



Australian Century Farm and Station Awards

Background

The Century Farm Program is an initiative of the Collector & Districts Historical Association, to honour farm and station families with century long connections to the land and to acknowledge, preserve and protect Australia's rich agricultural heritage.

It's a heritage to be proud of, reflected by personal sacrifices, perseverance and commitment to a way of life. Keeping the farm or station from generation to generation is an impressive achievement, and the Australia Century Farm award celebrates those families.

A special Sesquicentennial Award will be presented to those families whose tenure exceeds 150 years.

The Award

It is important that these families be recognised. If your family meets the requirements for eligible applicants please complete an application form.

You will receive a certificate, and metal plaque commemorating this hundredth year milestone. The plaque, which can be placed at the farm gate or hung on a building, symbolises your family's perseverance and their ability to keep farming in the face of constant change.

Above all else, it represents the hard work and desire to carry on, what was 100 years ago a dream, then a reality, and is now a family tradition.

Eligibility

There are many Century farms and stations in Australia. The award celebrates all forms of Agriculture, including cropping, livestock, forestry, viticulture and horticulture. Criteria has been set to identify these families, and it includes the following:

- Only the legal owner/s the property may apply for the Century Farm or Century Station honour.
- Your farm or station must have been operated continuously in the same family for 100 years or more.
- You must live on the farm or station, or if you live off the property, you must actively manage and direct the farming activity on the land.
- The line of ownership from the original settler or buyer may be through children, siblings, or nephews and nieces, including through marriage or adoption.



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- Co-ownership's by multiple family members (husband-and-wife, brother and sister etc) are eligible for a single joint award. If the farm/ station is a family corporation, one of the principal stockholders must be a direct descendent.
- Applications must be submitted on official forms provided by the Century Farm program with all questions completed. Applicants must submit an additional narrative of family history not specifically requested in the application. Copies of historical photographs are greatly encouraged. All information, including photographs, will be deposited in the archives, for future reference.
- All applications must include verification of continuous ownership for 100 years.
- Applications must be signed and certified by either a Justice of the Peace, or a solicitor.

Century Farm and Station Program Application

Date	<input type="text"/>
Type of designation	Century Farm <input type="checkbox"/> Century Station <input type="checkbox"/> 150 yr Farm <input type="checkbox"/> 150 yr Station <input type="checkbox"/>
Legal Owners Name	<input type="text"/>
Mailing Address	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
State / Postcode	<input type="text"/>
Telephone	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>
Local District	<input type="text"/>
Location of farm or station	<input type="text"/>
Distance from nearest town	<input type="text"/>
Legal description/valuation #	<input type="text"/>



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Year this farm was acquired

Original family owners

Country founders came from

If married, name of first owner's spouse

How many children did they have

What, if any trades or occupations other than farming or grazing did they engage in

Who farms the land today

Relationship to original owner

How many acres/hectares were in the original parcel

If known, what was the cost of the land purchased

Are any of the original buildings still in use Yes No

Are any buildings Historically listed Yes No

If yes, please describe



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Are there any heritage gardens or significant trees of interest? Yes No

If yes, please describe

What improvements have been made to the original land; has any adjoining land been purchased, or part of the original farm/station sold?
(use additional pages as needed)

What crops or livestock were raised originally

What is raised on the property today

Your responses to the above questions will provide valuable information for future historical researchers and family members. This information along with your application and supporting documents will be deposited at the Archiving body for future reference. Please feel free to add any other information pertinent to the farm, station or family history. Do not send any original photographs or documents, as your submission will become the property of the Library, and a matter of public record, and as such will not be returned. Thank you.



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Statement of affirmation

I, _____ hereby affirm and
acclaim that the farm or station which I own at _____ in
the _____ District, has been owned by my family for at least
100 continuous years, as specified in the qualifications for the Century Farm award, or 150
years if applying for the Sesquicentennial Farm or Station Award, on or before December 31
of the current calendar year.

I hereby affirm that this property meets all other requirements for Century Farm honours. I
understand that the application materials will become the property of the Archiving body and
be made available for the use of researchers. However any researcher wishing to publish
pictorial material or quotations from any of this material that is still in copyright will be
required to obtain the permission of the copyright holders before the Archiving body will give
permission for publication.

By signing below I understand that I am consenting to the use of this material as set out in
the previous two sentences.

Signature of owner

Witness by a JP or Solicitor of choice

Date

Date



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Application Guideline Checklist

1. Completed Application form
2. Documentation showing acquisition of property by original family owner and the date it was acquired
3. Additional narrative of family history relevant to the application.
4. Photographs, especially historic, showing family property, buildings and family members, if available.
5. Maps or drawings, which show the location of the property throughout the ownership by the family, if available.
6. Completed Statement of Affirmation
7. Included non-refundable \$550 (includes GST) application fee, which includes one certificate.
8. If contact information is different from owner information, please include on a separate page.

If you have any questions regarding this application and/or information contained please contact the Program Co-ordinator, Kelly Aitken by email: coordinator@centuryfarms.org.au