

2009 CENTURY FARM RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Thank you for your interest in the 2009 Century Farm recognition program, sponsored by the State Fair and the Minnesota Farm Bureau. Enclosed you will find an application form. Please fill it out completely using the sample application as a guide. The deadline for 2009 program is April 1.

Please return the application to the address below.

Minnesota State Fair
Century Farm Program
1265 Snelling Avenue North
St. Paul, MN 55108

Qualifications for entry are as follows:

1. The farm must be at least 100 years old this year (2009) according to abstract of title, land patent, original deed, county land records, court file in registration proceedings, or other authentic land records. ***Please do not send originals or copies of records.***
2. Your family must have owned the farm for 100 years or more. "Family" is defined as parents, grandparents aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, first cousins and direct in-laws (father, mother, brother, sister, daughter, son-in-law).
3. Continuous residence on farm is not required, but ownership must be continuous.
4. The farm should consist of 50 or more acres, and currently be involved in agricultural production.

All of the qualifications must be met at the time the application is submitted. Recognition ceremonies are handled by the local county fair. If your county fair does not have a ceremony your certificate and sign will be sent directly to you shortly after June 1. The Century Farm status is only conferred on a farm one time. New owners from the same "family," after a farm has already been designated a Century Farm, may not reapply or request new certificate.

Once again, the State Fair and the Minnesota Farm Bureau thank you for your interest in the Century Farm Program.