

# 2019 Missouri Century Farms

*A program of*  
University of Missouri Extension  
College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources  
Missouri Farm Bureau

<https://extension2.missouri.edu/programs/century-farms>

Long-term owners of Missouri farms are proud of their family accomplishments. This was evident during the Centennial Farm program held in Missouri during the American Revolution Bicentennial Year of 1976. In that popular program, 2,850 Missouri farm owners in 105 of Missouri's 114 counties were recognized as owning a "Centennial Farm."

Interest in the program continued after 1976. Several Missouri farm owners asked about having their farms recognized, so the University of Missouri College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources and University of Missouri Extension planned a 10-year update in 1986 called the "Century Farm" program. During this update, 1,080 additional Missouri farms were recognized.

Long-term family farm owners who were not able to take part in the 1976 or 1986 events still wanted recognition, so the College and MU Extension planned for annual updates. Since 1987, an additional 5,504 farms have been recognized. In 2008, Missouri Farm Bureau became a program co-sponsor.

## Guidelines

Guidelines used in the selection and recognition of Missouri Century Farms:

1. The same family must have owned the farm for 100 consecutive years or more as of Dec. 31, 2019.
2. The line of ownership from the original settler or buyer may be through children, grandchildren, siblings, or nephews or nieces, including through marriage or adoption.
3. The present farm shall consist of no less than 40 acres of the original land and shall make a financial contribution to the overall farm income.

## Sponsorship

MU Extension, the MU College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, and the Missouri Farm Bureau jointly sponsor the Missouri Century Farms program. Local MU Extension Councils help with sponsorship by publicizing the program, collecting and certifying nominations, and arranging for local recognition. Extension Publications, part of the office of Extension and Agricultural Information, coordinates the program.

## Applications

Applications are available from February 1 through May 15 from the MU Extension office in your county or from University of Missouri–Century Farms, Extension Publications, 506 Hitt St., Whitten Hall, Room 4, Columbia, MO 65211.

A fee of \$75 (if you apply by May 1) is required to cover processing costs, one certificate, a booklet and one two-sided metal sign (includes MU and Missouri Farm Bureau logos) for each approved farm.

Send a completed application, order form and a check made payable to University of Missouri–Century Farms for the total amount on your order form. Return completed applications to University of Missouri–Century Farms, Extension Publications, 506 Hitt St., Whitten Hall, Room 4, Columbia, MO 65211, or to the MU Extension office in the county where your farm is located. For more information, call toll-free 1-800-292-0969 or email [extpubs@missouri.edu](mailto:extpubs@missouri.edu).

Applications must be postmarked by May 15, 2019. **Late applications cannot be accepted.**

## Optional attachments

Feel free to attach an account of any special events held on the farm, unusual happenings, significant improvements, identifying landmarks, farm usage over the years, interesting information regarding the founder and any subsequent owner(s), and copies of pictures of special interest (include a short description). **Do not send any original or otherwise valuable documents as we cannot return them.** These materials will be passed on to your local MU Extension office. They may use these materials at your recognition or pass them along to your county historical society.

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## Application

Please fill out this form online and print it, or type or print clearly on a paper form. You may also send the application using the email button below. Please complete all questions. Incomplete or illegible applications will be returned for clarification.

### Applicant information

Current owner(s)

Name of primary contact

Address  Phone

City  State  ZIP Code  Email

### Description of entry

How many acres of the original acquisition are you qualifying as a Century Farm (40 acres minimum)?

Does this tract contribute toward gross income of the owner(s) (rent counts as income)?  Yes  No

Please list the name of the first family member to own the land and that person's relationship to the current owner(s).

What documents\* exist that show original family ownership? (check all that apply)

Deed  Wills  Land patents  Other   
 Abstract of title  Grants  County land records

Date founder purchased or acquired land

\*Please include a copy of the document page showing founder ownership and the year land was acquired. Copies of deeds may be obtained through the local county recorder's office. If written proof is not available, please attach an explanation.

Address or location of the farm

Address

City  State  ZIP Code  County

Township  Section  Range

### Authorization

To the best of my knowledge, the above answers and statements are true and correct with regard to the land noted. At least one owner has knowledge and approval of application submission. I (we) grant MU Extension permission to use any material included in or with this application in any printed material, media presentation or other information prepared for public dissemination.

Signature  Date

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## Order form

	Quantity	Price	Total
Application fee — includes one personalized, two-sided, 2-foot by 2-foot metal sign, one certificate and one booklet	1	\$75	
\$10 processing fee — add if mailing between May 1 and May 15		\$10	
Additional certificates (list names for additional certificates below)		\$2	
Additional personalized, two-sided, 2-foot by 2-foot metal Century Farms signs (one is included in the application fee)		\$75	
<b>Order total</b>			

### Sign personalization

If you would like your metal sign(s) personalized as shown in the sample sign, fill in the name and year below. (One two-sided metal sign is included with your application fee; order additional signs above.)

(indicate name) Family Farm Est.  (indicate year)

### Certificate personalization

Fill in below the name, family name or farm name you would like to appear on the certificate (s) of recognition. Only past or present owners' names or farm name may appear on certificates.

Name on certificate included in application fee

Name(s) on additional certificates ordered above

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