

Arkansas Century Farm Program

Application Guidelines

Background

The Arkansas Century Farm Program recognizes Arkansas's rich agricultural heritage and honors families who have owned and farmed the same land for at least 100 years. The program is administered by the Arkansas Agriculture Department. All applications are shared with the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, a division of the Department of Arkansas Heritage.

The Arkansas Century Farm Program is a voluntary program as each family chooses whether to submit an application and participate in the program. The program places no restrictions on the farm and offers no legal protection. There is no cost to the family to submit an application and participate in the program. Successful applicants receive a special certificate and a metal sign identifying their historical farm.

Qualifications

1. Only the legal owner(s) of the property may apply for the Arkansas Century Farm Program.
2. The farm must have been owned by the same family for 100 years or more.
3. The line of ownership from the original settler or buyer may be through spouses, children, siblings, or nephews and nieces. Adopted children will be recognized equally with other descendants.
4. The land under consideration must be 10 acres or more of the original farm and make a financial contribution to the overall farm income.
5. Applications must be submitted on official forms provided by the Arkansas Century Farm Program with all questions completed.
6. All applications must include verification of ownership for 100 years.
7. Application must be signed and certified by a Notary Public.
8. Applications must be postmarked by August 1, 2012 to be eligible for designation in 2012.

Questions

Please call the Arkansas Agriculture Department at 501-225-1598, if you have questions about the program or the application process.