

Search For Missouri Century Farms Continues

COLUMBIA, MO.

If your farm has been in your family since Dec. 31, 1910, you can apply to have it recognized as a Missouri Century Farm.

To qualify, the same family must have owned the farm for 100 consecutive years. The line of ownership from the original settler or buyer may be through children, grandchildren, siblings, and nephews or nieces, including those related through marriage or adoption. The farm must have at least 40 acres of the original land acquisition and make a financial contribution to the overall farm income.

"It is important to honor and respect our history," said Michael Quart, MU vice provost and director of extension. "These farms represent both Missouri's cultural heritage and the good stewardship that our farmers strive for."

Since Missouri began the program in 1976, more than 7,000 century farms have been recognized. In 2008, the Missouri Farm Bureau joined MU Extension and the MU College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources as a

program sponsor.

"Missouri Farm Bureau is proud to partner in the recognition of these unique and historical family farms," said Charles Kruse, MFB president. "They represent the continued importance of production agriculture to our state and nation."

Applicants certified as owners of a 2010 Missouri Century Farm will be recognized by the MU Extension office in the county where the farm is located. Applicants receive a sign and a certificate.

For applications received by May 1, a \$45 fee covers the cost of certificates, farm signs and booklets for approved applicants. If the application is received between May 1 and May 17, the cost is \$55. Applications must be postmarked by May 17, 2010, to be considered.

For application forms and information, call MU Extension Publications toll-free at 1-800-292-0969, contact your local extension office or visit the program Web site at <http://extension.missouri.edu/centuryfarm>. Δ



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