



## Winter 2016

### Deeds Family, Hancock County



John and Barbara Deeds registered their 250-acre Hancock County farm in 2015. Samuel Deeds, who kept a general store in Rawson, established the farm in 1890. The family operated a dairy until 1988. John's father, Franklin, is 96 years old and still helps his two sons - John and Thomas - with farming. Franklin is a former agriculture teacher and was inducted into the Hancock County Agricultural Hall of Fame.

### Rust Family, Trumbull County



## Message from Director Daniels



"Ring in the New!" is a phrase you frequently hear this time of year, a reminder of our traditional time to reflect and plan for the future.

Our historic farms program has a couple of changes in the works, and I wanted to share them with Ohio's bicentennial and century farm families first.

We have had some inquiries about a special recognition for families who reach 150 years of ownership. Recently Governor Kasich mentioned his interest as well. Therefore, I am pleased to announce a new designation - **Ohio Sesquicentennial Farm** - for these families.

We're also "ringing in" a new program name. **Ohio's Historic Family Farms** program will bestow century, sesquicentennial or bicentennial farm designations based on the years of family ownership.

Donald Rust registered his 1914 Trumbull County Century Farm in 2015, then transferred ownership to his three daughters, Tina Marie Rust-Redmond, Karie Lynn Rust-Wise and Heather Renee Rust-Murray. The family is pictured with their grandfather's Massey Ferguson tractor.

## Darke County Century Farms



The 2015 Darke County Fair honored the county's century farms during a harness race on Aug. 28. Director Daniels met the families and presented the win blanket, which featured the program logo. Photo used by permission of Brad Conrad of Conrad Photographs (copyright 2015).

## Muskingum County Historic Farms



Muskingum County's historic farm families were invited to attend a celebration on the Tunis Farm in honor of [200 years of agriculture](#) on Oct. 3. Local century farm families were honored, and four families - Joe Burwell family (1812); Betty & Wilbur Rambo (1800); Tom & Catherine McGee (1806) and the Tunis family (1815) - received bicentennial farm certificates. The Tunis family shared this [video about their life on the farm](#).

My staff is working on these changes, which will be rolled out this spring.

Regardless of how long each family has worked the land, I am proud of all of Ohio's farm families who work hard every day to provide for everyone. Best wishes for a safe, prosperous 2016.

Respectfully,

David T. Daniels, Director

## 114 new farms recognized in 2015

We welcomed the following century and bicentennial farms in 2015:

Adams County  
Hedrick, 1914  
Laurie, 1911

Allen County  
Goodman, 1884

Ashland County  
Wilkins & Young, 1837

Athens County  
Cline, 1879  
Windfall Ridge, 1915

Auglaize County  
Dammeyer, 1890  
Elshoff, 1880  
Hoffman, 1881  
Hollman, 1852  
Hollman, 1886  
Jacoby, 1853  
Riethman, 1851  
Thobe, 1846

Belmont County  
Pickens, 1808

Brown County  
Klein, 1881  
Boler, 1906  
Holton, 1866  
Neal, 1893

Butler County

## Renner Family, Shelby Couty



In 2015 the Renner family of Shelby County registered their 1826 farm. Three generations of the Renner family with their new Ohio Century Farm sign are Dale (seated), Joe and his son, Tyler. Their farm is 79 acres, used for production of corn, soybeans, and beef cattle.

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## Patterson Family, Geauga County

Baker, 1914

Carroll County  
Eick, 1885

Champaign County  
Dagger, 1891

Clark County  
Kesler, 1811  
Hardacre, 1811

Clinton County  
DeVoe, 1899  
Strafford, 1913

Coshocton County  
Boyd, 1890

Darke County  
Krickenbarger, 1879  
Ganger, 1835  
Spille, 1907

Defiance County  
Brown, 1915

Delaware County  
Main, 1876

Erie County  
Bertsch, 1865

Fulton County  
Garrow, 1908  
Riegsecker, 1889

Gallia County  
Burdell, 1915  
Massie, 1914  
Niday, 1904

Geauga County  
Judd, 1844  
Patterson, 1902  
Sage, 1867  
Stone, 1840

Guernsey County  
Kennedy, 1905

Hancock County  
Deeds, 1890  
Dills, 1912

Hardin County  
Kellogg, 1893



Geauga County Recorder Sharon Gingerich (right) presented the Patterson family with their Ohio Century Farm certificate. Continuing the farm's operations are David and J. William and their parents, Jim and Nancy. The Pattersons are working to add a barn quilt to go with their Ohio Century Farm status. Their farm dates to 1902. In the background of the photo is the [Geauga County Century Farm tree](#) in the Recorder's Office.

## Garner Family, Butler County

Henry County  
Dominique, 1905  
Powell, 1890

Highland County  
Behm, 1903  
Carey, 1834  
Carr, 1872  
Igo, 1813  
Rogers, 1878

Holmes County  
Yoder-Miller, 1816

Huron County  
Hilaman, 1907

Licking County  
Wells, 1893

Marion County  
McKinniss, 1914

Mercer County  
Custer-Muhlenkamp, 1841  
Grube, 1882  
Huwer, 1882  
Kramer, 1850  
Selhorst, 1883  
Uhlenhake, 1846  
Ungruhn, 1866

Miami County  
Fessler, 1831  
Redinbo, 1852  
Westfall, 1899

Monroe County  
Wittenbrook, 1866

Morrow County  
Swetland, 1816

Muskingum County  
Martin, 1841  
McGee, 1806  
Montgomery, 1857  
Rambo, 1800

Ottawa County  
Blausey, 1864  
Blausey, 1904

Paulding County  
Noffsinger, 1894  
Renollet, 1857

Preble County



The Garner family shared this photo of their new Bicentennial Farm sign. Their 194-acre farm in Butler County produces corn, soybeans, wheat, hay and beef cattle. [More about their Bicentennial Farm.](#)

## Stauffer Family, Mercer County

Besecker, 1881  
Ulrich, 1860

Putnam County  
Bogart, 1864  
Groff, 1905  
Halker, 1913  
Kehres, 1861  
Kleinhenz, 1903  
Kleman, 1904  
Knueven, 1905  
Prowant, 1885  
Schumacher, 1915  
Shalter, 1882

Sandusky County  
Reineck, 1912  
Schlievert, 1887

Seneca County  
Peter, 1883  
Peter, 1904

Shelby County  
Gaier, 1862  
Redinbo, 1884  
Renner, 1826

Stark County  
Markle, 1895  
Snyder, 1887

Trumbull County  
Rust, 1914

Van Wert County  
Mueller, 1863

Wayne County  
Stoller, 1912

Williams County  
Blair-Altman, 1837  
Altman (Maplelane), 1874  
Dietsch, 1875  
Rogers, 1912  
Sanders, 1869

Wood County  
Bresler-Bringman, 1837  
Kreienkamp, 1912  
Manecke, 1908  
Powell, 1898  
Pratt, 1825  
Welling, 1901

Wyandot County  
McDaniel, 1882



Rob and Denise Stauffer registered their 1874 Homestead Farm as an Ohio Century Farm in 2014. Denise is the 6th generation on the farm, which was established by her German immigrant ancestors. Every September, 80+ descendants gather there for a reunion. The family raises Boer goats, which are sold for 4H projects.

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## **Foust Family, Montgomery County**

Smith, 1874

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Kevin Foust made the framework for his Century Farm sign from solid stainless steel rod and flat stock, for placement on an existing pole owned by the family. Kevin shared information about his construction project at <http://imageevent.com/kevininohio/centuryfarmsignbuild?n=0> . His Montgomery County farm dates to 1903.

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