

Ohio's Outstanding Century Farm State Winner announced at 1993 Farm Science Review

David and Shirley Herring of Herring Farms, Harpster, were named the 1993 **Ohio's Outstanding Century Farm** State Winner during the Farm Science Review.

Sponsored by the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA), the Ohio Historical Society and *Ohio's Country Journal*, this new program honors working farms in Ohio that have been in the same family for more than 100 years.

The Herrings received their honor, which included an antique bronze plaque, during ceremonies in the Agri-Broadcasting Network barn at the Farm Science Review.

The Herring's fascinating story

The Herring legacy extends back to 1853 when Henry Herring, Jr. came to Ohio from Altsdorf, Switzerland and began farming in Wyandot County. From an original homestead of 63.4 acres, the Herring family now farms more than 1,600 acres of cropland, supporting three families with their cash grain, tomato, maple sugar, custom trucking and grain hauling operation.

The Herrings raise 500 acres of corn, 800 acres of soybeans, 170 acres of wheat, 130 acres of tomatoes and annually care for 1,000 maple syrup taps. David Herring is also involved in fertilizer sales plus has

three inventions to market and a fourth in development.

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stewardship and stability that the **Ohio's Outstanding Century Farm Award Program** recognizes," said Governor George V. Voinovich. "We congratulate them on being selected the first state winner of this award."

Nearly 300 applications were received for this year's program. Those applications already submitted are automatically reconsidered for next year's program.

Eight Regional Winners

Eight regional winners were announced during the Ohio State Fair and included: the "Stone Barn Farm" (Monroe County) owned by Gary and Marjorie Baumberger; the Hiel Farm (Hardin County) owned by Guy Hiel; "Cottage Hill Farm" (Harrison County) owned by Stanley and JoAnn Moore; the Bowman Farm (Columbiana County) owned by Dean and Mary Ann Bowman; the Iddings Farm (Miami County) owned by Ned and Joanne Iddings; the Stover-Ulrich Farm (Preble County) owned by Mary Ulrich; the Cassell Angus Farm (Knox County) owned by Art and Joan Cassell and the Herring Farm (Wyandot County) owned by David and Shirley Herring.

Applications are currently available for the 1994 Ohio's Outstanding Century Farm Program from local county extension offices or by calling ODA's **Ohio's Outstanding Century Farm** program coordinator, Carla Ricketts Moore at (614) 466-8798. Applications must be postmarked by April 1, 1994 to be considered.



Shirley and David Herring accept the Northwest regional Ohio Outstanding Century Farm Award from Governor George V. Voinovich at the 1993 Ohio State Fair. The Herring Farm was later announced as the State Winner at the 1993 Farm Science Review.