North Puget Sound farmers, perhaps more than farmers in any other region, have experienced tremendous change over the last 25 years. The departure of food processors, major changes in the dairy industry, and population growth of almost 60 percent have all played a part in reshaping the region’s agricultural economy.

This region continues to be a diverse mix of agricultural pursuits. The make-up of that mix, however, has changed and the region’s Centennial Farms illustrate some of the ways family farms have adjusted.

**Dairies are larger and fewer in number**

“Adaptability is the key to staying in the dairy industry,” said Krista Stangeland, an owner of the Major and Nordby Centennial Farms in Snohomish County. She said increased regulatory requirements for managing dairy manure, while protecting waterways, have significantly raised costs for dairies. And fluctuations in milk prices make it difficult to predict cash flow and to weather lean times, especially for smaller operations.

Northwest Washington is still home to the greatest number of the state’s dairy farms and milk is the region’s top ag commodity in value, but the number of dairy farms is only a quarter of what it was in 1989, matching the statewide decline in dairies.

Of the 28 responding Centennial Farms, ten were dairies in 1989. In 2014, only three are still in the business and each has grown larger; many of the former dairies are smaller operations that now lease their land to other farmers.

Signe Cairus dumps grain into an eager calf’s feed bucket at her family’s Stangeland Dairy in Snohomish County.
It’s potatoes, not peas, today
In 1989, this region was also a center of the state’s vegetable industry, producing a variety of vegetables – including green peas, sweet corn and carrots – for an abundance of local processors. Those companies “slowly, but surely quit contracting acreage in our part of the state,” said Darrin Morrison of the Morrison Farm in Skagit County. A fresh market potato industry has taken its place and includes most of the Centennial Farms in Skagit County that used to grow peas.

“We had to reinvent ourselves,” said John Thulen of the nearby Peth Farm. Like the Morrison Farm, the Peth Farm has expanded and now grows, packs and markets its own potatoes.

The region’s Centennial Farms reflect a continuing diversity of the region’s agriculture that includes beef, berries, seed crops, bulbs, grains, forages and more.

Farmland and open space preservation a major effort
Recognizing the many pressures on a long-valued industry, local governments and the agricultural community have organized to maintain the long-term viability of the region’s agriculture over the last 25 years. This has included efforts to preserve farmland and open space. Examples include several Centennial Farms in this region. Three of the four Centennial Farms that are no longer in family ownership have been preserved from development. Both the Iverson Farm (now a county natural area) and the Pearson Farm (owned by the National Park Service) still have working farmland, while the Eide Farm is part of a state wildlife refuge. Two other farms have partnered with the cities they adjoin to preserve open space: 20 acres of the Ovenell Farm will provide recreational access to the Stillaguamish River at Stanwood and 42 acres of the Freund Farm are parkland and open space in Oak Harbor.

Organic, Direct Marketing
There’s also clear evidence of the trend toward locally grown and organic food among the North Puget Sound Centennial Farms. The Frohning Dairy is now raising milk-fed pork, and eggs from free-range chickens, while the Hayton Farm grows organic and conventional berries, and sells them to restaurants and at farmers’ markets around the greater Seattle area.

Centennial Farms by the numbers: 1989 vs 2014
- Of the 24 farms still in the family, eight are owned by the same owners as in 1989. Nine have been passed on to a child or grandchild. Six are owned by the 1989 owner and the next generation, and one is owned by a niece.
- Thirteen farms list a current owner as the day-to-day operator of the farm, five list a child or grandchild as the operator. Five are operated by a non-relative and one by an owner and a non-relative.
- The general trend in farm size is smaller. Excluding the two large potato farms, the average size of North Puget Sound Centennial Farms was 223 acres in 1989 and 161 acres in 2014. Farm sizes in 1989 ranged from 20 to 807 acres, and in 2014, from six to 2,000 acres.
- In 1989, half of the farms were dairy or beef operations and the top crops were forages and green peas. In 2014, fewer farms are dairies and the most common crops are potatoes and hay.
ISLAND COUNTY

The Freund Farm, est. 1851

Current Owner: Nancy, Carl, Janet, and Sally Freund
Relationship to 1989 Owner: children of Arnold, grandchildren of Winifred
Current Operator: Carl Freund
Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: Thirty-five acres were sold to the city of Oak Harbor for use as open space and a park, through Island County’s Conservation Futures Fund. Seven acres were deeded to the city for additional parkland. About 20 acres were sold for commercial and residential use. Another 13 or so acres are commercial leased land.

Additional Information: The original 1860s home, machine shop, machine shed, granary and two 1920 farm houses are still on the property.

Contact: Carl Freund, 2498 S.W. Freund St., Oak Harbor, WA 98277

The Pearson Farm "Engleholm," est. 1869

This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the family that owned it in 1989. The farm left family ownership in 1998.
Is the Land Still Farmed? Yes. The Engle family continues to farm grains, corn and alfalfa, leasing the land from the National Park Service. Ownership of the farm changed in 1998 and again in 2001 when the Park Service purchased the land to protect it from development. The Park Service intends to return it to private ownership with a conservation easement so it can be farmed in perpetuity.

Contact: Roy Zipp, National Park Service Operations Manager, 593 Fort Casey Rd., Coupeville, WA 98239

Overview of the farm listings

Each farm listing contains the information provided by Centennial Farm families in response to the WSDA questionnaire. Each listing is a 2014 snapshot of the farm’s ownership, family connections, size of operation, and crops and livestock produced. It often includes comments about changes in the last 25 years and, as much as possible, is in the voice of the respondent.

Each listing notes the page number for the farm’s profile in the 1989 book, Washington’s Centennial Farms – Yesterday and Today or its addendum, available on the WSDA website. A farm’s 2014 listing is best understood and appreciated when read with its 1989 profile, where you’ll find information on the farm’s establishment and its operation at the time of the state’s Centennial.

The booklet is organized alphabetically by county, and within the county, alphabetically by farm name. Farms that did not respond are listed at the end of the chapter.
**Sherman Farms, Inc., est. 1885**

**Current Owner:** Wilbur and Karen Bishop, Clark Bishop  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** Wilbur and Karen were part of the 1989 ownership; Clark is their son  
**Current Operator:** Wilbur, Karen and Clark Bishop  
**Relationship to Owner:** same

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**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Brothers Al and Roger Sherman retired in 1997. Their ownership was purchased by active farming family members Wilbur and Karen Bishop, and Don and Debra Sherman. In 2007, ownership was divided and the 550-cow dairy herd was sold. The Bishops retained the original LeSourd land, operating under the new name, Ebey Road Farm, Inc. The Bishops’ son, Clark, joined in farm ownership in 2013, the sixth generation farming the LeSourd property.

**Additional Information:** The barn, built in 1899, and the granary, built in 1923, were recently renovated and are listed on the state Heritage Barn Register. Both are still used in the farming operation.

**Contact:** Wilbur and Karen Bishop, Ebey Road Farm, Inc., 225 Ebey Rd., Coupeville, WA 98239

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**San Juan County**

**The Rosler Farm, est. 1860**

**Current Owner:** Carla J. Higginson  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** one of the owners  
**Current Operator:** Carla J. Higginson  
**Relationship to Owner:** same

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**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The farm has been actively hayed for commercial purposes for the past 25 years. The original farmhouse, roothouse and granary are still standing and the farmhouse and roothouse are still in use.

**Contact:** Carla J. Higginson, 175 Second St. N., Friday Harbor, WA 98250

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**Woodside Farm Estate, est. 1886**

**Current Owner:** E. Marcum, John S. Willis, J. Slater, Gary and Bonnie Lundquist and D. Lundquist  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** four were owners in 1989; Gary is Dorothy’s son and nephew of the other owners. Bonnie is Gary’s wife.  
**Current Operator:** All owners jointly have responsibilities, but John Willis and Gary Lundquist are manager and co-manager respectively.  
**Relationship to Owner:** two of the owners

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<td>Beef cattle, grass hay, timber, apples, plums, garden</td>
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**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The farm hasn’t changed over the last 25 years. The original farmhouse is still in use. The family built a picnic shed for Dorothy’s granddaughter’s wedding seven years ago, and since then has made the farm available for weddings and outdoor events.

**Contact:** Gary Lundquist, 38707 Mountain Hwy E., Eatonville, WA 98328
SKAGIT COUNTY

The Benson Farm est. 1886

Current Owner: Bill and Joyce Benson, Susan and Peter Janicki
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same, daughter and son-in-law
Current Operator: Susan and Peter Janicki and Sakuma Bros. Farms
Relationship to Owner: two owners and lessee

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: The dairy is no longer operating and the land is leased to Sakuma Bros. Farms, which bought 80 acres of the farm in 2001. The houses and barn are rented out. Ten acres of the original parcel were bought back from the state in 1990. Additional Information: The farm was primarily a dairy for over 100 years, but William E. Benson sold his herd in 1994. The farm is now leased for berry production. Bill Benson, 81 years old, still holds a full-time job.

Contact: Susan Janicki, 24917 Benham Rd., Mount Vernon, WA 98273

The Hall Farm est. 1884

Current Owner: Janet Hall McRae, Fred Hall, Roger Hall
Relationship to 1989 Owner: daughter and sons
Current Operator: Gary Knaus
Relationship to Owner: friend

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: Our mother Nina Hall died in 2005 and in 2006 we rented the farm to a family that runs cattle on the property. Additional Information: My brothers and I still own all the property on the Hall family farm. I am married to James McRae (of the McRae Farm). Together we own and operate a beef cattle ranch and timber ground totaling more than 400 acres.

Contact: Janet McRae, 20082 Prairie Rd., Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

The Hayton Farm est. 1876

Current Owner: Robert and Susan Hayton, Richard Hayton
Relationship to 1989 Owner: three of the owners
Current Operator: Robert Hayton
Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: We now grow potatoes, and we don't grow pickling cukes. The granary is used for hay storage and the old white barn for storage and a potato packing line. Additional Information: We sell at a lot of farmers markets now, thanks to next-generation farmer, Angelica Hayton. The last 10 years we've grown most of our berries certified organic.

Contact: Hayton Farms Berries, 16498 Fir Island Rd., Mount Vernon, WA 98273
The Holtcamp Farm, est. 1884

Current Owner: Holtcamp Properties LLC: Mildred Holtcamp; William E. Holtcamp; Betty Groszham; Sally Wendover; James, Thomas, Gretchen and Joe Holtcamp
Relationship to 1989 Owner: widow and children
Current Operator: Lessees
Relationship to Owner: not related

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: All livestock was sold in 1998 and the land is now rented to potato growers. Six of the farm’s original buildings are rented to RV owners for storage.

Additional Information: W.H. Holtcamp died Oct. 29, 2012, at age 91; wife Mildred is now 90.

Contact: Mildred or Tom Holtcamp, 10080 Holtcamp Rd., Sedro Woolley, WA 98284

Island View Farms, Inc., est. 1885

Current Owner: Phil C. Inman
Relationship to 1989 Owner: one of the owners
Current Operator: Lessee
Relationship to Owner: not related

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: The retail nursery was sold and 11 acres closest to the homestead are more for agri-tourism, including a fresh market farm stand. The granary building has been renovated as a restaurant. The 1914 farmhouse on the property is still in use, and the original house built by Isaac and Margaret Jennings in 1884 is still in use on a neighboring farm.

Additional Information: Both of the 1989 owners died within 14 months of each other in 2011 and 2012; now the fifth and sixth generations have the opportunity to continue in their forefathers’ footsteps.

Contact: Jen Hart, 16072 Best Rd., Mount Vernon, WA 98273

The Jennings Farm, est. 1884

Current Owner: Jen Hart, Matt Mussivand and Shannon Reilly
Relationship to 1989 Owner: daughter, nephew and granddaughter of Robert Hart
Current Operator: Jen Hart and Matt Mussivand
Relationship to Owner: two of the owners

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Contact: Jen Hart, 16072 Best Rd., Mount Vernon, WA 98273

The McRae Farm, est. 1885

Current Owner: Donna Stone, Eunice Jenkins, Mary Hall, George and Jim McRae
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same
Current Operator: Jim McRae
Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: We sold the dairy cows and have leased out the farmland since 1997. We still live on the farm.

Contact: Phil C. Inman, 14307 Hillwood Dr., Bow, WA 98232
Changes in the Past 25 Years: The farm is the same. George McRae still lives in the 1908 five-bedroom farmhouse.

Additional Information: The five McRae siblings still own the 20 acres of the original 160-acre parcel. In 1985, Jim and Janet McRae bought Jim's grandparents' farm, 32 acres that have been in the family since James and Nellie McKee bought it in 1908.

Contact: Jim and Janet McRae, 20082 Prairie Rd., Sedro Woolley, WA 98284

The Morrison Farm, est. 1889

Current Owner: Darrin and Marily Morrison, Keith and Wendy Morrison
Relationship to 1989 Owner: Darrin was an owner in 1989, Keith is his brother and Don's son.
Current Operator: Keith and Darrin Morrison
Relationship to Owner: same

Changes in the Past 25 Years: We’ve gone from mainly processed vegetable crops to mainly fresh potatoes. We have also become a grower-packer-shipper. The original house and two original barns are still in use, but uses have changed.

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Additional Information: We are fourth generation farmers but in the last two years the fifth generation has gotten involved, one with bookkeeping, another in shop repair, maintenance and field work.

Contact: Keith Morrison, Morrison Farms LP, 19224 Morrison Rd., Mount Vernon, WA 98274

Munks Farm, est. 1859

Current Owner: Don and Cathy Munks
Relationship to 1989 Owner: son and daughter-in-law
Current Operator: Darci and Tom Toth
Relationship to Owner: daughter and son-in-law

Changes in the Past 25 Years: We became a purebred Angus cattle operation. I quit claimed acreage that had been dedicated for a rail station, which closed in the 1930s, back from the railroad in 1997.

Additional Information: William Munks brought the first cattle onto this farm/ranch in 1859 and there have been cattle on the property every year since that date.

Contact: Don Munks, 9578 March's Point Rd., Anacortes, WA 98221

The Peth Farm, est. 1881

Current Owner: John Thulen
Relationship to 1989 Owner: grandson
Current Operator: John Thulen
Relationship to Owner: same
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| **Changes in the Past 25 Years:** | The farm has gotten larger to accommodate our son coming home from college to farm with us. Gail and Colleen Peth Thulen owned the farm from 1995 to 2012. John Thulen has owned the farm since 2012.  
Additional Information: Before my wife Colleen passed away in 2012, we took a trip to Germany to trace the Peth family roots. Colleen traced the family back to the 1600s on the same farm. We were able to find that farm, and feel the dirt and walk on it, and see where her grandfather John J. Peth grew up. The young man farming it now told us he was the 16th generation on that farm. The landscape was very similar to Skagit Valley with the same complaints of low prices, bad weather, not enough labor, but we saw that love for the land. In 2011, we began to transfer ownership of the farm to our son John and Colleen was able to see him take over the farm she so dearly loved. |  
**Contact:** Gail Thulen, 12852 Dodge Valley Rd., Mount Vernon, WA 98273 |

**The Summers Farm** est. 1872

Current Owner: William M. and Eunice E. Summers  
Relationship to 1989 Owner: no relation  
Current Operator: Renter  
Relationship to Owner: no relation

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| **Changes in the Past 25 Years:** | Less grass and grain are being raised. Too many regulations are being imposed on agriculture by federal, state and county bureaucrats. Salmon protection interests could threaten Skagit Valley agriculture.  
Additional Information: The land has been farmed by a local farm since 2004. We intend to pass on the farm, if it still exists, to our children. The original house and barn are still in use. |  
**Contact:** William M. Summers, 13856 Rawlins Rd., Mount Vernon, WA 98273 |

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

**The Eide Farm** est. 1878

This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the family that owned it in 1989. The farm left family ownership in 1996.  
**Is the Land Still Farmed?** No. The Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife asked if we would sell to them for use as a wildlife area, then they would own the last of the three farms on Leque Island. I was born in the family farmhouse that my grandfather built in 1910. It was a wonderful place, growing up on the banks of the Stillaguamish River. My father, Erik, is looking down from heaven with a smile, that the game and wildlife now have a "home."  
**Contact:** Kathryn Eide Glick, 12212 Crossridge Ave. N.W., Silverdale, WA 98383

**Frohning Dairy Inc.** est. 1870

Current Owner: Tim and Sandra Frohning, Matt Frohning  
Relationship to 1989 Owner: two of the owners and their son  
Current Operator: Sandra and Matt Frohning  
Relationship to Owner: two of the owners
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**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** In the last 25 years, we have added Jersey cows to our formerly exclusively Holstein herd. We milked 70 cows in 1989 and now we milk 130. We rotational graze our cows. We are raising milk-fed pork which seems to be in high demand, and have egg production from free-range chickens. The biggest change is the next generation is farming and we are pleased.

**Additional Information:** Our story is really more about the farm owners. When Tim and I married in 1983, we tied together two Centennial Farms from the Tualco Valley, the Robert Smallman Homestead, est. 1875, and the Ariel Foye Homestead, est. 1877, which made our sons the fifth generation of Frohnings and the 6th generation of Foyes to be raised on the farm. Joy and sorrow mark the road for the last 10 years! Farming is about life and all that it encompasses, and that is truly what we have been about for the last 135 years on the Frohning’s Centennial Farm.

**Contact:** Sandra Frohning, 17506 S.E. 190th St., Monroe, WA 98272

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**The Jensen/Grimm Farm, est. 1878**

**Current Owner:** Bruce D. and Anne R. Grimm

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** son and daughter-in-law

**Current Operator:** Bruce D. Grimm

**Relationship to Owner:** same

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<td>Pasture, hay, silage for producing dairy herd</td>
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<td>Berries, corn, wheat</td>
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**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The farm passed from father to son.

**Contact:** Bruce D. Grimm, 1706 Pioneer Hwy E., Arlington, WA 98223

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**The Iver Johnson Farm, est. 1887**

**Current Owner:** Robert and Laura Johnson

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** two of the owners

**Current Operator:** Aimee Henson and Patrick Nelson

**Relationship to Owner:** granddaughter and her husband

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<td>Berries, sweet corn, pumpkins, grain</td>
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<td>Vegetables, berries, hay pasture</td>
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**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** We have sold more land to others because the fifth generation was not interested in farming. Improved flood control that began in the 1990’s may increase crop intensity.

**Contact:** Robert L. Johnson, 7708 45th Pl. W., Mukilteo, WA 98275

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**The Major Farm, est. 1883**

**Current Owner:** Stangeland Dairy LLC: Louis and Janet Stangeland

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same

**Current Operator:** Leif, Kjell, Thor and Krista Stangeland

**Relationship to Owner:** sons and daughter

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<td>Dairy, grass and corn for silage</td>
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**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The farm still operates as a dairy, but has expanded to include a neighboring dairy. This expansion meant we re-acquired all of the original homestead acreage. Four of our five children are involved in the dairy operation. The 1910 home and 1916 barn are still in use.
Additional Information: The Major and Nordby farms are both part of one farm operation run by the Stangeland family. The Major Farm is the primary dairy operation where the day-to-day business of milking and feeding of cows and heifers occur.
Contact: Janet Stangeland, 5411 Pioneer Hwy, Stanwood, WA 98292

The Nelson Farm est. 1887

Current Owner: Carol and Mike McCrorie
Relationship to 1989 Owner: niece and her husband
Current Operator: Carol and Mike McCrorie
Relationship to Owner: same

Changes in the Past 25 Years: There are a lot more houses around us, and there is lots of traffic on the roads. In 1989, the farm passed from Norman H. Nelson to his niece, Carol.
Additional Information: Parts of the main barn are still in use.
Contact: Mike McCrorie, 7508 108th St. N.E., Marysville, WA 98271

The Nordby Farm est. 1884

Current Owner: Louis and Janet Stangeland
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same
Current Operator: Leif, Kjell, Thor and Krista Stangeland
Relationship to Owner: sons and daughter

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The original 1909 home is still in use, and the farm has not changed in the last 25 years.
Additional Information: The Major and Nordby farms are both part of one farm operation run by the Stangeland family. The Nordby Farm is used strictly for grazing, and only during the growing season.
Contact: Janet Stangeland, 5411 Pioneer Hwy, Stanwood, WA 98292

Ovenell Farms est. 1874

Current Owner: Jackie Ovenell, Margaret Stewart, Marvin Anderson
Relationship to 1989 Owner: Jackie is daughter-in-law (widow of Ted Jr.), Margaret and Marvin are Ted Sr. and Mary’s children
Current Operator: Rick Williams
Relationship to Owner: not related

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The City of Stanwood purchased 15 acres of the Ovenell property in November 2014 with grant funding from the Snohomish County Conservation Futures program. This land, bordered by the Stillaguamish River, is to be preserved as open space with recreational access to the river. The remaining acres of the original land is still owned by the family and is leased out for farming.
Additional Information: Ted Jr. and his family left the Stanwood farm and moved to eastern Washington in the early 1990s to raise dairy replacement heifers.
Contact: Kris Anderson, 31619 78th N.W., Stanwood, WA 98292
**The Ulrich Scherrer Farm**, est. 1889

Current Owner: John and Barbara Scherrer  
Relationship to 1989 Owner: son and daughter-in-law  
Current Operator: Raymond Scherrer  
Relationship to Owner: son

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<td>Beef cattle, hay, rutabagas</td>
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Changes in the Past 25 Years: The house and barn still stand. We hope to sell some of the land.  

Additional Information: Ulrich Scherrer was born on this farm and has farmed here all his life. He is still living here in his own house and was 97 on November 3, 2014.  

Contact: John S. Scherrer, 5300A Menzel Lake Rd., Granite Falls, WA 98252

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**The Perry Farm**, est. 1876

Relationship to 1989 Owner: sons and daughters of William Perry  
Current Operator: Roderic A. Perry  
Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: A Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) project was planted in 2001.  

Additional Information: The farm has been the location for the NOAA Cooperative Weather Station of Clearbrook since July 1919. The 1916 barn and the 1908 Sears house are still in use. Roderic Perry also owns another Whatcom County farm which was founded in 1874 by his ancestor, Ernest Strache.  

Contact: Roderic Perry, 8992 Van Buren Rd., Everson, WA 98247

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**The Robert J.E. Smallman Farm**, est. 1870

This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the family that owned it in 1989.
Non-Participating Farms

The following 13 farms in the North Puget Sound region did not participate in the 2014 project to reconnect with Washington’s Centennial Farms. This list notes the year the farm was established and the page it appears in the 1989 Centennial Farms book or its addendum.

**Skagit County**
The Chellman Farm, est. 1888, p. 67
The Larm Farm, est. 1887, p. A-11
The Swanson Farm, est. 1882, p. 66

**Snohomish County**
The Cedergreen Farm, est. 1882, p. 58
Getchell Ranch, est. 1874, p. 57
The Harvey Farm, est. 1860, p. 57
The Hemstrom Farm, est. 1886, p. 64
The Ohlsen Farm, est. 1882, p. 60
The Stehr Farm, est. 1888, p. 63

**Whatcom County**
The Macaulay Farm, est. 1883, p. 72
The Steele Farm, est. 1883, p. 71
The Stephens/Dickey Farm, est. 1884, p. 73
The Westergreen Farm, est. 1888, p. 72