

A metal sign, suitable for hanging on a gate or post, identifying their historic **Century Farm or Century Ranch** is also available to the family and is included in the enrollment fee.

Fees

A \$50.00 fee is required with the application. Please make your check payable to **Foster Creek Conservation District**.

Review Process and Notification

All applications are checked for completeness by the program coordinator. They will be reviewed by the Board as time permits and all applicants will be notified about their status by mail within 60 days.

Still Have Questions About the Program?

PLEASE CONTACT: SHARON DAVIS,
PROGRAM COORDINATOR,
HOME: 509-632-5414 OR
DAVIS@GENEXT.NET

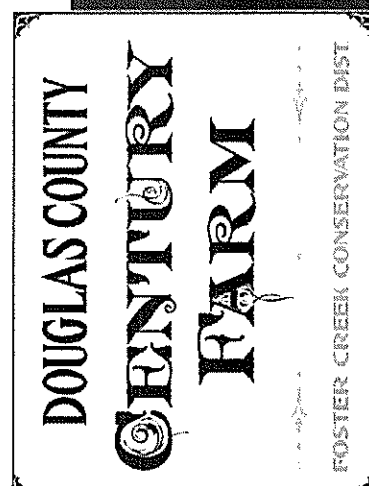
OR CALL FOSTER CREEK CONSERVATION DISTRICT 509-509-745-8362 EXT. 3 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE

Century Farm & Ranch Program
Foster Creek Conservation District
P.O. Box 428
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**DOUGLAS COUNTY
CENTURY FARM &
RANCH PROGRAM**

The Century Farm and Ranch Program was created to recognize farm and ranch families with century-long connections to the land and Douglas County's rich agricultural heritage. The program is administered through Foster Creek Conservation District in cooperation with the Douglas Co. Commissioners. Successful applicants receive a certificate signed by the Douglas Co. Commissioners.



Qualifications

1. Your farm or ranch must have been operated continuously in the same family for 100 years or more. The line of ownership from the first family member owning the land to the current owner(s) must be through wives, husbands, grandparents, siblings, children, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews or cousins.
2. A minimum of 40 acres must be farmed or ranched. A significant amount of your yearly earnings must be from agricultural or livestock income.
3. If you don't live on the farm or ranch, you must live within 20 miles and actively manage and direct the farming or ranching activity on the land. If the entire farm or ranch has ever been rented or leased to anyone other than family members, it will not qualify.
4. We recognize the significance of CRP in Douglas County. It is a crop which is up to a 15-year rotation. If you are the owner/operator and receive 100% of the payments for CRP and also meet the above mentioned requirements, you will be eligible.
5. We understand that farming and ranching families sometimes have complicated land ownership issues which may make it difficult to define the owner/operator for the past century. If necessary, attach an explanation of the family ownership and/or operation. If it is not clear to the approval committee your application may be denied. If it is denied, there is an appeal process for the applicants in which a more in-depth review of the application would take place.
6. Applications must be submitted on official forms provided by FCCD for the Century Farm & Ranch Program with all the questions completed. Please print or type all answers. Applications are accepted at any time. Please make sure they are signed. The back of this brochure qualifies as an official application. Please mail back to address shown on back.

Century Farm and Ranch Application

Date _____

Type of designation (circle one) **Century Farm** **Century Ranch**

Name of Farm/Ranch _____
(Please print it exactly as you want it to appear on the certificate)

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____ E-Mail Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Location of farm or ranch from nearest town _____

Original family owner(s) _____

Date your ancestors first took occupancy on, filed on or otherwise acquired this land(s) _____

Number of acres in original claim or deed _____

Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

Please outline history of the land beginning with the original family member and ending with the current owner.
(Use additional pages as necessary.) For example:

Dates of ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1904-1924	James & Ann Thatcher	great grandparents
1924-1956	William & Cora Thatcher	grandparents
1956-1978	Sarah Thatcher Smith	mother
1978-present	John & Susan Smith	

Do you or a family member live on the original homestead? Yes No

Are there any original buildings still in use today? Yes No

History of crops or livestock raised on farm or ranch (use additional pages as necessary)

Does your family have a livestock brand? If so, please draw it here:

Statement of Affirmation

I, _____ hereby affirm and declare that the farm or ranch in Douglas County has been owned and actively managed by my family for at least 100 continuous years, as specified by the qualifications for the **Century Farm and Ranch Program**. The information I have provided is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge

Signature of Owner

Date

