



IDAHO STATE  
**HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY**

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.

Century Farm and Century Ranch applicants meeting the criteria will receive special recognition by the Idaho State Historical Society and the Idaho Department of Agriculture and will be presented with a certificate and sign designating their property as an Idaho Century Farm or Idaho Century Ranch.

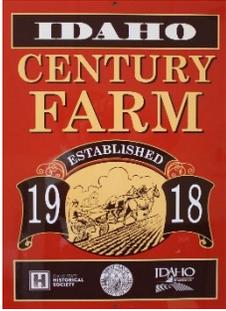
#### **QUALIFICATIONS**

1. Only one person may apply for the Century Farm or Ranch designation. Co-ownerships by multiple family members (husband and wife, brother and sister, etc.) are eligible for a joint award.
2. Continuous ownership within the same family for 100 years or more (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.
3. Present owner(s) must live on the farm or ranch or actively manage the land and activities. Please submit proof of management with application.
4. At least 40 acres of the original farm must remain in same family ownership and has been in agricultural production for at least 100 years and is still in agricultural production. Documentation is required.
  - Documentation of 100 years of continuous operation
  - Documentation of \$1000 agricultural related gross income for the past 5 years (tax records or a notarized letter from your tax accountant stating the above is acceptable documentation for this requirement)
5. Applications must be on official forms issued by the Idaho State Historical Society and must be notarized.

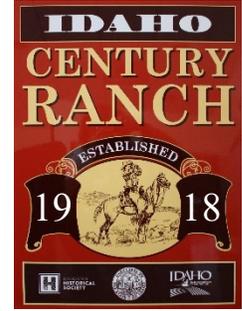
The application and all material submitted with it become the property of the State of Idaho. Please do not send original legal documents with your application; when dealing with deeds or other legal documents, certified copies will be accepted as proof of ownership.

#### **Please Complete the Following and Return to:**

Idaho State Historical Society  
2205 Old Penitentiary Road, Boise, Idaho 83712  
Attention: Century Farm and Ranch Program



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Century Award plaques have different images for a farm or ranch.

Is this for a            FARM            or            RANCH            Please circle one.

Name of present owner(s):  
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Mailing address:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address:  
\_\_\_\_\_

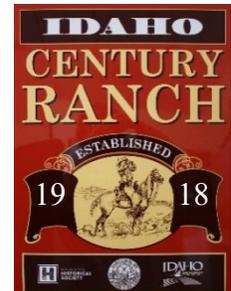
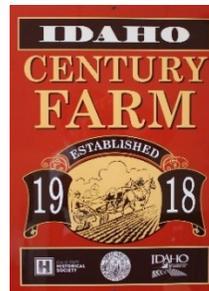
Address/Location and County of Century Farm/Ranch:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Farm or Ranch name to appear on Award Certificate:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Date to appear on Award Certificate and Signage:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle the Century sign you would like:**

**FARM or RANCH**



Number of acres in original purchase or claim retained:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date (year) this farm/ranch was acquired by ancestors:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Verification of continuous ownership of 100 years. Acceptable forms of proof include document showing date of earliest ownership. Please mark document(s) enclosed and please do not send originals. (Add tax receipts)

Tax Receipts       Original Deed       Wills       Land Patents

Abstract title       County Land Records       Homestead Certificate

\_\_\_Other \_\_\_\_\_

Legal description of the farm or ranch (from deed, abstract or tax statement):

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List continuous ancestral ownership and active management (if applicable), beginning with the original owner and continuing to present.

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Present Owner
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If the farm/ranch has been rented or leased, please explain the owner's role in this relationship. (Example: Is the owner actively involved in the management of the land?)

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

Name of Family Member	CountyFarm or Ranch location	Number of years
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Additional comments:

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FOR THE RECORD

Answers to the following questions are not necessary to receive the Century Farm, or Century Ranch, designation, Feel free to add any other information pertinent to the farm, ranch, or family's history. **Please do not send any original photographs or documents, as your submission will become the property of the State of Idaho and public record and they will not be returned.**

1. How was the farm or ranch land obtained? (i.e. purchased, Homestead Act, Desert Land Entry, etc.)
  
2. How many acres were in the original parcel?
  
3. What was the cost of the land purchased per acre?
  
4. Where was/were the original owners(s) born?
  
5. How many children did they have?
  
6. Where did he and /or she live before moving to Idaho? Why and when did they move to Idaho?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. What crops or livestock were raised a century ago?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Did they change their crops/livestock over time? If so, what were the changes?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. What, if any, trades or occupations other than farming/ranching did they engage in?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. What is raised on the property today?

**11. Please add any additional information, photos, story or history of the farm or ranch that you would like to share and that the Idaho State Historical Society**

**may use in a press release on your farm or article for its Mountain Light newsletter and Histor-E, electronic newsletter.**

**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. Please send certified copies only.**

**Please read carefully, sign and notarize.**

**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**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**APPLICANT**

**DATE**

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:** \_\_\_\_\_