

1994 Ohio's Outstanding Century Farm Awards Regional Winners announced by Governor Voinovich

Northwest Regional Winners



Spahr Jersey Farms

Spahr Jersey Farms encompasses 730 acres of cropland and houses one of the state's premiere Jersey dairy cow operations. Brian Spahr represents the fifth generation of the Spahr family to be involved with the farm. The farm operation has had registered Jersey cattle for 55 years and presently has 130 head.

The farm was founded by Elmore Yokum Spahr and his wife, Catherine, on Sept. 6, 1879. They purchased 160 acres for \$60 per acre. Today, the farm



Schumm Family Farm

The Schumm Family Farm was established by John George Schumm on April 26, 1837. This German immigrant had moved to Ohio with other German friends to build a new life. He purchased 180 acres of land in Van Wert County for \$1,000 and added additional land for each of his children.

Today, the family farm includes a 60-cow dairy operation, a 60-sow farrow-to-finish hog opera-

Program celebrates contributions made by family farms

Governor George V. Voinovich recognized eight finalists for the annual Ohio's Outstanding Century Farm award program at the Ohio State Fair.

"The families' who have tended these farms for more than a century are models for an enduring and strong Ohio agriculture," said Voinovich.

"These families have brought productivity, land stewardship and leadership to our state's largest industry—agriculture, and they are to be commended for their efforts."

This year's finalists were selected from a pool of more than 396 qualifying applicants. Farms must be in the same family for more than a hundred years to be considered for the award, which is co-sponsored by the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA), Ohio's Country Journal and the Ohio Historical Society.

Northeast Regional Winners



Ryder-Groselle Family Farm

The Carnot Ryder Century Farm is operated today by the Ryder-Groselle families, comprised of Doris Ryder and her grandson John "Jack" Ryder Groselle. They represent the eighth generation of the Ryder family to reside in the Hiram area.

Groselle manages the 150-cow dairy operation while Doris maintains an interest in the land.

The farm was established by Carnot Ryder



Crumrine Family Farm

The Crumrine Century Farm was established by John Crumrine on May 16, 1859 when he purchased 152 acres in Ashland County. John had walked from Columbiana county in 1854 to lay out the house he built when he bought the land remains on the farm, in use today by the Crumrines. The

Southwest Regional Winners



Easton Family Farm

The Easton Family Farm is owned and operated by Noel G. Easton and his sister, Bertha I. Easton.

At 81 years of age, Noel is still actively farming.

The farm was established by brothers Brewster and Arthur D. Easton in 1859 and included 103 acres. All of that acreage remains intact as part of the farm today.

A barn built by the Eastons burned in 1912



Highland View Farm

Highland View Farm is operated by Marian Brosius and her two daughters and their families.

The original 80-acre farm was founded by James Pocock in October 1836 as part of a land grant from then-President James Madison. The farm now has more than 235 acres devoted to cattle, cash grain and pumpkins.

Pocock, along with his son, Salem, built the 11 room homestead in 1838

Southeast Regional Winners



Mizer Family Farm

The Mizer Family Farm is a working dairy farm that includes Clifford and Janice and their son, David, and his family. They milk 75 Holstein cows and also sell cash grain.

The farm was first established by Philip Mizer on Oct. 26, 1832. He purchased the 178 acres that are still part of the family operation for \$536.

The Mizer family still has the original deed for the farm that is signed by then-President John



Peach Hill Farm

Peach Hill Farm was established by Samuel Moore on Feb. 17, 1881. He purchased 172 acres of land for \$600 and this tract was the start of the present operation which encompasses more than 1,000 acres.

It is the largest dairy operation in Coshocton County.

Edwin represents the fourth generation of the Moore family to be farming this land.

