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County:	Page in 1989 Book:
Contact:	
Date Sent:	<i>Please return within 15 days</i>

Washington Commemorates 125 Years of Statehood on November 11, 2014!
Reconnecting with Washington's Centennial Farms
A project undertaken as part of Washington's 125th Anniversary

Dear Centennial Farm contact,

Washington is celebrating its 125th anniversary of statehood this year. As part of this celebration, WSDA is seeking to reconnect with the family farms that participated in the Centennial Farm Recognition program in 1989 as part of the state's Centennial Celebration. You are receiving this mailing because ***you have been identified as the contact for the Centennial Farm listed at the top of this page.***

By reconnecting with your family, we hope to be able to:

- Highlight the importance of agriculture to the settlement and continuing economic vitality of our state, and
- Illustrate changes to agriculture that have occurred over the last 25 years.

More than 400 farms from across the state participated in the voluntary program 25 years ago. We would like to learn if these farms are still owned and operated by the same families, and what changes have happened to them in the 25 years since. Even those farms that are no longer in the same family have a story to tell about changes in our state's agriculture industry. We hope every family will choose to participate once more.

Here's what we hope to learn by reconnecting with you and other Centennial Farm families:

1. Find out if the Centennial Farms are still owned and operated by the Centennial Farm family
2. Gather updated ownership and contact information for each farm
3. Gather information from each farm to extend the "Yesterday and Today" theme from 1989. Specifically:
 - Acres of the original parcel still retained in 2014
 - Total acreage owned and operated in 2014
 - Crops or livestock produced on the farm in 2014
 - Changes over the last 25 years

Here's what we plan to do with the information we gather:

- Compile a list of Centennial Farms that are still owned and operated by the Centennial Farm family with current contacts and other information we receive.
- In conjunction with the Nov. 11 event at the State Capitol, announce the results of the project and make updated information available on the WSDA web site.

Here's what we're asking of you:

- Please provide the requested information by completing the questions on the following pages. You can hand write your responses or, better yet, you can type them on a computer by downloading this form from the WSDA web site at www.agr.wa.gov. (Type "Centennial Farms 2014" in the search box.)
- To help us manage gathering information from more than 400 farms we are asking that you reply within 15 days of receiving this request.

Thank you for your willingness to share your family farm history with others!

For more information, check the WSDA web site at www.agr.wa.gov or contact us at Centennial@agr.wa.gov

Centennial Farm Questionnaire

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Tips for responding!

- ★ *Before you begin, review the profile of your Centennial Farm that was prepared in 1989. A digital copy of the book is available on the WSDA web site at www.agr.wa.gov. (Type "Centennial Farms 1989" in the search box.) Your farm profile is on the page listed on the front of this form.*
- ★ *Please note that most of the questions ask about a person's relationship to the person(s) listed as the owner(s) of the farm in 1989, not the original owner.*

Respondent information: *Please help us verify that we have your contact information correct*

Name of person providing the information: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: 509 527-8806 _____ Email address: _____

Who is listed as the farm "**Owners**" in 1989? (Refer to 1989 book) _____

How are you related to the listed "**Owners**" in 1989? _____

First, tell us if the Centennial Farm is still owned and operated by the Centennial Farm family.

1. Has the farm been continuously owned within the same family for the last 25 years? Yes No
2. Does the current owner or a member of the current owner's family actively manage and direct farming of the land today? Yes No

If you answered No to Question 1, please respond to Questions 3 -5, then jump to Question 16 and complete the rest.

3. When did the Centennial Farm cease to be owned by the Centennial Farm family? _____

4. What circumstances led to the family ceasing to own the Centennial Farm?

5. *If known:* Who owns the Centennial Farm land today? Is it still operated as a farm?

If you answered Yes to Question 1, please proceed with the rest of the questions.

Current Centennial Farm Owner information

6. Name of current owner(s) of the Centennial Farm _____

7. How are the current owner(s) related to the listed "**Owners**" in 1989? _____

Optional: If there have been multiple ownership changes over the last 25 years, you can use the lines below to list owners and years of ownership for the last 25 years (list both the beginning and ending year of ownership.)

Years of Ownership (e.g. 1989-2005, 2005-present)	Name of Owner	Relationship to 1989 Owner(s)

Please tell us about the Centennial Farm today

Providing this information shows how the farm has changed in 25 years

8. Number of acres of the original parcel: ____ **acres** Number still retained in 1989: ____ **acres** (from 1989 book)

How many acres of the original parcel are still retained in 2014? _____

9. What is the total acreage owned in 2014? (include Centennial and all other acreage) _____

10. What is the total acreage operated in 2014? (include owned and leased land) _____

11. Who manages the day-to-day operation of the farm today? _____

12. How is this person related to the current owner(s)? _____

13. What crops or livestock are produced on the farm in 2014? _____

14. What, if any, of the original buildings are still standing? Are they still in use? _____

15. How has the farm changed over the last 25 years? _____

16. **Contact Person:** Who may be contacted by people interested in learning more about this Centennial Farm?
(please list only one person or couple)

If same as respondent, just write "same" on the line for Name

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Corrections: If there are any corrections that should be made to the farm profile in the Centennial Farm book, please mark them on a copy of the farm profile page and send it to WSDA.

Additional information or comments:

17. Is there anything more you would like to share about the history of the farm or the farm owners, especially related to the last 25 years?

Statement of Affirmation by Centennial Farm Owner

I, _____, hereby affirm and declare that the farm I own at _____, in the County of _____ has been owned by my family for at least 125 continuous years. I understand that the information and any materials I submit will become property of the State of Washington and be made available for public use. By signing below, I understand that I am consenting to the use of both the information and any materials submitted.

Signature of Owner

Date

Send completed form to:
Washington State Department of Agriculture
Centennial Farm Project
Mailing address: P.O. Box 42560, Olympia, WA 98504-2560
E-mail address: Centennial@agr.wa.gov
Fax: (360) 902-2092

Please return this form within 15 days.
Thank you!