



Idaho State Historical Society

In conjunction with the

Idaho State Department of Agriculture



## Century Farm and Ranch Application

Much of Idaho's history revolves around the development and cultivation of its arable lands. The Idaho State Historical Society and the Idaho Department of Agriculture wish to recognize and honor those farms, ranches, and owner/operator families who pioneered Idaho agriculture; persevered through physical hardships, natural disaster, and economic hard times; and contributed so richly to rural Idaho's social fabric.

Information received from all applicants for the farms, ranches, and families applying for the Century award will be deposited in the State Archives as sources for general information and research about settlement patterns, livestock and crop choices, building design, and family history. Successful applicants meeting the criteria will receive special recognition by the Idaho State Historical Society and the Idaho Department of Agriculture and will receive a certificate and a sign designating their property as an Idaho Century Farm or Ranch, or a certificate designating them as an Idaho Century Farm or Ranch Heritage Family.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

1. Continuous ownership within the same family for 100 years or more. The land must still be in agricultural production.
2. At least 40 acres of the original farm must remain in same family ownership. Documentation required stating that these 40 acres have remained in the same family and been in use for the production of agriculture continuously for at least 100 years.
3. The line of ownership from the original settler or buyer may be through children, brothers, sisters, nephews, and/or nieces, including through marriage or adoption.
4. In applying for a Century Farm or Ranch "Heritage Family" designation, the family must show direct family lineage. Present owner(s) must live on the farm/ranch or, if not, actively manage the land and activities. Proof of management will be required, please submit with your application.
5. Only one person "the current owner of record" may apply for the Century Farm, Ranch, or Family designation. Co-ownerships by multiple family members (husband and wife, brother and sister, etc.) are eligible for a single, joint award.
6. Families applying with the intent of proving a century heritage of farming and ranching must show proof of 100 years of continuous operation and \$1000 agricultural related gross income for the past 5 years through government recognized legal documents in a direct family line: i.e., 3<sup>rd</sup> generation, 4<sup>th</sup> generation, etc., son, daughter, grandchild, or great-grandchild of the original family member. (Tax records, censuses records)
7. Applications must be on official forms issued by the Idaho State Historical Society. Applications must be notarized. The application and all material submitted with it become the property of the State of Idaho. Please do not send original legal documents with your application; when dealing with deeds or other legal documents, certified copies will be accepted as proof of ownership.

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING AND RETURN TO:**

**Idaho State Historical Society  
2205 Old Penitentiary Road  
Boise ID 83712**

Name of present farm/ranch owner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
R.R., or Street      County      City      State      Zip

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Location and County of Century Farm/Ranch: \_\_\_\_\_

Name to appear on award certificate: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a farm or ranch? \_\_\_\_\_

1. Number of acres in original purchase or claim retained: \_\_\_\_\_ Please attach certificate and/or notarized copies of pertinent and supporting documents.
2. Date your ancestors first took occupancy of, files on, or purchased this land: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Date your ancestors first began farming or ranching in Idaho: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Legal description of the farm or ranch (from deed, abstract, or tax statement): \_\_\_\_\_

5. List of all lineal-ancestors owners, beginning with the original and continuing to present:

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Present Owner
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

How many members of your family are still in the farming and/or ranching industry? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Family Member	County	Farm or Ranch location	Number of years
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Additional comments:

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### FOR THE RECORD

Answers to the following questions are not necessary to receive the Century Farm, Century Ranch, or Heritage Family designation, but your responses will provide valuable information for future historical researchers and your family members. This information, along with your application and supporting documents, will be deposited at the Idaho State Historical Society Archives for future reference. Please answer the following questions as accurately as possible and use as many additional sheets as many be required. Feel free to add any other information pertinent to the farm, ranch, or family's history. Do not send any original photographs or documents, as your submission will become the property of the State of Idaho and public record and will not be returned.

1. How was the farm of ranch land obtained? (i.e., purchase, Homestead Act, Desert Land Entry, etc.)

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2. How many acres were in the original parcel? (Please include any information about changes in farm size and dates of changes on additional sheets.)

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3. What was the cost of the land purchased per acre?

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Where was/were the original owner(s) born?

\_\_\_\_\_

5. If married, what was the name of the first owner's spouse? (Please include last name at birth):

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\_\_\_\_\_

6. How many children did they have?

\_\_\_\_\_

Name

Birth date/death

Birthplace

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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7. Where did he and/or she live before moving to Idaho?

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Why did they move?

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8. What improvements did he/she make to the original parcel?

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9. Did the original owners farm/ranch the land? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What crops or livestock were raised a century ago? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Did they change their crops/livestock over time? If so, what were the changes? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. What, if any, trades or occupations other than farming/ranching did they engage in? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. What is raised on the property today? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACH ANY ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING INFORMATION. ALL MATERIALS/PICTURES SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION WILL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE STATE OF IDAHO SUBJECT TO THE DISCLOSURE PROVISIONS OF THE IDAHO PUBLIC RECORDS LAW.**

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS, CERTIFIED COPIES ONLY**

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND SIGN**

**BY SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION AND THESE SUPPORTING MATERIALS, I HEREBY EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZE THE IDAHO STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO REVIEW, RETAIN, AND TO ARCHIVE THE APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS, AND MAKE THEM AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC ACCESS, INSPECTION, AND COPYING. I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT THESE MATERIALS WILL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE IDAHO STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND THAT NEITHER THE APPLICATION NOR THE SUPPORTING MATERIALS WILL BE RETURNED TO ME.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby affirm and declare that the farm/ranch which I own/operate at \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_ County, shall have been owned or actively managed by my family as specified in the criteria for acceptance set by the Idaho Century Farm and Ranch Program.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICANT

STATE OF IDAHO

County of \_\_\_\_\_

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_, before me, the undersigned, a notary public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the within named \_\_\_\_\_, known to me to be the identical individual described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that \_\_\_\_\_ executed the same freely and voluntarily.

In testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, the day and year last above written.

NOTARY PUBLIC: \_\_\_\_\_