome. This is not a requirement for Century Farm certification. Additional pages may be attached.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Authorization

I (We), \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ as owner(s) of the land noted, state that the statements contained in the Arkansas Century Farm Program application and the accompanying documentation are true and correct with regard to the land noted. Furthermore, I (we) understand that all documentation becomes the property of the Arkansas Department of Agriculture and will not be returned. I (we) grant the Arkansas Department of Agriculture permission to use any material submitted in or with this application in any printed material, media presentation, or other information prepared for public dissemination.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_ Signature of Applicant(s)

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