



Tennessee Century Farms

The Tennessee Century Farms Program documents and recognizes farms owned by the same family for at least 100 years. To date, nearly 1800 farms in the state have been certified.

The Center for Historic Preservation maintains the Century Farm database of information and photographs, most of which is based on applications supplied by the farm families. Tennessee Agriculture: A Century Farms Perspective was published by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture and the Center in 1986. The book-length study includes descriptions of each farm with both color and black and white photographs.

The Century Farms Program established shared interests among the Center for Historic Preservation, local historical societies, county extension offices, city and county governments, and chambers of commerce. The bond was strengthened with the traveling exhibit, "Tennessee's Century Farms: Change and Continuity over 200 Years of Farming." Funded by the Center and the Tennessee Humanities Council, it toured the state in 1988-89.

Taking rural preservation work in new directions, Center staff successfully nominated several historic family farms to the National Register of Historic Places. This work paved the way for the innovative Historic Family Farms of Middle Tennessee multiple property nomination. Considered a model for rural preservation, this was the first thematic nomination in the country to deal with historic farmsteads. The CHP, working with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture and the Tennessee Historical Commission, serves as a clearing house of information on the Tennessee Century Farms Program, National Register Documentation of farms, and as national leader in documentation and interpretation of historic family farms.

Putnam County Century Farms

Boyd Jerseys Farm 1852

Holloway Farm 1839

Hunter Cove Farm 1814

Hyder Farm 1812

Isaac Huddleston Farm 1841

Judd Farm 1839

Mansell Farm 1888
Nash Farm at Hickory Nut Point 1905
Pearson Farm 1856
Quarles-Phillips Farm 1892
Rockwell Farm 1869
Shanks Farm 1859
Young Farm 1902
Draper Angus Farm 1916
Jernigan Farm 1901

- **All fifteen families of our Century Farms were invited to our 2018 Opening Luncheon and six of them attended and were recognized.**



- **A special Century Farm exhibit was created in 2018 by Fair Board Member Jessica Clark in the Cultural Arts Building.**



- A special quilt depicting our Century Farm was on display at our 2018 Opening Fair Luncheon.



The Century Farm Patio behind the South Grandstand is dedicated to this program and these outstanding farms and farm families in Putnam County, Tennessee.

