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Arkansas Century Farm Program Application Guidelines

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.

The Arkansas Century Farm Program is a cost-free voluntary program. The program places no restrictions on the farm and offers no legal protection. Approved applicants receive an Arkansas Century Farm certificate and metal sign for their property that will list the farm name and year established.

Approved applications are shared with the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, a division of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism. Applications and accompanying documentation will be preserved in the Arkansas State Archives as part of the permanent record of Arkansas agriculture.

Qualifications

- Only the legal owner(s) of the property may apply for the Arkansas Century Farm Program.
- Family ownership does not have to be continuous but must total at least 100 years.
- 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.
- The land under consideration must be 10 acres or more of the original farm and make a financial contribution to the overall farm income.

How to Apply

- Applications are available online at agriculture.arkansas.gov/arkansas-department-of-agriculture-services/arkansas-century-farm-program/ or by emailing beth.moore@agriculture.arkansas.gov.
- Applications must be submitted on official forms provided by the Arkansas Century Farm Program with all questions completed.
- Legible deed documentation must accompany the application and verify family ownership of at least 100 years. An abstract of title is helpful but is not required.
- Please highlight appropriate dates, legal descriptions, and ownership on each document.
- Please send copies of documents. No photographs or materials will be returned.
- Applications must be signed. An owner of the farm must ensure validity of the application by completing the signature area.
- Electronic applications must be emailed to beth.moore@agriculture.arkansas.gov by 12:00 a.m. on May 31, 2024. Paper applications must be postmarked no later than May 31, 2024. Applications postmarked after May 31, 2024, will be considered for the following year. Paper applications should be mailed to Arkansas Department of Agriculture, Century Farm Program, Attn: Beth Moore, #1 Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock, AR 72205.

- Historic and current photographs of the farm are encouraged but not required. Digital copies in JPG format may be emailed. Please label all persons and places in submitted photographs.