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2024 Arkansas Century Farm Applications Due May 31

LITTLE ROCK, AR – The Arkansas Department of Agriculture is now accepting applications for the 2024 Arkansas Century Farm Program. This program recognizes Arkansas families who have owned and farmed the same land for at least 100 years. The program is voluntary and there is no cost to apply.



"Since it began in 2012, the Arkansas Century Farm Program has inducted 604 farm families," said Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture Wes Ward. "It is an honor to recognize families across Arkansas who have persevered challenges and contributed greatly to the success of our state's largest industry over the last century."

To qualify, Arkansas farms must meet the following criteria:

- The same family must have owned the farm for 100 years by December 31, 2024. The line of ownership from the original settler or buyer may be through children, grandchildren, siblings, and nephews or nieces, including through marriage and adoption.
- The farm must be at least ten acres of the original land acquisition and make a financial contribution to the overall farm income.

Qualifying Arkansas farms will receive a personalized Arkansas Century Farm certificate and metal sign listing the farm name and year established.

Online and printable applications are available at <u>agriculture.arkansas.gov/arkansas-department-of-agriculture-services/arkansas-century-farm-program/</u>. Applications must be received via email at <u>beth.moore@agriculture.arkansas.gov</u> or postmarked on or before May 31, 2024, to be eligible for designation as a 2024 inductee.

Please contact Beth Moore at (501) 539-4027 with guestions.

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