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Hoosier Families Honored at the Indiana State Fair

Three families received award for 200+ consecutive years of ownership

INDIANAPOLIS – During the celebration of the Year of the Farmer at the [Indiana State Fair](#), Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann and [Indiana State Department of Agriculture](#) Director Ted McKinney today presented 67 families with a [Hoosier Homestead Award](#) in recognition of their commitment to Indiana agriculture.

To be named a Hoosier Homestead, farms must be owned by the same family for at least 100 consecutive years and consist of more than 20 acres or produce more than \$1,000 of agricultural products per year. The award distinctions recognized are Centennial, Sesquicentennial, and Bicentennial. This ceremony had three families receiving the Bicentennial Award.

“For nearly 40 years, the Hoosier Homestead program has provided a wonderful opportunity for our state to recognize the rich heritage of farming in Indiana and how Hoosier family farms have been passed down from generation to generation,” noted Lt. Governor Ellspermann. “It is even more fitting that we are celebrating the Year of the Farmer at the Indiana State Fair as a way to honor and thank Hoosier farmers for being an integral part of our state’s legacy and future.”

“What better way to honor our Hoosier Homestead families than during the Year of the Farmer,” Director McKinney said. “We salute their determination, dedication, and innovation which have allowed them to succeed for more than 100 years.”

The 67 families honored at Tuesday’s ceremony join more than 5,000 Hoosier Homestead farms. Administered by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, semiannual recognition ceremonies are held in March during National Agriculture Month at the Indiana Statehouse and in August at the Indiana State Fair.

Hoosier Homestead Recipients | August 2015

Farm County	Award Name	Homestead Date	Type of Award
Adams	Wass	1865	Sesquicentennial
Adams	Ruth E. Kunkel & Fred J. Kunkel	1845	Sesquicentennial
Allen	Jerry & Pamela Ott	1914	Centennial
Allen	Mooney-Grodrian	1865	Sesquicentennial
Allen	Carroll & Shirley Hand Farm	1853	Sesquicentennial
Bartholomew	Spurgeon Family Farm	1855	Sesquicentennial
Benton	Leroy & Alma Puetz	1911	Centennial
Boone	Dull	1907	Centennial
Boone	Duff-Maze Family	1901	Centennial
Carroll	Shultheis	1865	Sesquicentennial

Carroll	Maxwell's Glenwood Farms	1895	Centennial
Dearborn	Zinser Farms	1846	Sesquicentennial
Dearborn	Vernon E. & Betty Jo Huber	1864	Sesquicentennial
Dearborn	Andwan-Hountz	1915	Centennial
Dubois	Meyer	1871	Centennial
Dubois	Paul H. Danhafer Jr. Family	1913	Centennial
Dubois	Fuhs	1861	Sesquicentennial
Dubois	Fuhs	1889	Centennial
Dubois	Fuhs	1910	Centennial
Dubois	Gordon & Anita Woebkenberg	1840	Sesquicentennial
Fayette	McDivitt	1911	Centennial
Franklin	Bob & Kim Schrank	1913	Centennial
Franklin	Koester Family	1865	Sesquicentennial
Gibson	Naas Family	1860	Sesquicentennial
Grant	Norman Wolfe Family Farm	1854	Sesquicentennial
Greene	Britton	1884	Centennial
Hamilton	Steven M. Osborne	1863	Sesquicentennial
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Hancock	Lantz & Corwin	1860	Sesquicentennial
Harrison	Glaze	1813	Bicentennial
Harrison	Boldt-Fell	1897	Centennial
Howard	Linson	1887	Centennial
Howard	Maple	1914	Centennial
Howard	Jackson	1902	Centennial
Jackson	Lahrman	1905	Centennial
Jackson	Hackman	1862	Sesquicentennial
Jackson	Mark Miller	1910	Centennial
Jackson	LeRoy Miller	1891	Centennial
Jay	Alva & Wanda Eley	1863	Sesquicentennial
Jay	Ed & Vickie May	1890	Centennial
Jefferson	Etherton	1911	Centennial
Knox	Mengedoht Family Farm	1915	Centennial
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Knox	Lane	1915	Centennial
Lawrence	Kimbley	1836	Sesquicentennial
Miami	Robert F. McConnell	1847	Sesquicentennial
Miami	Leedy	1899	Centennial
Newton	Franklin-Anderson-Wright	1864	Sesquicentennial
Owen	Beatty	1898	Centennial
Porter	Kuehl	1874	Centennial
Posey	Schenk	1861	Centennial
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Pulaski	Simmermaker	1915	Centennial
Putnam	Hanson & Strietelmeier	1856	Sesquicentennial

Ripley	Newhart Farms	1901	Centennial
Ripley	Rohls Family	1864	Sesquicentennial
Ripley	Miller	1890	Centennial
rush	Hunt	1839	Sesquicentennial
Spencer	Kenneth & Sally Schaaf	1894	Centennial
Spencer	Jeffrey & Donna Smith	1892	Centennial
Spencer	Meyer	1851	Sesquicentennial
Spencer	Keith M. Wilkinson	1848	Sesquicentennial
Spencer	Collignon-Held	1913	Centennial
Sullivan	Knotts	1865	Sesquicentennial
Switzerland	Archer	1865	Sesquicentennial
Tippecanoe	Thompson	1855	Sesquicentennial
Tippecanoe	Philip Booher	1883	Centennial
Union	Kitchel-Miller	1815	Bicentennial
Vigo	Whitcotten	1876	Centennial
Wayne	Douglas & Jeanie Eliason	1814	Bicentennial
Wells	The Sowards-Kleinknight Family Farm	1865	Sesquicentennial
White	Philip A. & Nancy J. Booher	1865	Sesquicentennial
Whitley	Hilligoss	1915	Centennial

ABOUT ISDA

The [Indiana State Department of Agriculture \(ISDA\)](#) was established as a separate state agency by the Legislature in 2005. The Director of ISDA is appointed by the Governor and is a member of the Governor's Cabinet. Administratively, ISDA reports to Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann, who also serves as Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture. Major responsibilities include advocacy for Indiana agriculture at the local, state and federal level, managing soil conservation programs, promoting economic development and agricultural innovation, serving as a regulatory ombudsman for agricultural businesses, and licensing grain firms throughout the state.

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