



## Century Farm Applications

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In May, 1976, the Minnesota State Fair sent invitations and application blanks to all county registers of deeds, county agricultural extension directors, and local county historical societies, and every newspaper and radio station in Minnesota asking to help find the farms in Minnesota that have been continuously owned and operated by the same family for 100 years or more.

The purpose of the program was not a publicity gimmik or a "thing" to do for the Bicentennial, but an honest effort to discover just how many descendants still farm the same land as their pioneer ancestors did.

The Minnesota State Fair is a likely place to undertake such a program. The State Fair, or more appropriately, the Minnesota State Agricultural Society, was organized in 1854 as the Territorial Agricultural Society. Ever since then, it has carried the theme "A Showcase of Minnesota Progress". Farmers, homemakers and manufacturers have brought their best to the fair not only to compete for prizes, but also to provide impetus for others to make a better effort whether it be in growing corn, raising livestock, baking bread or building safer farm equipment.

Qualifications for the century farm recognition were:

- 1) the farm must be at least 100 years old according to the abstract of title, land patent, original deed, county land records, court file in registration proceedings, or other authentic records.
- 2) continuous family residence on the farm is not required but ownership of the farm must be continuous.
- 3) family is defined to include the following: father, mother, uncle, aunt, brother, sister, son, daughter, first cousin, and direct-in-laws (father, mother, sister, daughter or son-in-law).
- 4) farm must consist of 50 or more acres.

The statistics found at the end of the report will indicate the response from around the state.

Additional information was also requested on the application blank: 1) from whom was the farm purchased? 2) How many acres were in the original parcel? 3) what was the cost of land per acre? 4) Where was the first owner born? 5) Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? 6) Was this a homestead? 7) Did the first owner farm the land? 8) Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? 9) Is the original home or any portion of it or other original buildings still standing or in use? 10) When was the present home built? and 11) What are the farm's major crops or products?

Some related information was also requested--such as pioneer stories concerning the farm and the area around it. Most farmers did give that related information. Many came back to the State Fair with family histories, photostatic copies of legal documents, pictures, eulogies, a page from a town or county history book, newspaper articles, and commemorative brochures. It is the related information that is dealt with in this report.

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In the beginning of the century farm story in Minnesota we find people who had a clear view of themselves and their hopes for making a living from a wilderness that had been untouched by axe or plow.

Those people who came to cultivate the Minnesota farmland were immigrants from 22 different nations--from France and Belgium, Norway, Denmark and Sweden, Ireland, England and Wales, Germany and Prussia, Poland, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and Bohemia, Saxony, Luxembourg, and Holland, Scotland, Switzerland, Austria, Canada, and South Russia. A total of 834 present day Minnesota farm families' ancestors were born in those countries. Another 124 Minnesota pioneers were born in several of the United States.

The mixture of opportunity, individual desire, the hope in freedom and the heritage of their native lands molded rural Minnesota. The impact of these founding grandfathers and grandmothers is still felt in the modes and manners, the accents and Christmas customs, the family reunions and church suppers that color the Minnesota landscape.

The descendents of Vaclav Smisek, Stonegrim Stonegrimson, Gottlieb Gabbert, Eugene O'Hern, Erick Flaskerud and all the others have preserved the family stories and legends. They are worth keeping. They tell a personal history of leaving a homeland and domesticating a frontier. The following are some of the best of those sent with the century farm applications.

Peter and Brita Larson's son Lewis wrote of the leaving of the homeland. The year of his writing is 1930 when he was 70 years old.



"My family left our province of Jamtland, Sweden when I was ten years old. Our trip began in the month of May. There being no trains in these days, our trip was made by foot, carts, and boats. We had to pass a part of Norway and also cross two lakes. In Between, we, or the women, rode in the wheel carts and the men had to walk. We finally arrived at Levanger, Norway. Here we visited the noted Dome Church. There is a story that Carl the 12th, of Sweden, kept his horses in this church when he tried to conquer Norway. From Trondheim, we followed the coast to the North Sea and across to Hull, England. From Hull to Liverpool, we traveled by train--the first one I had ever seen. After a week's stay at Liverpool, we were on the Atlantic Ocean. After six days, we encountered a storm that lasted 24 hours and caused a lot of excitement and disturbance among the passengers. Off the coast of Newfoundland we encountered large icebergs so the boat could travel only in daylight. Finally we arrived at the coast of North America, stopping first at Quebec, Canada, and then on by rail to Chicago. This was now the end of our journey and our ticket. My dad had \$350 in his pocket as we started life in America.

"At Chicago, employment was scarce and we were told that there was lots of work at Minneapolis, so it was not long before the whole party was again on the move. We arrived in Minneapolis on July 15, 1870. At that time it was a city of shacks, Swedes, Norwegians, saw mills, lumber jacks and soldiers, as it was still an Indian Reservation. We stayed at an Immigrant Home near Minneapolis for sometime until Father got work with the gravel crew on the railroad, which was building in a large way. Later Mother got work as a cook in a railroad camp, which lasted until Christmas when the construction work of the railroad ended for the season. That December we moved into Minneapolis where my father worked on a tunnel and my mother kept a boarding house for workers. The Mobergs [neighbors of the Larson's in Sweden who traveled with them to America] lived in Anoka but moved to Minneapolis at this same time. The two fathers also worked in a lumber camp.

"Six year old Erick Moberg passed away in the spring of 1871. In June we got a letter from Hans Nystrom, a former neighbor from Sweden who was already in Nobles County, telling us that there were homestead lands to be had and if we wanted some we had to come soon.

"When the Nystrom letter came we were all quite anxious, so Moberg and Father came to Worthington, or what is now Worthington (200 miles). They walked from Mankato (85 miles) as that was as far as the railroad was built."

The Larsons, Mobergs, and Nystroms are still neighbors--have been now for more than 100 years in this country, and more than 100 years before that in Sweden.

When the pioneers set out to claim their land, they didn't have much to move. Possessions listed by a Renville County settler, Frederick Kramin were: "a few crude tools and cooking utensils, a change of clothes, some seed, 50 pounds of flour, a little sugar and salt,

and fifty cents." All were carried in a two wheel ox cart from New Ulm to Renville County. Olmsted County settler, David T. Bernard, said his possessions were a wife, two sons, and twenty-four dollars.

The farmer who had just made his claim was hardpressed to provide shelter for the family. He couldn't wait for materials from a sawmill operator--there might not have been one for a hundred miles. Also urgent was the need to cultivate the land, plant crops, and establish a livestock herd.

Time was short for building a permanent home--money was even shorter. So, the pioneer relied on his own resources: manual dexterity and ingenuity to make due with materials on hand--sod, clay, logs, and sometimes only a hillside where the pioneer fashioned a dugout for his family.

Those first farm homes were the monuments of the times and the people who built them. When the land had

The Binger family of Flora Township, Renville County, tell of Peter Binger who arrived to settle their land in 1868: "A little sod was broken by hand, the first corn was planted by poking a stick in the ground and dropping in the seed. A little garden crop was planted. Then Peter walked to Mankato, did carpentry work in the summer, coming back in the fall by walking to St. Peter for what flour and groceries he could carry with him. In 1869, he worked on the homestead in the winter, building a log house about 12 by 14 feet, going to the river bottom to cut wood for fuel and logs for the cabin. That summer he again walked to Mankato to do carpentry work, returning to St. Peter for groceries in the fall and then home again."

One of the most difficult tasks facing the settler was clearing the land. In the eastern part of Minnesota, there was timber to cut

down and haul away, then stumps to grub and the land to plow. In western Minnesota there was endless rich virgin prairie soil, but with a covering centuries old. Normen and Doris Peterson of Fillmore Township, Fillmore County, sent along the reminiscences of Thomas Pulford, first family owner of their farm. Pulford writes of breaking prairie sod:

"After our own spring work was done, Father used to do the breaking for the settlers. From the time I was ten, I drove the breaking team, first for father, then when I was older, I did a great deal of breaking myself. I believe I did more breaking than any other one man in the county. I broke the greater share of Fountain township and I also broke much in Fillmore and Jordan townships.

"My team consisted of from five to seven yoke of cattle. One of my team of oxen weighed 4,000 pounds. The breaking plow was a heavy affair. It was made in Fillmore. The cattle were driven one team ahead of the other. There was one yoke for each team. A single chain passed between the oxen. The beam was 12 feet long with a mold board five feet long. The lay cut a furrow 26 inches wide. One man held the plow, the other drove. When two men worked together, they changed off.

"This part of the country at that time was covered with scrub timber. The man for whom the breaking was done cut off the highest timber and brushed the land. The breaking plow did the rest. I have cut through the roots seven or eight inches in diameter. The lay had to be kept sharp. There was a lot of power in those cattle."

The settlers did not always have immediate wealth and success. They hardly ever harvested much of a crop the first few years. Arthur Augst, Montgomery Township, LeSueur County, recalls the experience of his grandfather: "For several years they lived on rutabagas, cornbread, and wildlife. They had no salt to eat with the rutabagas because they didn't have the money to buy it. After they had other food, my grandfather could and would no longer eat rutabagas. They couldn't raise much the first years because ~~they~~ had to clear the land of trees and brush before they could plant anything. Birds threatened to eat the growing corn and the people had to stand guard to keep it safe. In the fall, when the corn was harvested, the ears were counted and so many set aside for each day's use so that they would have some until the next crop.



At one point when my grandfather felt his family would surely starve, a man came through the woods. He told them to pick the ginseng in the woods and he would buy it. The roots of ginseng have a medicinal value. This brought them money and they managed to buy a cow."

The settlers faced and usually lived through blizzards, tornadoes, drought, prairie fires, and near starvation. But the disaster that lasted the longest and was the most devastating was the grasshopper plague of one hundred years ago. It was called God's chastisement. George and Laura Skrove write of their grandfather's battle with the insect: "Martinus Skrove settled at Jackson, Minnesota after immigrating from Norway. He had hopes of a good wheat crop on the level, rich farmland, but the grasshoppers took all the crops--two years in a row. Skrove decided to move to Douglas County in 1873. His wife and baby came up by covered wagon in 1874. He planted his crops, again with high hopes, but the glittering, dark, huge cloud of grasshoppers had moved north and he lost his crop--another two years in a row."

Faribault County was hard hit by grasshoppers, too. But Marion Drake, Pilot Grove Township, remembers her grandmother telling of the end of the plague: "April 27, 1877, was designated by Governor Pillsbury as a day of fasting <sup>and</sup> prayer to Almighty God to relieve the people of the scourge. On the morning of July 20, 1877, a dense mass of grasshoppers rose and began flying away and disappeared from site. People responded with prayers of thanksgiving."

The oldest farm responding to the Century Farm project was one homesteaded by E.H. Whitaker. He came to Minnesota territory in 1846 from Kentucky, staked out a piece of land on the banks of the Mississippi in what is now Washington County. His Certificate of Register of the Land Office was signed by President Franklin Pierce. The land is now owned by Kenneth C. Whitaker, retired, who rents out the property.

Two more farmstead were settled before Minnesota was declared a territory. Charles and Rhea Stickney, Clear Lake Township, Sherburne County, own and operate a farm dating to 1848. The first owner, John Stevenson, made the farm a relay point for stage coaches and provided the overnight stop for the Red River carts going across his land. The Stickneys have preserved the trails and they show plainly through the untouched prairie sod.

The other farm, also dating to 1848, is in Washington County just a few miles from the Whitaker residence. Bob and Mary Rowe are the owners. A stylish brick home, built in 1880 and complete with cupola as an Indian lookout, graces the 120 acre corn and soybean farm. A spring below the home was a source of drinking water to the settlers.

Many stories of encounters with Indians have been passed down. Some tell of Indians asking for food and shelter. Robert and Blanche Stoffel, Murray County, have heard this story several times: "Several bands of Sioux Indians made camp in the tree claim on the Northwest corner of the property homesteaded by great-grandfather Ole Olson. The Indians remained camped in the tree claim leaving only to get water from the farm well. They never caused any trouble to the Olsons and their friendship was strengthened when the Olsons gave them baked goods, milk, poultry, and fresh venison. The Indians loyalty and friendship was tested by the Sioux uprising of 1862. At this time, marauding bands of Sioux including the ones camped at the homestead, swept through southwestern Minnesota, raiding <sup>and</sup> killing as they went. To insure the safety of the Olson homestead, the Indians marked the trees to indicate that this homestead was to be bypassed and left unharmed. The Olsons heard the passage of the Indians as they traveled east on their rampage."



And there is this story passed down to Victor Michael Zeiher, Jessenland Township, Sibley County: "A man all dressed in furs because of the cold was sitting by a creek. An Indian, barely dressed, came along. The man dressed in furs asked the Indian how he could stand the cold. The Indian asked the man, "Your face is not wrapped in furs? Your face cold?" The man replied, "No." The Indian said, "Me all face."

The Minnesota settlers were involved with the people written about in history books. Jesse James and his boys figure prominently in two century farm families. James and his men are reported to have watered their horses on the Ralph Magnuson farm, Leon Township, Goodhue County, before the bank robbery in Northfield. Later, James slept in the old house on the Kenneth and Hazel Brase farm, Meriden Township, Steele County.

Home~~r~~ Barrick of Ellsworth Township, Meeker County, writes about his grandmonther Julia Kennedy Barrick, and her encounter with Chief Little Crow: "My grandfather, Nimrod Barrick, had been gone for several days, hunting game for the winter, I suppose. Little Crow and two of his braves held my grandmother in the cellar (still on our farm) as a practical joke until they saw grandfather coming through the woods to his home. Grandpa always said that Little Crow was a practical joker."

Richard Sipon, a Faribault County land-owner circumnavigated the globe with Commodore Matthew Perry and was with Perry when he concluded the first treaty between Japan and the United States in 1854.

Mary Breman Thielan's grandfather settled a tract of land in Minden township, Benton County. Father Francis Pierz, founder of the missions to the Chippewa, stayed at the Breman farm many nights.

The Benedictine Fathers offered mass for the area settlers in the Bremen home.

Steven and Joyce Hedeem's great-grandfather, Eric Jonason, was a preacher from Jamtland, Sweden. His greatest interest was to find a church whose members might be from his homeland. Jonason and his companions traveled by covered wagon from McGregor, Iowa, to Goodhue County, Minnesota. Jonason then walked many miles before he came across the Vasa Lutheran Church, organized in 1853 by Swedish immigrants. The pastor of the church was none other than Eric Norelius, the missionary, educator, and leader of the Lutheran Church movement in Minnesota.

By the time the first settlers were ready to "retire" from farming, a plan had been formulated by many families to insure the well-being of those first senior citizens. Those plans were called life support agreements. This is one such agreement prepared by Fredrick Oftedahl, a Norwegian immigrant to Blue Earth County who bought 100 acres of land at \$15.00 per acre. Nels Oftedahl is his son.

"June 11, 1878; acknowledged by Nels Oftedahl in Blue Earth County, Minnesota, before A.R. Pfau, Notary Public.

"Nels T. Oftedahl has this day purchased of Fredrick Oftedahl and Tore Oftedahl the ..... and agrees in consideration thereof to pay and deliver to Fredrick and Tore Oftedahl \$70.00 each year during the term of their natural lives and \$35.00 to the survivor of them during the term of his or her natural life and 30 bushels of wheat each year or 15 bushels during the life of the survivor each year and to keep two milch cows for the use of said Fredrick and Tore, and 10 cords of firewood ready for the stove and delivered at the place of residence each year, to furnish feed for one hog each year and keep in proper repair the dwelling house now located on the premises aforesaid, and furnish team and conveyance for them to go to town when necessary at least four times each year and have the use of 1/4 acre of land next and adjacent to their said house for yard and garden, and in case he shall sell the land aforesaid to pay said Fredrick and Tore if they so desire to bring this contract to an end the sum of \$1000, and the value of the house occupied by them, and until said sums are paid by the purchaser of the premises on such sale to them, they shall have and hold a lien thereon for such sums in full."

It is now the 3rd, 4th, and 5th generations living on these twelve hundred century farms. During these commemorative years of our nation's birthday, the grandchildren of the pioneer farmers in Minnesota have been remembering and commemorating also.

In 1972, the Lowell and Elnore Lindelands sent Christmas letters to friends on the 104th anniversary of Lindeland ownership of a farm in Medo Township, Blue Earth County. The letter read:

"Whether it be 1868 - 1926 - or 1972, the  
greeting from the Lindelands at Christmas remains the same--  
'May the joy of our Savior's birth  
be yours to enjoy now and forever--!'"

Then followed pictures of the three homes that have been on the Lindeland farm opposite pictures of the three generations:

"Ole Gabriel and Gretta Josdal Lindeland  
Benerth G. and Louise Manthe Lindeland  
Lowell B. and Elnore Ahlborn Lindeland"

William and Ann Srsen, Somerset Township, Steele County, published a commemorative brochure in 1975 in honor of 100 years of Srsen family farm ownership. The brochure includes this anecdote about the first Srsens:

"Karel and Catherine Srsen and their six children arrived in New York City on July 3, 1875. Their long journey brought them from Dhous Trebova, Czechoslovakia. The first night in America was spent in a small hotel. The next morning they awoke to the banging of firecrackers and the noise of Independence Day. They were frightened and worried to think they had come to a country which sounded as though it might be fighting a war."

A recent reunion held on the Donald Breeggemann farm in Louisville Township, Scott County, brought 750 people "home."



More than holding family reunions, more than reprinting the memories of the pioneers, more than bringing out dusty family pictures to hang on the living room wall, the grandsons and grand-daughters of Minnesota pioneer farmers are contributing to their community and state. Those actively farming are also actively involved in farm organizations, school committees, county commissions, town boards, church councils, and programs for Minnesota's youth. Those who have left the farming to brothers and/or sisters, have become presidents of banks, professors at universities, school teachers, nuclear physicists, doctors and nurses, and museum curators. The list is long and varied. Even longer is the list of accomplishments that rural Minnesotians have made to this "state that works." That is the most lasting legacy to the pioneer farm men and women<sup>4410</sup> began by turning the soil.

Historian Theodore Blegen concludes the first edition of MINNESOTA A History of the State with this paragraph. It is also a fitting ending to this account:

"Whatever the sum total may be of the achievements and and contributions--or of the foibles and mistakes of Minnesota --those who developed the state are the thousands of men and women whose lives figure in that total. Because of them, the people, the state's yesterdays are legacy on the one hand, prologue on the other. Of Minnesota--if the many actors in its past could speak--they might paraphrase Aeneas of old and say, 'Part of it we are. We are the people who built Minnesota.'"

SOME FINAL STATISTICS:

Total number of Century Farms: 1,177

County with the most Century Farms: Fillmore, 77

Counties responding to Century Farm program:

Yellow Medicine	Wright
Wilkin	Watsonwan
Washington	Waseca
Wabasha	Todd
Swift	Stevens
Steele	Stearns
Sibley	Sherburne
Scott	Rock
Redwood	Rice
Renville	Pope
Otter Tail	Omsted
Norman	Nobles
Nicollet	Murray
Mower	Morrison
McLeod	Martin
Meeker	Mille Lacs
Lyon	Le Sueur
Lac Qui Parle	Kittson
Kandiyohi	Jackson
Isanti	Houston
Hennepin	Grant
Goodhue	Freeborn
Fillmore	Faribault
Douglas	Dodge
Dakota	Cottonwood
Chisago	Clay
Chippewa	Carver
Brown	Blue Earth
Benton	Becker
Winona	

Birthplaces of Minnesota Immigrants:

Sweden - 92	Norway - 279
Denmark - 19	Germany - 256
Belgium - 3	Poland - 7
Ireland - 72	Canada - 14
England - 14	Wales - 7
South Russia - 1	Scotland - 15
Switzerland - 8	Holland - 4
Czechoslovakia - 14	Yugoslavia - 1
Saxony - 1	Austria - 5
Luxembourg - 10	Prussia - 5
France - 2	Bohemia - 4
United States - 124	

Number of farms owned by people with the same surname for more than 100 years - 687

Number of farm families living in homes of which all or part are more than 76 years old - 435



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ST. PAUL--The Minnesota State Fair and The Farmer Magazine have recognized 266 Minnesota farms as 1977 Century Farms.

A certificate and plaque will be awarded to those applicants whose farms are at least 50 acres in size and have been in continuous family ownership for at least 100 years.

1977 Century Farm families include, by county:

Blue Earth: Earl T. Anderson, Lake Crystal (1861); Otto and Mary DeWitz, Amboy (1866); Mr. and Mrs. George Foster, Mapleton (1863); Willard Voigtlander, Minnesota Lake (1863); Willis and Rozella Ward, Mapleton (1869); D.E. Woods Estate, Lake Crystal (1851).

Brown: Tom Anderson, Springfield (1874); Howard Gluth, Morgan (1874); Alice Heckler and Lillas Gluth, Morgan (1875); Mr. and Mrs. William Gluth, Morgan (1875); Mr. and Mrs. Richard Holm, Sleepy Eye (1870); Len and Florence Iesh, Sleepy Eye (1867); Milton Kissner, Morgan (1875); Robert Lendt, Sleepy Eye (1868); George Munson, Hanska (1876); Ivan Radloff, Essig (1873); Roger Schneider, Sleepy Eye (1869); Rueben Schneider, Sleepy Eye (1869); Martin Seidl, Sleepy Eye (1877).

Carver: Henry and Ruth Krueger, Cologne (1861); Billard and Jane Berg, Carver (1856); Walter and Mae Brueschoff, Cologne (1869); Herbert Domjahn, New Germany (1873); John and Ruth Eklund, Watertown (1859); Dale Heuer, Norwood (1877); Mrs. Gertrude Heuer, Norwood (1868); Theodore and Lillie Johnson, Watertown (1859); Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Light, Delano (1860); Michael and Martin Murphy, Mayer (1865); Mrs. Luella Olsen, Chaska (1860); Roylan Schmidt, Watertown (1866); Harold and Esther Schrupp, Hamburg (1864); Melvin and Pearl Schrupp, Young America (1868); Silas and Lorraine Tesch, Watertown (1871).

Chippewa: Phillip and Geraldine Aaamot, Watson (1875); Donald and Archie Haugland, Watson (1867); Charles and Janette Sylte, Milan (1873).

Chisago: Eugene and Alice Anderson, Lindstrom (1853).

Cottonwood: Vernon Gertner, Westbrook (1877); Harry Heggerston, Walnut Grove (1873); Mrs. Neal Swenson, Sr., Westbrook (1876).

Dakota: Gale Shirley, Farmington (1875); Eleanor Melson, Farmington (1875); Raymond and Agnes May Black, Cannon Falls (1867); Kenneth and Vivian Brage, Cannon Falls (1873); The Bertram Gallagher Family, Burnsville (1876); Sylvester Gergen, Hastings (1857); Romuald Milan, Lakeville (1874); Eugene Slater, Eagan (1864).

Dodge: Thomas O'Connor, Blooming Prairie (1864); Heritage Farms, Kasson (1873); Olaf and Elva Hillson, Blooming Prairie (1857); Arnold and Myrtle Himle, Hayfield (1857); Clayton Osborn, West Concord (1866).

Douglas: Mrs. Albert Barsness, Brandon (1874); Bernhard and Helen Johnson, Brandon (1869); Paul F. Johnson, Evansville (1869); E. Orion Sward, Nelson (1875).

Faribault: Harlan Maland, Frost (1873); Reuben and Dorine Miller, Wells (1864); Maynard Passer, Wells (1875); Raymond Skinner, Wells (1869); Mr. and Mrs. T.G. Zimmerman, Blue Earth (1866).

Fillmore: Ernest and Irene Austin, Lanesboro (1865); Robert Earley, Preston (1858); Geneva Hagen, Mabel (1854); LaVonne Heusinkveld, Spring Valley (1859); Henry and Marjorie Hockema, Spring Valley (1867); Henry Holmen, Lanesboro (1863); Matthew and Beulah Hongerholt, Whalan (1866); Myron and Ilene Larson, Mabel (1861); Norman and Ethel Olson, Spring Valley (1864); Julian Sikkink, Preston (1863); Maynard Thompson, Peterson (1862).

Freeborn: Irvin and Gilma Armstrong, Hartland (1874); Anton and Josephine Cech, Glenville (1876); Paul Dahl, Albert Lea (1860); Lars and Alpha Grasdalen, Albert Lea (1861); Norman and Irene Johnson, Jr., Clarks Grove (1874); Kernel Knudson, Hartland (1868); Phaidor Trezise and Betty Nesterud, Clarks Grove (1862); Mrs. Carmen Putz, Minnesota Lake (1867).

Goodhue: Eldon and Glorian Anderson, Cannon Falls (1872); F. Henry Barsness, Wanamingo (1866); Stuart Berg, Welch (1872); Murland Buck, Goodhue (1861); Edward Cleary, Hastings (1859); Mildred, Ethel and Paul Collins, Welch (1865); Verne Fredrickson, Goodhue (1868); Irvin Erickson and Delores Fremouw, Welch (1865); Gerald Gadiant, Goodhue (1877); Mrs. Louise Grove, Wanamingo (1860); Juel Hjortaa, Kenyon (1874); Willard Holst, Red Wing (1866); Mrs. Otto Jacobson, Kenyon (1872); Olaf and Luella Jorstad, Kenyon (1857); Donald Lohmann, Zumbrota (1872); Mrs. Marion Luebke, Kenyon (1860); Harold and Esther Lund, Wanamingo (1860); Sadie and Clarice Morkre, Wanamingo (1876); Harvey and Sandra O'Neill, Goodhue (1860); Ole Remme, Dennison (1866); Darold Safe, Cannon Falls (1863); Gladys Savage, Red Wing (1854); Harlan Steberg, Zumbrota (1876); Walter Swanson, Red Wing (1855); Beatrice Johnson and Lucile Swenson, Cannon Falls (1873); Gertrude Teigen, Wanamingo (1865); Martin and Lillian Tongen, Zumbrota (1864); Charles and Norliene Wells, Nerstrand (1860).

Hennepin: Mrs. Mary Luedtke and family, Waconia (1871).

Houston: Ingvald and Geneva Dahle, Houston (1860); Harold Evans, LaCrescent (1860); Charles Graf, Hokah (1860); William and Faith Leary, Caledonia (1865); Milton and Audrey Liudahl, Spring Grove (1877); Francis Lynch, Houston (1864); James Sheehan, Hokah (1854).

Isanti: Gene and Judith Anderson, Braham (1873); W. Godfrey Edblad, Cambridge (1860); Theodore and Barbara Erickson, Isanti (1874); Frances Mattson, Braham (1876); Fremont, Marilyn and Hilding Olson, Braham (1869); Walter Olson, Bethel (1874).

Jackson: Robert Brodin, Windom (1870).

Kandiyohi: Maylan Bengtson, Spicer (1870); Edwin and Jean Emerson, Paynesville (1871); Alex and Ronald Everson, Atwater (1875); Odell Jacobson, Kandiyohi (1872); Howard Larson, New London (1867); Lawrence Lindquist, Blomkest (1876).

LeSueur: Milo Budin, Montgomery (1870); Bernard Hayden, LeSueur (1869); Elmer Huber, New Prague (1856); Harold Jahn, New Prague (1857); Paul and Margie Kehoe, LeSueur (1876); Leo and Kenneth Koppelman, Cleveland (1866); Emma and Lambert Krocak, Montgomery (1874); Marcella Prokes, New Prague (1873).

Lyon: Orin Hanson, Minneota (1848).

Martin: Darwin Hall, Winnebago (1870).

McLeod: Mrs. Irwin Cutlar, Glencoe (1872); William and Mabel Franke, Plato (1876); Ardin Kruschke, Lester Prairie (1876); M. Austin Otto, Lester Prairie (1857); Casten Proehl, Glencoe (1857); Helen Shaur, Silver Lake (1869); Lloyd Spiering, Brownston (1874); Hillard Stapel, Lester Prairie (1874); Henry Templin, Jr., Plato (1876); Howard, Marie and James Wanous, Hutchinson (1862).

Meeker: Harold Anderson, Dassel (1875); Dean and Dora Cates, Dassel (1866); Milton and Joyce Housman, Litchfield (1872); James and Arlene Johnson, Grove City (1873); William Manning, Litchfield (1871); Donald and Darlene Putney, Litchfield (1864).

Morrison: Mrs. Dorothy Eilers, Swanville (1866).

Mower: Mr. and Mrs. F. Glenn Arett, Austin (1874); Mrs. Maurine Goetsch, Austin (1875).

Nicollet: Armin Altmann, New Ulm (1874); Magnus Netzke, Nicollet (1872); Norbert Osborne, St. Peter (1868); Henry Schaefer, Nicollet (1867); William Zins, Nicollet (1871).

Nobles: Miles Birkett, Ellsworth (1877); Dale and Agnes Hansberger, Worthington (1872); Raymond and Alice Schreiber, Brewster (1871).

Olmsted: Donald and Mary Bennett, Rochester (1862).

Ottertail: Arne and Bennie Brenden, Rothsay (1871); Mr. and Mrs. Philip Burseth, Fergus Falls (1871); Joseph Fehrenbach, Perham (1877); Theodore Hegseth, Fergus Falls (1876); George Langsjoen, Dalton (1876); Arnold and Grace Norberg, Battle Lake (1869).

Pipestone: William Drew, Jasper (1876).

Polk: Chrisse Wentzel Hanson, Fisher (1876).

Pope: James Belgium, Farwell (1870); Benjamin Troen, Glenwood (1871).

Ramsey: F.C. Kohler Family, St. Paul (1854).

Redwood: Aldondale Farms, Springfield (1874); W.R. O'Callaghan, Springfield (1870).

Renville: Gary Ahrens, Morton (1870); Leonard Boyum, Fairfax (1868); Lloyd and Corinne Danielson, Fairfax (1876); Lyle Greenslit, Franklin (1869); Lela Hudson, Stewart (1876); Richard Scheffler, Morton (1874).

Rice: Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Buan, Kenyon (1858); Quentin Kane, Medford (1864); Robert and Ruth Misgen, Faribault (1873).

Scott: Robert Alexon, Lakeville (1861); Edmund Bowler, Belle Plaine (1855).

Sibley: Gerald and George Doheny, Henderson (1857); Lawrence Fahey, Belle Plaine (1861); Earl Fisher, Arlington (1877); Delmar Groehler, Winthrop (1874); Harvey Heckmann Hamburg (1873); Edward McCormick, Henderson (1861); Hilder Olson, Gibbon (1876); Ida Olson Estate, Winthrop (1875); Howard and Ella Smith, Belle Plaine (1866); Donald Wolff, Glencoe (1875).

Stearns: Carl Christen, Albany (1869); Elmer Faber, Watkins (1866); Leo and Thelma Hoskins, Kimball (1865); Herbert Koetter, Richmond (1864); Clement Meyer, St. Joseph (1874); Bernard and Delphine Nietfeld, Melrose (1867); Raymond and Dolores Rolfes, Richmond (1861); Donald and Elizabeth Schramel, Richmond (1869); Al Spanier, St. Martin (1870); Harold Storms, Clearwater (1867); John Walz, St. Joseph (1862).

Steele: Mrs. Elizabeth Bredlow, Medford (1876); Eldon Buscho, Waseca (1874); Sylvester Condon, Morristown (1861); Martin Hanson, Ellendale (1859); Loren Hoffman, Owatonna (1866); Zenobia Jensen, New Richland (1876); Loring Larson, Owatonna (1873); David Pfeifer, Owatonna (1874); Allan and Lila Ring, Medford (1870).

Swift: Orville Beyer, Holloway (1862); Wilton Christenson, Murdock (1873); Russell Hanson, Benson (1870); Morine Hollen, Sunburg (1875); Wennerberg Bros., Kerkhoven (1876).

Todd: Alma Bundy, Osakis (1870); Darrel Stenmoe, Osakis (1875).

Wabasha: Walter Danckwart, Lake City (1866); John Graner, Kellogg (1863); Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hawley, Kellogg (1860); Louis Liffbrig, Mazzeppa (1871); Irvin McGowan, Wabasha (1855); L.E. O'Hara, Zumbro Falls (1863); Donald and Arlene Roberson, Zumbro Falls (1870); William Ryan, Millville (1864).

Waseca: Helen Bagne, Hayfield (1874); Rev. Myrwood Bagne, Hayfield (1857); George and Stasia Grams, Janesville (1869); Harold Hagen, New Richland (1868); Charles Hofmann, Janesville (1873); Edgar and Maurice Verplank, New Richland (1865).

Washington: John Berschens, Lake Elmo (1864); Robert and Mae Gilbertson, Scandia (1877); Francis and Mary Kocourek, Withrow (1855); Bruce Ramsden, Stillwater (1854); Tom Secrest, Stillwater (1851); Bruce and Janet Swenson, Scandia (1866).

Watsonwan: Alton Eklund, St. James (1875); Axel Flogstad, St. James (1876); Floyd and Eunice Johnson, Butterfield (1875).

Winona: Edward Curtis, Winona (1876); Louis Heim, St. Charles (1876).

Wright: Glen and Hattie Arnold, Monticello (1866); Milton Barberg, Cokato (1866); Melvin Erickson, Delano (1873); Lauren Horsch, Delano (1858); Jane Huncha, Delano (1874); Darrell and Ellen Kelly, Annandale (1877); Kenneth Schmidt, Buffalo (1857).

Yellow Medicine: Gautefall Bros., Hazel Run (1870); Kenneth Homme, Belview, (1871); Kenneth and Guro Homme, Granite Falls (1868); Mr. and Mrs. Harland Rowberg, Hanley Falls (1872).

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Charles and Caroline Anderson, Lake Park (1871); James G. Johnson, Callaway (1875); Cameron and Lois Sharp, Audubon (1871).

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BLUE EARTH COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Lawrence G. Barott and Lois O. Barott, Mapleton (1867); Sylvia Cumming Dunn and Loren John Cumming, Mapleton (1871); Charles and Lucille Dauk, Madison Lake (1875); Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Davis, Cambria (1860); Nicholas and Lula Fasnacht, Madison Lake (1864); Archie Fellows, Janesville (1867); Alvin H. and Elvina R. Lewis, Mapleton (1866); Benerth G., Lowell B., and Elnore M. Lindeland, Minnesota Lake (1874); Jeanette Pick and Irvin Pick, Mapleton (1874); Kenneth and Evelyn Schostag, Mankato (1855); Carlyn O. Severson, Mapleton (1871); Everett B. Sharp, Mapleton (1865); R. Sumner and Cleo Sowers, Vernon Center (1866); Marvel E. and Janice Stanke, Janesville (1864); Claire J. Strobel and Janet H. Strobel and children, Mapleton (1858); Clarence and John Vaubel, Mapleton (1866); Glenn and Orene Yaeger, Good Thunder (1864), Richard and Ellen Laingen, Lake Crystal (1868).

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BENTON COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Clarence, Jeanice Adelman and family, Sauk Rapids (1872);  
James and Eleanor Donovan, St. Cloud (1867); Alvin J. Henry, Foley (1867);  
Marvin C. Latterell, Foley (1871); Lloyd Rudnitski, Foley (1860);  
Merle and Deloris Stowe Foley (1870); William and Mary Brennan Thielen,  
Sauk Rapids (1857); Glen and Ruth Uran, Princeton (1866).

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BIG STONE COUNTY

ST. PAUL--The farm of Harold and Leola Lovgren, Ortonville, has been designated a Century Farm by the 1976 Minnesota State Fair. It is one of more than one thousand farms in Minnesota that have been owned and operated by the same family for one hundred years or more. The Lovgren family began farming the land in 1869.

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BROWN COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Willard J. Brandl, Sleepy Eye (1872); Leon and Edie Fritsche, New Ulm (1870); Edward Guggisberg, New Ulm, (1859); Willand and Alice Manderfeld, Jeanette, Karen, Christine, and Beverly Manderfeld, New Ulm (1861); Norman R. Moe, Springfield (1875); Landis F. Mohr, New Ulm (1861); Donald R. Moll, Sleepy Eye (1868); Reuben C. Moll, New Ulm (1868); Ralph R. Olsen, Sleepy Eye (1869); David and Marlys Olstad, Hanska (1873); Leslie J. Peterson, Sleepy Eye (1866); Clarence J. and Frances Paulson, Sleepy Eye (1873); Waldemar and Inez Schmiesing, Hanska (1882); Myrtle O. Turbes, Sleepy Eye (1869).

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CARVER COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Myron F. and Margaret Bachmann, Norwood (1860); Archie Oliver Blacketter, Watertown (1865); Ray and Anna Blissenbach, Chaska (1861); Herbert H. and Aurelia Bröckoff, Cologne (1860); Eleanor L. Burns, Minneapolis (1866); Walter and Mary Ann Bussman, Norwood (1868); Gilbert Dietel and Delores Dietel, Norwood (1860); Charles Eiden, Cologne (1860); Fred R. and Nancy J. Frank, Chaska (1860); Harold A. Guethling, Cologne (1855); Charlres and Elvera Ittel, Hamburg (1858); Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lenzen, Chaska (1859); Peter and Cora Lenzen, Chaska (1860); Harold and Larry Mackenthun, Hamburg (1860); LeRoy and Myrna Mellgren, Cologne (1860); James P. Neaton, Watertown (1860); Edward and Carol Nord, Carver (1866); Richard Paul Oelfke, Carver (1861); Orwin Poppitz, Chaska (1861); Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rolf, Norwood (1876); Victor H. and Jeanette L. Rolf, Norwood (1859); Harold and Bernette Sauter, Cologne (1858); Gerlad H. Schimmelpfennig, Norwood (1861); Burnell H. Schlueter, Cologne (1869); Thomas Sons, Norwood (1873); Gilbert Sudheimer, Waconia (1864); Erwin and Gertrude Thomas, Hamburg (1875); Donald Wallace, Carver (1858); Clifford Westermann and Irene Kellermann, Mayer (1861); Roy O. Wolff and Mixine K. Wolff, Chaska (1860); Arthur and Orville Wolter, Norwood (1859); Lothar and Linda Wolter, Norwood (1868). *Maynard A. Mackenthun, Hamburg (1860).*

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CHIPPEWA COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Anderson, Montevideo (1868); Roger Armstrong, Murdock (1869); Clarence Dalen, Montevideo (1870); Thomas and Kay Dalen, Milan (1870); Mrs. Anton Erickson, Montevideo (1868); Norman Hagen, Milan (1875); Russell Hanson, Milan (1869); Oscar and Helen Nygaard, Montevideo (1875); John C. Overn, Watson (1869); Gordon Sederstrom, Montevideo (1872); Eric G. and Nona J. Siverson, Milan (1872); Ernest A. and Beverly J. Stennes, Montevideo (1874); Lyle M. Torgason, Watson (1875).

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CHISAGO COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Charles D. Anderson, Golden Valley (1863); Delore and Lorraine S. Berglund, Scandia (1865); Robert K. Bruss and Maxine M. Bruss, Lindstrom (1860); Lloyd H. Dedon, Taylors Falls (1871); Paul and Corrine Farnell, Center City (1857); Robert and Laverne Glyer, Chisago City (1870); L. Patrick and Mary E. Greene, Shafer (1870); Elliott and Marjorie Hawkinson, Robert Hawkinson, Shafer (1855); Victor and Ruby Johnson, Lindstrom (1873); Russell A. Jonason, Shafer (1856); Carlyle and Beatrice Klinke, Taylors Falls (1874); Warren Moody, Chisago City (1872); Walfred and Beatrice Noren, Chisago City (1873); Phillip R. Peterson, Lindstrom (1869); Richer E. and Ann M. Rue, Shafer (1873); Mark and Barbara Widelius, Lindstrom (1870); Raymond and Florence Wikelius, Lindstrom (1870).

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Roen Farm is Century Farm  
(CLAY COUNTY)

St. Paul--The farm of D.H. Roen, Moorhead, has been designated a Century Farm by the 1976 Minnesota State Fair. It is one of more than one thousand farms in Minnesota that have been owned and operated by the same family for one hundred years or more. Roen's forefathers began farming the land in 1871.

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COTTONWOOD COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Mr. and Mrs. Earl Anderson, Revere (1871); Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Enstad, Walnut Grove (1870); Loren and Aileen Grant, Bingham Lake (1873); Robert and Olga Halland, Storden (1870); Frank B. Hiebert, Bingham Lake (1875); Oliver and Jeanette Monson, Lamberton (1867); Mark L. Richardson, Comfrey (1873); John and Hazel Takle, Walnut Grove (1872); Roland and Helen Wray, Heron Lake (1876).

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DAKOTA COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Earle R. Almquist, Hastings (1870); Richard D. and Lavonne D. Childs, Eagan (1855); Vernon and Thomas Fahey, Rosemount (1874); Paul G. Graff, Northfield (1859); Glenn and Marlys Guildner, Farmington (1856); Howland Brothers and Sisters, Northfield (1867); Maurice O. and Robert M. Johnson, Lakeville (1860); Vern A. and Myrtle E. Kelly, Farmington (1855); Oren A. and Lenore M. Larson, Lakeville (1875); Arthur T. McMenomy, St. Paul (1855); Eugene and Loretta Schaffer, Cannon Falls (1873); Ralph and Mary Schweich, Hampton (1869); Chester W. and Isabella Terry, Northfield (1871); Aloys G. Wagner-Susan Wagner, Hastings (1876); George and Ruby (Strathern) Waldo, Rosemount (1853); Nicholas P. and Delores Weiland, Hampton (1864).

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DODGE COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Klaus Alberts-Barbra Alberts, Kasson (1874); Earl D. and Esther H. Bartel, Kasson (1876); Douglas V. Dennison, Hayfield (1876); Garth Evarts, West Concord (1857); Charles E. Finn and Yvonne L. Finn, Kasson (1873); Stella Fjerstad, Hayfield (1876); Donald R. and Selm H. Gilderhus, Hayfield (1874); Herbert Hallaway and Myrtle Hallaway, Claremont (1865); Minnie Himle, Hayfield (1869); Helmer, Kermit, Arlen and Harris D. Peterson, Blooming Prairie (1857); Lawrence Hythecker, Claremont (1876); Henry M. Kording, Hayfield (1872); Richard A. and Alpha B. Jensen, Kasson (1868); Martha A. Lee, Ida A. Lee and Edward T. Lee, Hayfield (1873); Harry and Ruth Mohn, Hayfield (1860); David R. Thoe and Robert E. Thoe, Hayfield (1860); Gary and Glenda Thronson, Hayfield (1869); Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Tverberg, Hayfield (1871); Spencer H. Wilson and Ellen M. Wilson, Hayfield (1864); Francis Wyatt, Kasson (1863).

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DOUGLAS COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Arnold Angen-Mrs. Amy Angen, Alexandria (1876); Friebert and Elvira Blank, Carlos (1874); Emma Amundson Elvrum, Evansville (1874); Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Foslien, Garfield (1867); Bertil and Ruth Frykman, Evansville (1874); William H. and Christel E. Guiles, Farwell (1866); Conrad B. and Leila M. Hanson, Brandon (1867); Leonard O. and Amanda M. Hanson, Brandon (1867); Rufus Lundquist, Miltona (1875); Vernal and Marlene Nelson, Kensington (1873); Florence Norris, Minneapolis (1876); Glen and Ethel Nylander, Brandon (1874); George and Laura Skrove, Brandon (1874); Lloyd and Elda Sletto, Evansville (1870); Palmer A. Spilseth and Esther P. Spilseth, Kensington (1873); Arnold W. Thompson, Hoffman (1874); August Herman Tonn, Nelson (1875); Irvin and Ethel Walstad, Garfield (1873).



Mrs. Alice V. Anderson, Crivelyn (1868); Ernest J. Anderson, Frost (1870)  
Mrs. Harvey Andrews, Delavan (1862); George Bassett and Lilian Bassett, Blue  
Earth (1870); Bailey W. Blair, Winnebago (1872); Alton and Mabel Bugsather,  
Bricelyn, (1876); Delbert A. Carlson, Delavan, (1870); K.W. and Judith Carson,  
Delavan (1873); Maurice J. and Elaine Carson, Delavan, (1873); Marvin Claude  
and Kenneth M. Claude, Delavan, MN (1871); Gladys Culbertson, Wells, (1875);  
James T. Douglas, Delavan (1872); Frank T. Doyle, Easton (1868); Marian Drake,  
Blue Earth (1871); Marian and Ann Drake, Blue Earth (1872); Wildwood Farm,  
Maurice and Maxine Durkee, Winnebago (1861); Edwin and Dale Erdahl, Blue Earth,  
(1872); Leon Flo, Bricelyn (1868); George and Marie Gorman, Blue Earth (1870);  
Donald and Hildegard Gray, Winnebago (1858); Jerome C. Hansen and Helen Hansen,  
Delavan (1870); Frances, Glenn and Thomas Hart, Winnebago (1856); Warren and  
Shirley Hartman, Winnebago (1870); Sigri Hecht, Waseca (1870); L. Ruth and  
Gordon Hedland, Blue Earth (1870); Mary Herrmann, Delavan (1869); Mrs. Glen  
Johnson, Bricelyn (1866); Joseph M. and Elsie A. Johnson, Blue Earth (1869);  
Victor J. Johnson, Blue Earth (1864); Alpha and John Kingstrom, Bricelyn (1876);  
Lila Inza Langsev, Frost (1876); Hartwick and Anna Larson, Bricelyn (1862);  
Orville Legried and sons Roger and Dennis, Frost (1875); Minnie Johnson Leland,  
Bricelyn (1870); Jeremiah and Mary McGoff, Blue Earth, (1873); Eleanora Meland  
Mikkelson, Bricelyn (1876); Mrs. Leo Miller, Winnebago (1875); Jens H. Nordness,  
Bricelyn (1868); Ruby and Carl Nore, Wells, (1874); Allen and Lillian Oelke,  
Blue Earth, (1864); Mrs. Dorothy Paschke, Ronald and Marlys Paschke, Blue Earth,  
(1868); Evan Pettit, Delavan (1869); John Poetter, Blue Earth (1868); Jesse H.  
and Irene N. Poole, Winnebago (1852); Omar, Rueben and Guning Presegard,  
Bricelyn (1875); Donald Rauenhorst, Easton (1873); Laverne Rollenhagen, Wells,  
(1876); Ellsworth and Pearl Rynearson, Winnebago (1868); Sarah Sabin, Frost,  
(1863); Bernard C. Schultz, Wells (1875); Frank S. Schultz, Wells (1875);  
Merle H. Shirk, Blue Earth (1860); Ambrose Sonnke, Minnesota Lake (1859);  
Robert Sonnek, Minnesota Lake (1870); Ernest Stallkamp, Blue Earth (1872);  
Gladys and Alton Steele, Blue Earth (1870); Mrs. Evaline Sturtz, Winnebago,  
(1869); Alma Sabin Sullivan, Blue Earth (1863); Arthur and Orpha Venne, Bricelyn,  
(1872); Blanche Whitney, Mapleton (1870); Wayne T. And Helen M. Whitney,  
Delavan (1872).

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FILLMORE COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Ralph and Lorraine Anfinson, Whalen (1866); Raymond and Evelyn Apenhorst, Preston (1874); Darrol B. and Elvira M. Berning, Harmony (1874); Alice Colbenson, Peterson (1866); Andrew J. Dammen and Joseph F. Overland, Peterson (1854); James B. and Marjorie Early, James E. and Janice Early, Fountain (1858); Sharon Ellis and Mary Scrabeck, Preston (1864); Howard and Iona Ellsworth, Spring Valley (1856); Homer William Flathers, Stewartville (1864); Charles Roland Graling, Spring Valley (1865); John E. and Christine A. Grant, Preston (1868); J. Palmer Gullickson, Lanesboro (1854); Robert and Marjorie Hahn, Preston (1856); Maurice Tew and Mr. and Mrs. Levane Hatling, Rushford (1853); Wallace and LaVaughn Helleland, Rushford (1865); Alton Ray Heusinkveld, Spring Valley (1868); Leland C. Heusinkveld and Patricia Ann Heusinkveld, Preston (1860); Herbert and Ruby Highum, Peterson (1873); Amanda Hintze, Spring Valley (1861); Richard and Alice Hinze, Spring Valley (1869); Harry and Bernard Housker, Spring Grove (1857); Lawrence M. Hudson, Canton (1856); Styrk G. Isberg Jr. and Lila Isberg, Rushford (1856); Ingvald and Laura Iverson, Lanesboro (1868); Edward Jameson, Rushford (1855); Helen Jameson, Rushford (1855); Ida S. Johnson-Harold T. Johnson, Ruth T. Benson, Harmony (1853); Donald and Geraldine King, Spring Valley (1856); Lorraine G. Kingstad, Mabel (1855); Palmer Kinneberg, Preston (1858); Robert and Sharon Knutson, Whalen (1856); Charle L. Larson, Lanesboro (1866); Clifford and Ione Larson, Peterson (1866); Robert A. Love, Lime Spring, Iowa (1856); Ewald and Hulda Meisner, Wykoff (1873); Hubert L. Mensink, Preston (1864); Duane and Arlys Michener, Spring Valley (1868); Arthur Molstein, Utica (1875);

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John and Colleen Mulvihill, Fountain (1866); Mr. and Mrs. Norris M. Nagel, Preston (1865); Thomas E. O'Connor, Preston (1856); Dennis E. and Ruth C. Peterson, Rushford (1868); Normen and Doris Peterson, Wykoff (1871); Aaron John Prinsen, Preston (1876); Vernon C. and Ione B. Rendahl, Ostrander (1876); Fred C. Rick, Spring Valley (1858); Hilbert and J. Floy Roelofs, Preston (1866); Olaf Rustad, Lanesboro (1858); Lawrence Sorum, Rushford (1856); Percy Steffensrud, Harmony (1856); Robert Stenogard, Rushford (1856); Clement H. Snyder Jr., Preston (1860); Theodore S. Tangen, Fountain (1854); Mr. and Mrs. Elvin O. Tuff, Rushford (1872); Dale V. Turner, Harmony (1855); Byron Vatland and Odis Vatland, Mabel (1854); Joseph and Marian Walsh, Fountain (1874); Shelby and Doris Westby, Peterson (1875); Clayton Zebaugh, Spring Valley (1855); Lew and Georgia Larson, Mabel (1858); Amil Junior Kadlec, Chatfield (1871); Victor T. Asleson, Fountain (1855); Wallace D. Hutton, Harmony (1858); Kathleen, Susan, Michael, and William Caldwell, Harmony (1855); Mrs. L.E. Heidlebaugh, Spring Valley (1856); Alden H. Onstine, Harmony (1854); William A. Pease, Chatfield (1857); Walter Mills, Preston (1858); Bernard Lerol, Whalan (1855); Wayne Hoog, Harmony (1855); Victor Flattum and Vilda Flattum, Whalan (1857); John B. and Mildred Gjerdrum, Mabel (1854); Lowell Tollefson, Preston (1857); Arnold Hogue, Lanesboro (1856); Theodore S. Tangen, Fountain (1854); Henry Knudson and Sylvan Nelson, Canton (1854); Norman W. Grabou, Spring Valley (1856).



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FREEBORN COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Roger D. Amundson, Blooming Prairie (1856); A.W.T. and Guid M. Anderson, Glenville (1866); Howard and Evelyn Bakken, Alden (1860); Lee R. Beach-Eloise H. Beach, Freeborn (1860); Byron and Elaine Bjerke, Albert Lea (1874); Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Buchanan, Northwood, Iowa (1860); Mr. and Mrs. Gary Buchanan, Northwood, Iowa (1868); Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Buchanan, Northwood, Iowa (1855); Marvin E. and Tracy Christensen, Wells (1857); Mrs. Elmer Christian, Emmons (1876); John B. Donovan, Hartland (1871); Floyd and Gertrude Doppelhammer, Glenville (1873); Easton Hog Farms, Blooming Prairie (1862); John and Margaret Emerson, Emmons (1873); Roger A. Enderson and Ernest Enderson, Albert Lea (1861); Lloyd and Rosemary Flaskerud, Glenville (1871); Mrs. Dora Fink et al, Albert Lea (1875); James R. Hansen, Hartland (1867); Joseph E. and Evelyn M. Herron, Blooming Prairie (1869); Miss Marion Hoban, Miss Marcella Hoban, Austin (1856); Donald P. Johnsrud and Joanne M. Johnsrud, Albert Lea (1874); Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Kvam, Northwood, Iowa (1869); Mr. and Mrs. David Larson, Albert Lea (1857); Mr. and Mrs. Richard White and Louise White, Albert Lea (1857); Mr. and Mrs. Leo A. Loomis, Clarks Grove (1856); Milo Madson, Hartland (1868); Mr. and Mrs. Louis G. Marpe, Glenville (1876); Duane C. and Janice Morreim, Albert Lea (1856); Mr. and Mrs. LaRuen Morreim, Albert Lea (1856); Ole Marlowe Olson, Albert Lea (1855); Manford I. Peterson, Hollandale (1871); Wallace and Agnus Roberts, Albert Lea (1870); Glenn and Maureen Ruble, Albert Lea (1856); Eldo and Lucas Scherb, Glenville (1868); Henry M. Schmidt, Emmons (1861);

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Elmer Schneider, Albert Lea (1864); Robert E.D. Schoen, Wells (1863);  
Mr. and Mrs. Russell Simonson and Selma Simonson, Emmons (1862);  
Herman E. Sorlie and Myra Sorlie, Hartland (1865); Clayton O. and Darlene  
A. Stoa, Austin (1876); Lewis J. and Avon Sullivan, Hartland (1872);  
Robert S. Thompson, Clarks Grove (1864); Mrs. Alvin H. Ulland, Austin  
(1862); Arthur H. Ulland, Austin (1850).

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David and Carol Baker, Kenyon (1868); Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Bjugan, Pine Island, (1866); Michael M. Davidson, John E. Davidson Jr., Jeffrey C. Davidson, Kenyon, (1874); H. Herbert Fredrickson, Zumbrota (1859); Carl, Bernice and Steve Gustafson, Welch (1875); George and Mary Ann Henry, West Concord (1875); Elmer and Wynette Hovel, Zumbrota (1869); Bertil G. Johnson, Cannon Falls (1872); Mr. and Mrs. Manley J. Langeness, Zumbrota (1873); Jerrold N. Lexvold, Zumbrota, (1868); Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Magnuson, Cannon Falls (1873); Wallace Meyer, Goodhue, (1872); Obert T. Musgjerd, Nerstrand (1856); Oscar and Fern Nesseth, Nerstrand (1854); Edwin, Ida, Esther Odegaard, Nerstrand (1857); Paul and Bernice Olson, Welch (1855); Iver Quamme, Haakon Quamme, Nerstrand (1855); Mrs. Raymond Rauk, Kenyon (1862); Bernard and Cyril E. Reiland, Pine Island (1874); Robert A. and Sandra Sammelson, Red Wing (1861); Robert and Alpha Sathrum, Kenyon (1856); Mrs. Maude H. Schmidt, Frontenac (1871); DeWayne and Barb Shaske, Faribault (1865); Otto C. Thoreson and Alice M. Thoreson, Zumbrota (1876); Conley Tilderquist, Welch (1858); Kristine M. Ugland, Kenyon, (1865); Obert and Lydia Veiseth, Wanamingo (1874); John and Linda Whitson and children, Stanton (1858); Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd H. Voxland, Kenyon (1854); Thomas and Ruth Comstock, West Concord (1856); Donald and Elizabeth Malloy, Kenyon (1858); Raymond C. Ohnstad, Cannon Falls (1855); Lawrence E. Tollefsrud and David, Paul, Lyle Tollefsrud, Zumbrota (1857); Willard A. Dibble, Jr., Cannon Falls (1856); Steven A. Hedeem and Joyce M. Hedeem, Cannon Falls (1857); Merle and Helen Tate, Cannon Falls (1861).



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Grant County Century Farms

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Walter R. Ash, Fergus Falls (1876); Alfred Balgaard, Ashby (1876); Mrs. Thomas C. Blixrud, Barrett (1871); Kenneth and Barbara Egertson, St. Paul (1873); O. H. Noreen, Herman (1875); William Marth, Verlyn Marth, Herman (1876); Carl and Kendora Peterson, Ashby (1873); Robert and Irene Shervey, Barrett (1871); Robert E. Thiel, Wendell (1875); Paul and Judy Thronson, Evansville (1869).

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HENNEPIN COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Edwin and Georgia Bursch, Loretto (1872); Luke D. Cain, Corcoran (1860)  
Gerald J. and Bette A. Dehn, Anoka (1865); Richard and Margie Jacobs, Maple Plain (1864); Mrs. Russell B. Johnson, Maple Plain (1864); Arthur Laurent, Hamel (1860); John H. Meister, Hamel (1858); Gilbert and Ruth Patnode, Hamel (1860); Henry and Mildred Pauly, St. Bonifacius (1872); Harold F. Schutte, Corcoran (1860); Arthur and Esther Weinand (1858).

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HOUSTON COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Robert and Margaret Anderson, Houston (1858); Sigmund Bergrud, Spring Grove (1871); Glenn A. Bunge, New Albin, Iowa (1862); Everest P., John T., Michael E. Burg, Caledonia (1864); Richard D. and Marlene M. Burtness (1864); Glenn and LaVerne Buxengard, Caledonia (1855); Bernard and Margaret Corcoran, Caledonia (1857); Mr. and Mrs. Harold Davy, Brownsville (1872); David Corcoran, Hokah (1857); Arlen and Janice Doely, Spring Grove (1858); James and Grace Donahue, New Albin, Iowa (1856); Mr. and Mrs. Donald Eiken Dahl and family, Mankato (1855); Robert and James Earley, Fountain (1858); Lorimer Ellestad, Spring Grove (1858); James J. Ellingson, Spring Grove (1855); Arlin and Ruby Feil, Caledonia (1868); Paul and Arlene Gade, New Albin, Iowa (1875); Francis and Earl Gallagher, Caledonia (1856); Mike and Ella Mae Giblin, Caledonia (1870); Alden M. Guberud and Elizabeth A. Guberud, Coon Rapids (1854); Owen and Gayle Rodne Hagen, Spring Grove (1854); Paul Dillon Hempstead, Houston (1855); George J. Hendel Sr., George Hendel Jr., Harold P. Hendel, Caledonia (1869); Wesley C. Happel, Houston (1856); Wayne Harkness, Mabel (1858); Dale and Carol Horn, Caledonia (1856); Melvin H. Inglett, Caledonia (1867); Harold M. Johnsrud, Spring Grove (1855); Kildahl-Christianson, Houston (1856); Glenn and Russella Kinneberg, Spring Grove (1856); Walter A. Klein, Caledonia (1869); Edwin T. Kroshus, Spring Grove (1856); Glenn Duane Kruse and Rena Kruse, New Albin, Iowa (1868); Mrs. Edna Laugen, Houston (1869);

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Jerry Lee, Houston (1869); Robert J. and Mary E. Lewis, Caledonia (1854); Anton and Margaret Lybeck, Caledonia (1872); Edward and RoseAnn McManinom, Rushford (1874); John E. Meyer, Laurence and Doris Meyer, Spring Grove (1874); Henry and Laura Modes, Houston (1866); Earl Murphy, Caledonia (1872); Richard Ostrem, Lanesboro (1858); George C. Overland and Agnes C. Overland, Rushford (1874); LaVern and Nadine Privet, Caledonia (1863); Bernice E. Redding, Gary Redding, Claudia Guenther, Houston (1855); Robert L. Richards, Brownsville (1858); Georgia, Kalr, Peter, Karen, Oscar Rosendahl, Spring Grove (1855); Sumner S. Sheldon, Houston (1855); Darrel Skree, Caledonia (1855); Alden A. and C. Lorraine Solum, Spring Grove (1858); John and Karl Stokman, Eitzen (1864); James and Celesta Sullivan, Caledonia (1866); Robert Eugene Tessmer, Caledonia (1869); Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Thies, Caledonia (1869); Melvin and Bernice Thompson, Houston (1871); Julius and Marie Tschumper, LaCrescent (1867); Mr. and Mrs. Sidney B. Todd, Houston (1859); Burdette L. Unnasch and Janice E. Unnasch, Houston (1870); Mrs. Esther Wheaton, Caledonia (1866); Mrs. Frances Wilsey, Houston (1861); Hildus and Jane Wold, Mabel (1859); Mr. and Mrs. Carl M. Dierson, Caledonia (1857); Helen L. Klein, Caledonia (1854); Mrs. John P. Seibert, Waukon, Iowa (1854); Oscar N. Sanness, Spring Grove (1872); Raymond Cordes, Houston (1856).

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ISANTI COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Wallace R. and Audrey E. Anderson, Isanti (1874); Lawrence and Larry G. Boettcher, Cambridge (1876); Gordon H. and Phyllis J. Hass, Bethel (1876); Robert W. and Marilyn Kluck Olson, Anoka (1863); Bernard V. and Gilbert Swenson, Isanti (1873); Ross and Mae Wentworth, Cambridge (1873).

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JACKSON COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Reno and Ruby Bordwell, Spirit Lake, Iowa (1867); Christina H. Brakke, Edith Brakke Nesseth, Windom, and Willis J. Brakke, Luverne (1876); Fredrick and Patricia Bretzman, Windom (1876); Peder and Helma Hammer, Windom (1871); Mr. Martin Meister, Lakefield (1870); Harlow K. and Helen S. Meium, Alpha (1876); Peder C. and Julia Kilen, Jackson (1867); Ella, Jerome K., John O. Lilleberg, Jackson and Karen Reineke, Brewster (1876); Tilmore Meium, Jackson (1871); Glenn, Dorothy, and Mark Olson, Jackson (1859); Garfield, Garner, and Curtis Paulson, Windom (1871); Florence M., James M., Thomas D., Phillip J. Riley and Sally Fairchild, Worthington (1872); Cyril Rostomily, Loren and Eva Rostomily, Heron Lake (1871); Oscar Seim, Jackson (1876); Howard Sether, Jackson, (1876); Adrian T. Skrove, Jackson (1869); Bernard W. and Gerladine D. Weber, Lakefield (1872); Charles A. Winzer, Heron Lake (1869).

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KANDIYOHI COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Kenneth and Anna Mae Bengtson, Atwater (1876); Jorgen, Mark, and Paul Bredeson, Willmar (1875); Gertrude Carlson and Philip Carlson, Willmar (1875); John W. Erickson and Sandra Erickson, Willmar (1868); Alfred and George Christenson, Paynesville (1875); Al Christopherson, Pennock (1869); Mr. and Mrs. William F. Beck, Pennock (1872); John G. and Muriel Elmquist, Lake Lillian (1868); Harold and Muriel B. Felt, Willmar (1874); John Hanson, Paynesville (1876); Louis H. Hanson, Willmar (1874); David R. Hedberg, Atwater (1873); T. Stewart, Allan W., Bruce A. Johnson, Kandiyohi (1861); Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnson, Willmar (1876); Mrs. and Mrs. Roger H. Johnson, Atwater (1860); Melville and Alice Kleberg, Willmar (1875); Mr. and Mrs. Russell Klint, Willmar (1876); Leonard F. Larson and Karen E. Larson, Atwater (1862); Stanley N. Linn, Lake Lillian (1876); Clarence A. Lund, Lake Lillian (1864); Niles J. Lund, Lake Lillian (1864); Mr. and Mrs. Orlynn A. Markell, New London (1867); Don and Betty Moll, Atwater (1870); Reynold and Charlotte Nelson, Spicer (1867); Vernon W. Nelson, Atwater (1876); Eileen and Greg Olson, Dorothy Summerlet, Lake Lillian (1871); Walter W. Anderson, Lorraine Anderson, Sunburg (1876); Myron and Ila Peterson, Kandiyohi (1876); Burton J. and Charlotte Slinden, Atwater (1875); Lawrence W. Steberg, Pennock (1875); Wilbur and Margaret Wheeler, Atwater (1861).

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Englund Farm is Century Farm  
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St. Paul--The farm of Paul Englund, Karlstad, has been designated a Century Farm by the 1976 Minnesota State Fair. It is one of more than one thousand farms in Minnesota that have been owned and operated by the same family for one hundred years or more. Englund's forefathers began farming the land in 1871.

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LAC QUI PARLE COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Arvy L. Anderson, Montevideo (1873); Leo B. Borgendale, Montevideo (1873); Thorwald Borgedalen, Dawson (1876); Melford and LuVerne Bornus, Montevideo (1874); Clarence Dale and Charles Dale, Dawson, (1870); Mr. and Mrs. Charley Hagen and family, Montevideo (1871); Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hanson, Dawson (1870); Donald L. and Bette J. Johnson, Montevideo (1872); Glenn and Carol Nelson, Louisburg (1875); Rudolph Prestholdt, Dawson (1876); Robert Prestholdt, Madison (1873); Ella J. Heieren et al, Montevideo (1872); LaMar H. and LaVonne Lokken, Montevideo (1872); Minnie E. and Josie L. Romsaas, Montevideo (1874).

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LESUEUR COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Arthur Augst Farm, Montgomery (1866); Mrs. George Barker and John F. Barker, LeSueur (1865); Helen Arbuckle Boldthen, LeSueur (1874); Mrs. Mary E. Dressel, LeSueur (1860); Edwin H. Eilers, New Prague (1860); Ray C. and Cecilia Giesen, New Prague (1867); Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Grassmann, New Prague, (1860); John F. Guseesn, New Prague (1860); Mary Anna Harty, Elysian (1859); Florian and Irene Hauer, New Prague (1861); John H. Hauer, New Prague (1860); Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Hoefs and James, New Prague (1860); Gertrude (Roemhildt) Hopkins, Elysian (1858); Henry and Phillip Hørrisberger, LeSueur, (1859); Bernard Jentz, LeSueur (1876); Dale and Joann Jones, LeSueur (1868); Otto Kajer and Jerry Kajer, New Prague (1856); Dale Edwin Kessler, Henderson (1860); Wesley and Faye King, LeSueur (1861); Frederick F. Krentz, Belle Plaine (1855); Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mariska, Montgomery (1872); Harley H. Meyer and Hilda I. Meyer, New Prauge (1864); Carl A. Nuessmeier, LeSueur (1866); Richard P. Nuessmeier and Norma J. Nuessmeier, LeSueur (1872); John Robert and Theresa Ann Reeder, Montgomery (1875); Don and Ruth Rynda, Montgomery (1872); Duane A. Schultz, St. Peter (1870); Carlyle T. and Irma Steinberg, LeSueur (1867); Edwin, Marian, John, James, Mary, Jeffrey, Ann Topic, New Prague (1867); Anthony and Monica Traxler, LeSueur (1866); Milo R. and Ruth Tuma, New Prague (1864); John William Washa, LeCenter (1864); William Charles Weyl, LeSueur (1867); Martin F. and Adeline Wieland, New Prague (1860); Richard J. Wieland, LeSueur (1875).

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LYON COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

St. Paul--Below are listed the Lyon County Century Farms as designated by the 1976 Minnesota State Fair. First year of operation by the family is in parentheses.

Lester J. Morgan, Tracy (1872); Dorothy Evans and William H. Pamp, Garvin (1873); Mr. and Mrs. Julius H. Rialson, Tracy (1872); Walter O. Williams, Garvin (1872).

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MARTIN COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Dale and Inez Barnes, Granada (1865); Timothy Leo Daly, Granada (1863); Mrs. William J. Daly, Granada (1869); Maisie V. Wiltse Franz, Portland, Oregon (1864); Carrie Holden, Ormsby (1873); Lyle E. Larson, Sherburn (1876); Lyle J. Mathwig, Dunnell (1870); Frances C. Cegelske Murphy, Blue Earth (1868); LaVerne A. and James E. Roberts, Truman (1868); Louis Rooney, Welcome (1866); Mark and Charlotte Teaser, Truman (1865).

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MCLEOD COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Mrs. Abby Lauzer Andrews, St. Paul (1876); James G. Baird, Winsted (1859); Lowell Block and Margie Block, Hutchinson (1872); Orelan and Elizabeth Christensen, Hutchinson (1871); Albert Engelmann, Norwood (1863); Curtis, Goldye and Clinton Halvorson, Lester Prairie (1856); Gerald Hochsprung, Brownton (1868); Edwin and Leona Karg, Hutchinson (1864); Fred and Joyce Kuehl, Hutchinson (1874); Victor and Esther Nagel, Arlington (1867); Mr. and Mrs. Dean Oleson, Hutchinson (1872); Henry Otto, Lester Prairie (1858); Maynard Rannow, Glencoe (1863); Norbert A. Rusch and Bertha M. Rusch, Hutchinson (1870); Fred Zavoral, Hutchinson (1870).

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MEEKER COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Allen Kenneth Anderson, Paynesville (1875); Ivan J. Anderson, Paynesville (1875); Homer C. Barrick, Hutchinson (1861); Nimrod Barrick III, Darwin (1861); Mr. and Mrs. George Dahlk, Grove City (1876); Lillian A. Nelson, Marilyn Hafstad, Carolyn Draxten, Litchfield (1874); Chester and Orville Hendrickson, Grove City (1869); Donald and Esther Hegg, Paynesville (1868); Frank F. and Mary Ann Marshall, Grove City (1866); Oscar Ness, Litchfield (1873); Norbert and Rosella Riley, Hammond (1859); Allen J. Rumsey, Kimball (1876); Arthur and Marie West and Carl Martens, Darwin (1876); Mr. and Mrs. Burton P. Thorp, Atwater (1867).

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MILLE LACS COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

St. Paul--The farms of Reuben and Doris Northway, Foreston; and Simon and Gloria Thielen, Princeton, have been designated Century Farms by the 1976 Minnesota State Fair. They are two of more than one thousand farms in Minnesota that have been owned and operated by the same family for one hundred years or more. The Northway family began farming the land in 1872, the Thielen family in 1864.

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Morrison County Century Farms

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Donald and Jessie Larsen, Royalton (1876); Robert and Elsie Nelson, Bowlus (1869); Severin and Mildred Terhaar, Pierz (1876); Clarence and Isabelle Trettel, Bowlus (1869).

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Mower County Century Farms

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Arnold P. Anderson and Alice Anderson, Adams (1866); Norman S. Anderson, Adams (1874); Carmen, Lorraine, and Victoria Anderson, Austin (1876); Myron C. Aultfather, Austin (1856); Clifford C. and Clara V. Barclay, Lyle (1868); Pearl Ballanger and Edgar Ballanger, Brownsdale (1865); Kenneth N. Braaten, Austin (1873); Ozro F. Brown, Lyle (1869); B.M. Christianson, Blooming Prairie (1856); Mary Jane Cress-William V. Cress, Austin (1875); Howard B. Evans, Stewartville (1864); Leonard and Lucille Corbett Hanson, Austin (1872); Nathan K. Goodwin, Austin (1876); Odin I. Johnson, Blooming Prairie (1867); Wayne Johnson, Waltham (1864); Ambrose Krebsbach, Adams (1860); Kinley and Harland Peterson, Blooming Prairie (1865); John and Salmena Runkle, Racine (1871); Peter J. Schaefer, McIntire, Iowa (1874); Maurice and Geraldine Severson, Adams (1867); Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shaw, Adams (1868), Harry Simonson, Racine (1864); Curil Smith, Jerry and Joan Smith, Adams (1869); Nordeen and Arnold Snortum, Adams (1876); Lee and Harriet Thompson, Austin (1856).

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MURRAY COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Mr. and Mrs. Herbert T. Hanson, Currie (1872); Mr. and Mrs. Douglas F. Mihin, Hadley (1872); Gary and Donna Miller, Balaton (1872); Gerhardt and Ollie Ness, Ruthton (1869); Robert and Blanche L. Stoffel, Lismore (1874); Mr. and Mrs. Alan L. Swan, Balaton (1872); Gary and Donna Miller, Balaton (1872).

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NICOLLET COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Martin Annexstad Jr., St. Peter (1858); Alan Burg, St. Peter, (1872); Raymond Compart, Nicollet (1873); Duane and Melva Eckberg, Lafayette (1869); Garfield R. Eckberg, Nicollet (1872); Gerald and Gloria Fitzner, Courtland (1874); Robert H. Halverson, New Ulm (1864); Carroll Hermanson, Nicollet (1873); Frances Jonason, St. Peter (1865); James and Phyllis Lambert, St. Peter (1860); Ralph G. and Doris B. Miner, St. Peter (1856); Earl O. Nelson, New Ulm (1860); Richard and Hamilton Nelson, St. Peter (1872); Maynard and Carol Olson, New Ulm (1867); George P. Osborne, St. Peter (1857); Herbert and Sidney Poncin, St. Peter (1859); Warren and Marilyn Rodning, Nicollet (1867); Dennis Pehrson, LeSueur (1870); Eldor and Lou Seibel, Courtland (1873); Howard and Owen Swenson, Nicollet (1857); Ellis and Hilda Thorson, St. Peter (1855); Louise Tweit, Gibbon (1869); Joseph Walser, New Ulm (1854).

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NOBLES COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Norman L. and Adeline Larson, Worthington (1871); Arvid E. Nystrom, Worthington (1871); William and Violet Nystrom, Worthington (1876); Burton Christopherson-Dr. Warren Nystrom, Worthington (1876); Laura Thomas Peterson-Eldon Peterson, Rushmore (1871); Mr. and Mrs. Marville Saxon, Worthington (1872).

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Norman County Century Farms

St. Paul--The following are Norman County Century Farms as designated by the 1976 Minnesota State Fair. The first year of operation by the family is in parentheses.

Ames and Ardyce Holte, Shelly (1872); Gladyce Nilson Markegard, Karen Davis, and Marvin C. Nilson, Fergus Falls (1872).

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OLMSTED COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Willard and Donna Anderson, Rochester (1874); Mrs. Robert Beach, Robert J., George, Donald Beach, Mary Bittner, Stewartville (1864); Gerald and Darlene Bierbaum, Eyota (1856); Naomi M. and Axel C. Boesen, Eyota (1861); Walter V. Burdick, Rochester (1856); A.M. Burnap, Chatfield (1855); Maynard E. and Mary A. Carter, Eyota (1871); Josephine Cassidy, Winona (1875); Duane and Joyce Collins, Stewartville (1855); Edwin E. Cravath, Chatfield (1857); Ralph Crofoot, Oronoco (1875); Stanley J. Dee, Rochester (1860); Carl Edward Evans, Plainview (1865); Harold and Marilyn Frost, Pine Island (1860); Paul K. and Ruth Gerber, Stewartville (1856); Laurence and Evelyn Hawkins, Pine Island (1866); Donald and Rose Hoffman, Oronoco (1865); Norbert and Mary Keefe, Chatfield (1864); Alex V. Koenig and Ella D. Koenig, Rochester (1871); Mrs. Helen Lamp Kreibich, Stewartville (1859); Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lawler, Eyota (1862); Ernest W. and Frances A. Larson, Stewartville (1860); Oscar Neumann, Eyota (1874); Charles and Lillian Nigon, Rochester (1876); Ralph H., Ruth, Richard Pike, Rochester (1866); Joseph Postier, Byron (1864); Robert and Lois A. Rud, Hayfield (1860); Kenneth G. and Mareta Rupprecht, St. Charles (1863); Cyril D. Sackett, Stewartville (1864); Benjamin Ives Scott, St. Paul (1861); John J. Sheehan, Rochester (1871); Mr. and Mrs. Carlton E. Swan, Eyota, (1854); James, Kathleen, John, Stephen Walsh, Rosemary Newhouse, Rochester (1867).

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OTTERTAIL COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

AUGUST, FREDRICK, GEORGE, AND DELBERT BROCKOPP  
PARKERS PRAIRIE, MN  
1876

HARLEY AND MARIE CHAMPLIN  
DENT, MN  
1873

BRUCE KENMORE AND ALBERTA CLAUSON  
R.R. 1  
ASHBY, MN 56309  
1869

EDWIN AND ETHEL LANG  
BATTLE LAKE, MN 56515  
1876

MRS. ALFRED PUTNAM  
BATTLE LAKE, MN  
1871

CHESTER AND GLENN RISBRUDT  
DALTON, MN  
1876

MELVIN AND HARRIET SALVEVOLD  
BATTLE LAKE, MN 56515  
1868

MR. AND MRS. SIDNEY M. SETHER  
CARLISLE, MN  
1868

RALPH SKISTAD  
R.R. 1  
ELIZABETH, MN 56533  
1876

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POPE COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Anna L. Bartos, Lowry (1875); Ellwood and Ann Engen, Sedan (1866);  
Kenneth J. Erdahl, Sedan (1874); Wallace Erlandson, Minneapolis (1866);  
George William Falkner and George Francis Falkner, Glenwood (1873);  
Jerome and Irene Hagen, Cyrus (1872); Norman P. Halvorson, Glenwood (1866);  
Clifford and Mabel Hoverud, Hancock (1875); Otto N. Kamrud, Osage (1870);  
Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Max, Farwell (1875); Loren Moe, Brooten (1869);  
Dale and Rebecca Stivland, Lowry (1874); Ralph Stivland, Lowry (1875);  
Ellsworth and David Thompson, Starbuck (1876); George William Falkner  
and George Francis Falkner, Glenwood (1873).

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REDWOOD COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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David G. and Mary M. Alexander, Belfiew (1870); Ray George, Morgan (1873); V. Paul and Elaine C. Hagen, Elizabeth Payne Hagen, Belview (1869); Warren and Greta Jensen, Springfield (1874); Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jensen, Springfield (1872); Ralph Mann, Redwood Falls (1862); Agnes Miller of Evan and Elaine Peterson, Sleepy Eye (1872).

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RENVILLE COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Robert Anderson, Hector (1869); Alice Binger of Edina, and Marie Binger Bailey, Morton (1875); Clarence and Grace Breitzkreutz, Renville (1873); Henry Brummer, Renville (1868); Donald and Lola Dambrotten, Granite Falls (1871); Arnold Eggert, Stewart (1870); Odean, Alberta, Johannes, Bert Enestvedt, and Clara Nelson, Sacred Heart (1867); Gilman and Marvel Gens, Renville (1872); Alton and Harriet Grabow, Renville (1872); Harold and Lorraine Haug, Sacred Heart (1876); Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kenneberry, Danube (1873); Mary Foster Gregory, Kenne, New Hampshire (1875); Gerald E. Johnson, Hector (1872); Gerhard Johnson, Ellendale (1868); Arthur M. Korsmo, Franklin (1869); Galen Kramin, Renville (1873); Arvin and Edith Lanning, Sacred Heart (1876); Robert and Helen Lerohl, Sacred Heart (1867); Edward T. and Rita Mahoney, Morton (1874); Joseph W. Nelleremoe and Gladys P. Nelleremoe, Granite Falls (1875); Ralph H. Nesburg, Fairfax (1875); John L. and Marlene Nestande, Fairfax (1876); John E. Nordby, Renville (1875); Leslie Norskog, Bird Island (1873); White Star Farms-Robert, George, Dean Olson, Hector (1876); George A. Rice, Sacred Heart (1876); D.P. and Marianna Schumacher, Renville (1876); Joseph R. Simmons, Morton (1865); Raymond W. and Ruby Skalbeck, Sacred Heart (1871); Gordon and Helen Skogberg, Sacred Heart (1875); Grant and Bessie Smith, North Redwood (1872); Gerald and Loretta Thune, Sacred Heart (1872); Robert, Harry, and Arthur Tompte, Sacred Heart (1874); Alice H. Velde, Sacred Heart (1871).

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RICE COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Harold Bloomer, Morristown (1861); Delbert W. and Delores Bultman, Kenyon (1861); Robert D. and LaVonne M. Dyrdaahl, Kenyon (1874); Lowell A. Gess, Alexandria (1856); Michael and Angela Hagerty, Kilkenny (1858); Harold H. Homeier, Kenyon (1876); Mr. and Mrs. Burney Johnson, Faribault (1860); Arnold and Elsie Keller, Nerstrand (1855); Joe and Eleanor Kenney, Faribault (1860); Leonard F. and Camilla Murphy, Faribault (1871); Margaret McDonald, Faribault (1864); Ruth McKenna, Faribault (1869); Mr. and Mrs. Walter Meyer, Faribault (1856); Myrtle Ripple, Northfield (1867); Elsie M. Rustad, Faribault (1868); Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Sandager, Northfield (1856); James C. Simon, New Prague (1864); Frank J. Skluzacek, Lonsdale (1874); Clarence J. Smisek and Janice M. Smisek, Lonsdale (1869); Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wilkowske, Morristown (1869); Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Wills, Kenyon (1856); Lowell A. Gess, Alexandria (1856).

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Erick Colby, Hills (1876); Mrs. Clara Halls, Hills (1875); Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schwartz, Beaver Creek (1874); Leonard and Pearl Lien, Beaver Creek (1876); Vernon and Nora Kvale, Beaver Creek (1876); Thomas Olson, Steen (1857); Sheldon and Elnora Sandager, Hills (1873); Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Smith, Hills (1873); Paul Thompson, Hills (1873); Ray Vander Wolde and Dianne (Nelson) Vander Wolde, Hills (1873); Mrs. Sarah Grace McLean, Lake Wilson (1876); Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Swanson, Hills (1876).

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SCOTT COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

St. Paul--The following are Scott County Century Farms as designated by the 1976 Minnesota State Fair. The first year of farming by the family is in parentheses.

Emil H. and Theresa A. Beckrich, Shakopee (1864); Darrell M. Bieder, Belle Plaine (1859); Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Breeggemann, Shakopee (1861); Lawrence C. Ernst and Adella Ernst, Belle Plaine (1859); Dennis Gerold Family, Jordan (1867); Florian C. Hentges, Shakopee (1854); Marvin and Mary Klehr, Shakopee (1859); Allen and Joan Lambrecht, Belle Plaine (1872); Elmer J. Marschall and Harold F. Marschall, Shakopee (1862); Edward and Mary Ann Maruska, New Prague (1861); Eldon A. Moenke and Frances Moenke, Belle Plaine (1866); Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Mohn, Lakeville (1860); The Muellers--Bill, Karen, Jeff, Judy and Janet, Prior Lake (1871); Robert W. Nachbur, Jordan (1864); John and David Nagel, Belle Plaine (1868); Benjamin M. Novotny and Margaret M. Novotny, New Prague (1862); Eugene Elmer O'Hearn, Philothea T. O'Hearn, Prior Lake (1859); William Schilz and wife Marie, Belle Plaine (1867); Virgil Schoenecker, New Prague (1861); William B. Siemons, Belle Plaine (1867); William J. Steinmetz, Elko (1862); Wm. S. Svobodny, New Prague (1859); Gordon and Sharon Thompson, Lakeville (1870); Leo and Helen Vierling, Anna Vierling, Shakopee (1864); Gerald B. Von Bank and Joseph J. Von Bank, Jordan (1856); Mr. Francis C. Weldon, Belle Plaine (1871); Ralph and Myrna, Paul and Marilyn Wermerskirchen, Jordan (1862); Wilmer and Evelyn A. Woestehoff, Belle Plaine (1855).

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SHERBURNE COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

St. Paul--The following are Sherburne County Century Farms as designated by the 1976 Minnesota State Fair. The first year of operation by the family is in parentheses.

John and Helen Benson, St. Cloud (1866); Bernard Nelson, Becker (1872); Charles W. and Rhea M. Stickney, Clear Lake (1848); John N. and Therese A. Weis, St. Cloud (1857).

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SIBLEY COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

St. Paul--The following are the Century Farms in Sibley County as designated by the 1976 Minnesota State Fair. The first year of operation by the family is in parentheses.

Carl M. and Verna Bandelin, Arlington (1874); Gerald E. and Eunice A. Beneke, Hamburg (1857); Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Bethke, Henderson (1872); Clifford Brazil, Green Isle (1870); LeRoy C. Breitzkreutz, Arlington (1861); LeRoy J.H. Briest, Arlington (1861); Herman and Lillian DeBoer, Lafayette (1873); Alphonse W. Donnay and Mary Donnay, Green Isle (1869); Michael D. Flaherty, Belle Plaine (1860); William F. Flannery Sr., Hamburg (1857); Edward and Viola Gnack, Arlington (1869); Daniel Grosam, Gibbon (1874); Herman O. and Vera Hahn, Curtis and Karen, Gaylord (1861); Haupt Farm, Glencoe (1873); Rufina Henke Estate, Gaylord (1876); Wallen and Martha Jacobson and Carrie Jacobson, Gibbon (1874); Gerald and Jeanne Kreger, Henderson (1866); Melvin L. Kube, Henderson (1861); Mr. Kenneth Larson, Winthrop (1874); E.H. and Amanda Lieske, Henderson (1862); Walter and Vernett Mueffelmann, Gaylord (1876); August B. Mueller and Edmund G. Mueller, et al, Arlington (1867); Richard W. Nagel, Arlington (1869); E. Michael and Gloria Newell, Belle Plaine (1861); George P. and Vinola Nielsen, Gibbon (1875); Esther Manthey and Clara Pautsch, Gaylord (1872); Loren L. Reichenbach, Arlington (1860); Reinhart Rose, Gaylord (1870); Joseph and Rita Ryan, Green Isle (1874); Roland G. Scherer family, Green Valley, Arizona (1872); Lowell D. Sjogren of Sibley, Iowa and Arden A. Sjogren, Glendive, Montana (1875); Waldo Sprengler, Green Isle (1864); Sheldon, Darlene, Wanda, Susanne, Lorie, Lisa, Brian Steffer, Arlington (1869); Erwin Thoele, Arlington (1855); Mrs. Walter Thoele, Henderson (1860); Carl R. and Martha D. Voigt, Glencoe (1865); Henry John Weckworth, Arlington (1857); Mrs. Elizabeth Wemeier, Joe and Ernest Wemeier, Arlington (1866); Allen Willmsen, Arlington (1860); Sylvester Wigand, Henderson (1859); Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woehler, Arlington (1874); Henry Zarnott, Gaylord (1872); Elmer Ziegler, Green Isle (1861); Victor Kemp Zeiher and Victor Michael Zeiher, Henderson (1861).

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STEARNS COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Peter, Carolina, Arnold, Anna, Richard and RoseMarie Bertrum, Spring Hill (1873); Bruemmers Farm, Albany (1863); Bernard and Rosemary Caspers, Melrose (1875); Werner J. Eibensteiner, Sauk Centre (1862); Mike and Rita Garding, Paynesville (1874); Leo Heinen and Bernetta Heinen, Melrose (1873); Merwyn M. Hemmesch, Paynesville (1868); Dennis and Kathleen Illies, Sauk Centre (1862); Arthur and George Kjeldahl, Belgrade (1876); John and Mary Ann, David and Mary Kuhn, St. Cloud (1854); Roman P. Lieser and Theresa Lieser, Paynesville (1874); Donald and Agnes Lutgen, Watkins (1870); Leon B. and Martha Meyer, Melrose (1869); Alfred F. Miller, Sauk Centre (1866); Orion Miller, Paynesville (1871); Andrew and Eunice Molitor, Cold Spring (1869); Arnold H. Nietfeld, Melrose (1874); Math Pogatchnik, Albany (1875); Mr. and Mrs. Victor Pogatchnik, Albany (1875); Harold H. Pramann, Sacred Heart (1858); Daniel and Mary Ann Pung, Melrose (1866); Donald M. Rausch, Paynesville (1867); Roman Schaefer, Paynesville (1869); Mr. and Mrs. Werner P. Sand, Avon (1860); Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schlick, Paynesville (1869); Andrew Schwinghammer, Albany (1870); Stanley and Mary Streit, Avon (1874); Cyril Traut, St. Cloud (1872); John Jr. and Mary Jane Urbashich, Albany (1875); Mr. and Mrs. Gregory A. Utecht, Watkins (1870); Herb Botz and Vern Botz, Sauk Centre (1867); Alois Weis, Roscoe (1867).

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STEELE COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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James M. and Sharon D. Andrews, Owatonna (1856); Kenneth and Hazel Brase, Waseca (1856); Alvida Ellerman Hale and Lillian E. Ellerman, Owatonna (1870); Frank F. Klecker, Owatonna (1874); Earl and Laurietta McNearney, Blooming Prairie (1874); Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Meixner, Jeanette, Thomas, Kenneth, Karen, Sheila, Andrew, Owatonna (1857); Palmer H. Mussman and Arthur H. Mussman, Claremont (1874); Lula Ressler Rysavy, Armilla Rysavy Rice and William H. Rice, Owatonna (1873); John H. Seykora, Owatonna (1874); George H. Spatenka, Owatonna (1871); William Srsen and Ann Srsen, Hope (1876); Mrs. Charles J. (Rose Skalicky) Svatos, Owatonna (1873); Clarence V. and Virginia K. Wanous, Owatonna (1863).

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STEVENS COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

St. Paul--The following are Century Farms in Stevens County as designated by the 1976 Minnesota State Fair. First year of operation by the family is in parentheses.

Mrs. Rebecca Darling, Morris (1874); Richard William Foley, Alberta (1876); Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Hanse, Morris (1868); Douglas and Louise Rasmusson, Hancock (1874); Jerome Winter, Morris (1869).

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SWIFT COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert V. Dehne, Halloway (1873); Philip Ellingson, Benson (1876); Ben Kepner, Holloway (1869); Bernice Olson, DeGraff (1872); Donald and Elmer Pederson, Benson (1867); Lloyd and Harriet Sanders, Sunburg (1875); Lyndon O. and Ednah Thorson, Benson (1875); Elverd and Judith Torkelson, Murdock (1876).

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TODD COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Ronald R. and Carmen C. Arnold, Long Prairie (1875);  
Esther Moore and Sons, Osakis (1873); Oak Crest Farm--Howard and Dennis Tyrrel, Browerville (1873).

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WABASHA COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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John and Homer Evans, Plainview (1860); Lawrence W. Darcy, Mazeppa (1874); Damon E. and Edna C. Freihert, Lake City (1867); Lloyd and Eleanor Gessner, Theilman (1865); John F. Lamey, Kellogg (1871); Viola and Robert F. LaQua, Theilman (1875); Walter and Avis Maas, Minneapolis (1861); Walter and Marie Marx, Wabasha (1868); Paul and Steve McNallan, Kellogg (1868); Wesley F. Moechnig, Lake City (1863); Gertrude Norton, Wabasha (1869); David, Gary, Baird, Kent Roberson, Zumbro Falls (1865); Patrick C. Ryan, Wabasha (1871); Miss Merle Standacher, Plainview (1857); Mrs. Hazel Steck, Plainview (1874); James and Anna Mae Wodele, Wabasha (1869); Mary and Leslie Wood, Plainview (1868); Stanley E. Wood, Plainview (1857).

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WASECA COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Benjamin L. Armstrong, Waseca (1864); Lloyd G. Brandvold, Waseca (1865); Raymond and Agnes Brandvold and Ronald and Lois Clausen, Waseca (1869); Andrew W. Breck, Waseca (1872); Paul Byron and Mayone Byron, Waseca (1856); Walter M. Byron, Waseca (1858); Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Martin Carlson, Waseca (1874); Arnold Fell, Janesville (1860); Melvin J. Fette, Waseca (1874); Lorenz, Walter, Frederick W., and Ludwig Frank, Waseca (1874); Reinhard W. Guse, Janesville (1875); Larry Hagen, Waseca (1864); Mark and Jacelyn Haley, Waseca (1864); John T. Haley, Waseca (1856); John A. Hodgkins, Waldorf (1870); Mr. and Mrs. Reinholt Johnson, New Richland (1863); Russell Johnson, Teri, Diane, Lori, Vicki, Janesville (1859); Roderick and Maxine Joyce, Waseca (1865); Mildred Koester and Earl Koester, Janesville (1864); James A. Keller, Waseca (1860); Raymond and Eron Krueger, Hartland (1868); Bernard Linnihan, Waseca (1871); Glenn and Alice Mahler, Waseca (1859); Robert E. Marzahn and Shirley A. Marzahn, Waterville (1860); Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Miller, Janesville (1861); Eldor and Vera Mittelstaedt, Waseca (1873); Gudmund H. and Ethel N. Nodland, Waseca (1872); Mr. and Mrs. Paul Querna, New Richland (1875); Eldon and Leila Remington, Janesville (1865); Goernon, Sylvia, and Paul Pommeranz, Waterville (1859); Mrs. I.C. Schoumkessel, Waseca (1859); Loren H. Smith, Waterville (1857); Marvin B. Sutter, Waseca (1868); Alfred Trahms and Sons, Janesville (1876); Gordon and Mildred Van Loh, Eagle Lake (1872); Darrell Wobschall, Waseca (1864); Terrance and Marcella Conway, Janesville (1869).

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WASHINGTON COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Gerard B. Anderson, Hastings (1873); Mr. and Mrs. Roger Anderson and Mr. Donald Anderson, Hugo (1876); Ruth M. Arkman, Scandia (1869); Orville and Bernice Bielenberg, Woodbury (1876); Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bloom, Scandia (1857); John M. and Veronica A. Day, Lake Elmo (1854); Archie and Eunice Forsell, Scandia (1871); Earl and Peggy Friedrich and Hattie, Lake Elmo (1875); Alfred W. and Muriel L. Godeman, Stillwater (1868); Orrin M. Horrisberger, Newport (1868); Warren Jackson and Adele Jackson, Scandia (1875); Wood-John Farm--Mr. and Mrs. Leonard W. Johnson, Scandia (1865); Lawrence F. and Florence A. Kleis, Lake Elmo (1869); Kenneth and Orella Mahle, Woodbury (1867); Daniel Allen Masterman, Sr., Stillwater (1850); Clarence W. and Dorothy M. Nelson, Marine on St. Croix (1868); Earl C. Nieman, New Port (1872); Robert and Mary Rowe, Hastings (1848); Alvin Schaefer, Lake Elmo (1870); Ernest and Esther Schuster, Hastings (1860); Cleon P. Shingledecker, Hastings (1851); Alvin C. Stabenow, Lake Elmo (1866); Nicholas and Caroline Stoffel, Hastings (1864); Gilbert E. and Viola Sullwold, Lake Elmo (1864); Vincent and Gretchen Turnblad, Stillwater (1875); Kenneth C. and Rehma J. Whitaker, Hastings (1846); Oliver E. and Valda Van Alstine, Hastings (1862).

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WATONWAN COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Robert W. and Janice Anderson, St. James (1876); Lowell and Helen Mather, Madelia (1876); Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Olson, Ormsby (1868); Verle and Gladys Siem, St. James (1869); Ellwood and Margaret Sill, Madelia (1875); Mrs. Marion Slocum, Madelia (1872); Corrinne and Orvilee Swanson, St. James (1876).

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WILKIN COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

St. Paul--The farms of Eldon L. and Karen Larson, and Bernard Shirley all of Rothsay, have been designated Century Farms by the 1976 Minnesota State Fair. They are two of more than one thousand farms in Minnesota that have been owned and operated by the same family for one hundred years or more. Both the Larson and Shirley farms went into operation by their respective families in 1871.

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WINONA COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Chester J. Boyum, Utica (1875); Mrs. Dorothy Gardner Brom, Winona (1869); Frank and Margaret Brosig, Altura (1869); Russell T. and Ried T. Church, Minnesota City (1860); Earl August Drenckholm, Minneiska (1864); Cecil and James Ellsworth, Utica (1860); Ray Faber, Rollingstone (1869); Elmer W. and Doris L. Girtler, Winona (1871); Larry Greden, Minneiska (1866); Haedtke Brothers, Winona (1874); Deane and Margaret Hassig, Plainview (1862); Adelaide Haxton, Rollingstone (1858); Bernard Hennessy Sr., Lewiston (1860); Theodore A. and Linda L. Humfeld, LaCrescent (1870); Sylvester G. Kammerer, Winona (1866); George and Elizabeth Kryzer, Rushford (1868); Elmer and Henrietta Matzke, Rollingstone (1865); Chris Oech, Winona (1871); Arthur A. and Lorraine Redig, Winona (1866); Erwin P. and Elizabeth J. Richter, Lewiston (1873); William G. and Helen J. Robertson, Lewiston (1861); Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Schultz, Houston (1863); Mrs. Dorothy E. Speltz, Minneiska (1870); Alta L. Steffen and Kenneth S. Steffen, Plainview (1864); Walter J. Wachholz, Lewiston (1863); Charles J. and Irene Waldo, Winona (1867); Donald R. Wilson, Lewiston (1862); Robert and Charlotte Wolter, Dakota (1873).

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WRIGHT COUNTY CENTURY FARMS

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Judy Bauman, Delano (1861); Fred Berglin, Cokato (1869); Norman Carlen and Lila, Cokato (1875); Shepperd Family, Howard Lake (1869); Donald and Carolyn Dangers, Howard Lake (1870); Gary Diers, Dwayne Diers, Darrel Diers, Waverly (1874); Helen, Rosalie, Aloysius, Gregory, and Harold J. Elsenpeter, Helen J. Woolstencroft, Maple Lake (1869); Genevieve Neaton Herron, Henrietta Yankovich, Mildred Kerswell, Watertown (1864); H. Vernon Ilstrup, Buffalo (1858); Ernest and Adelyne Lankki, Cokato (1875); Richard Lindenfelser Family, Albertville (1860); Luhman Corporation--Arvid and Bert Luhman, Howard Lake (1875); Reinhart and MaryAnn Marx, St. Michael (1860); Roland and Linnea Mills, Buffalo (1874); Laurence G. Nelson, Cokato (1875); Gordon and Luella Norberg, Coakto (1875); Kenneth and Susie Schultz, Monticello (1867); Abbie E. Sutton, Edc., Delano (1860); William and Hannah C. Sutton, Delano (1858); Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Swartzner, Montrose (1864); Ansil and Grace Thompson, Buffalo (1871); Orville L. and Helen Titrud, Rapidan (1875); Donald and Lois Ward, Buffalo (1869); Jerome and Lucille Weldele, Buffalo (1865); Mike Niesen estate, Richfield (1861); Joseph and Marlene Zachmann, St. Michael (1861); Andrew L. and Marion Davis, Elk River (1864); George B. Earley, Watertown (1869); Leonard and Lillian Galvin, Waverly (1873); Ralph Eugene Aldrich, Buffalo (1866); Bernard A. and Irene Barthel, St. Michael (1866); Clara Howard and Morris Howard, Maple Lake (1863); Donald and Carolyn Dangers, Howard Lake (1870).

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YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTY CENTURY  
FARMS

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Fred W. Benson, Cottonwood (1875); Virgil and Alvina Cole, Hanley Falls (1876); Melford and Dorothy Halvorson, Granite Falls (1876); Melvin S. Kvam, Granite Falls (1875); Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Lewison, Granite Falls (1876); Stanley A. and Audrey M. Rache, Granite Falls (1874).

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