

# TENNESSEE CENTURY FARMS

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## Tennessee Farmland Legacy Conference Set for November

The 2012 Tennessee Farmland Legacy Conference, “Planning Today for Tomorrow’s Farms,” will be held Thursday, November 1, at Montgomery Bell State Park in Burns, Tennessee.

Thursday will be a day of information, networking, and questions and answers from professionals in the fields of farmland preservation, farm and estate planning, land and community planning, and more. A reception honoring Century Farmers and open to all conference participants will bring the workshop to a close. On Friday morning, November 2, an optional tour will visit a Dickson County Century Farm.

This conference will benefit farmers, landowners, city and county planning officials, elected leaders, community planners, and others who are inspired to help preserve and protect farmland in our state. General and breakout sessions and panel discussions with well-known speakers and experts on a variety of topics will offer invaluable resources, information, and knowledge to Tennessee landowners, farmers, and community planners and officials.

Topics will include leasing and rental of farmland, conservation easements, conservation programs, timber management, estate planning, and small acreage production. Community and planning topics such as comprehensive planning and other tools localities can use to support agriculture will also be discussed.

The conference host, the Tennessee Farmland Legacy Partnership, is dedicated to preserving family farms and productive farmland in Tennessee. The partnership is committed to raising awareness

among farmers and other landowners as well as government, business, and civic leaders of the need and opportunities for farmland preservation in the state, including the preservation of rural values.

Tennessee Farmland Legacy partners are the following:

- Tennessee Department of Agriculture
- Middle Tennessee State University Center for Historic Preservation
- The Land Trust for Tennessee
- The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture
- Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development
- Tennessee Department of Tourist Development
- Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation
- Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
- Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
- Cumberland Region Tomorrow
- The Foothills Land Conservancy
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- USDA Rural Development

For more information about the 2012 Farmland Legacy Conference and to register, visit [www.farmlandlegacy.org](http://www.farmlandlegacy.org), or call University of Tennessee Conference Services at (865) 974-0280.



## Century Farms Certified Since December 2011

*Please help us keep information about your farm current in our files and on our Web site by letting us know when changes occur.*

Congratulations to the owners of the following farms which have been certified in the past six months. While farms may have more than one owner, we list only the first owner of record, as supplied on the application by the family, because of space limitations. Farms certified after August 1, 2012 will be listed in the Winter 2012 newsletter.

### **BAKER-ARNOLD FARM**

County: Gibson  
Owner: Rosa Arnold Cochran  
Date Founded: 1869

### **BAXTER FARM**

County: Cocke  
Owner: Arthur Lee Baxter  
Date Founded: 1875

### **BELL FARMS**

County: Dyer  
Owner: Will Tom Bell  
Date Founded: 1877

### **BOWMAN FARMS**

County: Blount  
Owner: Marjorie Mobley  
Date Founded: 1911

### **BUTNER FARMS**

County: Crockett  
Owner: David T. Butner  
Date Founded: 1905

### **CLAYBROOK FARM**

County: Madison  
Owner: Carol A. Watson  
Date Founded: 1898

### **DEMENT HOME PLACE**

County: Bedford  
Owner: Mr. and Mrs. John Dement  
Date Founded: 1897

### **FLIPPIN-CASTLES FARM**

County: Shelby  
Owner: Lee C. Henwood  
Date Founded: 1903

### **INDIAN BROOK FARM**

County: Sullivan  
Owner: Jewell M. Pendergrass  
Date Founded: 1909

### **IRWIN FARM**

County: Anderson  
Owner: Mr. and Mrs. Sibley R. Irwin  
Date Founded: 1867

### **JOSEPH F. CONNELL SR. FARM**

County: Van Buren  
Owner: Joseph F. Connell Jr.  
Date Founded: 1881

### **KIRKLAND PLEASANT VALLEY FARM**

County: Marshall  
Owner: Cynthia S. Haislip  
Date Founded: 1846

### **KNOX FARMS**

County: Cheatham  
Owner: Richard M. Knox  
Date Founded: 1896

### **LONGVIEW FARM**

County: Williamson  
Owner: Millard F. Mitchum Jr.  
Date Founded: 1897

### **MARTIN FARM**

County: Blount  
Owner: Hilda Martin Chesney  
Date Founded: 1891

### **MARTIN FARMS**

County: Hickman  
Owner: Neil J. Martin  
Date Founded: 1905

### **MANSFIELD FARM**

County: Weakley  
Owner: Mrs. Denver Melton  
Date Founded: 1910

### **NICHOLSON-PARDUE FARM**

County: Cheatham  
Owner: William Harold Frazier  
Date Founded: 1912

### **PB EDMONDS FARM**

County: Gibson  
Owner: Glynn Edmonds  
Date Founded: 1858

### **POWELL FARM**

County: Morgan  
Owner: Marilyn P. Hutchinson  
Date Founded: 1899

### **RAINS FARM**

County: Bledsoe  
Owner: Amos G. Rains  
Date Founded: 1905

### **RILEY ESTATE**

County: Pickett  
Owner: Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Tomkins  
Date Founded: 1901

### **ROBERSON FAMILY FARM**

County: Sumner  
Owner: Paul R. Roberson Jr.  
Date Founded: 1871

### **SHEPHERD FARM**

County: Hawkins  
Owner: Maxine M. Shepherd  
Date Founded: 1909

**SMITH BROTHERS FARM**

County: Williamson  
 Owner: Jeffrey Lee Holt  
 Date Founded: 1878

**SMITH-WRIGHT FARM**

County: Weakley  
 Owner: Genieva N. Wright  
 Date Founded: 1909

**STANDING STONE FARM**

County: Overton  
 Owner: Cathy W. Sullivan  
 Date Founded: 1896

**STONE-RIVES FARM**

County: Moore  
 Owner: Phil S. Rives  
 Date Founded: 1900

**SUNRISE VIEW FARM**

County: Coffee  
 Owner: Paul D. Bryan  
 Date Founded: 1894

**TOMPKINS BLACKSMITH FARM**

County: Fentress  
 Owner: Kenny L. Tompkins  
 Date Founded: 1910

**TONY ANGUS FARM**

County: Rutherford  
 Owner: Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Scales  
 Date Founded: 1891

**TRIPLE S FARMS**

County: Monroe  
 Owner: Stanley V. Shadden  
 Date Founded: 1858

**WAGONER-STONE FARM**

County: Moore  
 Owner: Lisa A. Stone  
 Date Founded: 1818

**WHITTENBURG FARM**

County: Pickett  
 Owner: Jean Beaty  
 Date Founded: 1868

**WILLIAMS FARM**

County: Dickson  
 Owner: Tennie M. Williams  
 Date Founded: 1907

**WILLOW RUN FARM**

County: Williamson  
 Owner: Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Jordan  
 Date Founded: 1901

**WILLOW WOOD FARM**

County: Bedford  
 Owner: William E. Cortner  
 Date Founded: 1841

**WILSON FAMILY FARM**

County: Williamson  
 Owner: Aaron B. Wilson  
 Date Founded: 1893

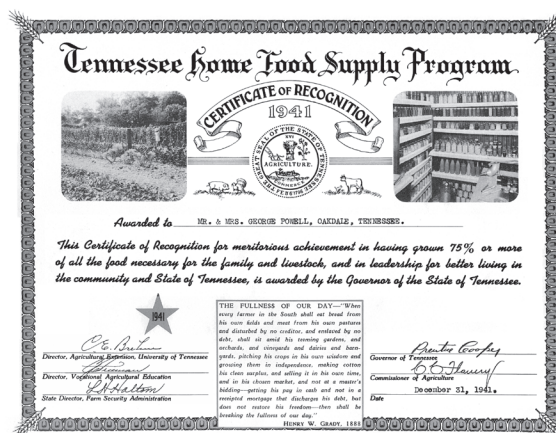
**WRIGHT FARM**

County: Bedford  
 Owner: Mary A. Price  
 Date Founded: 1907



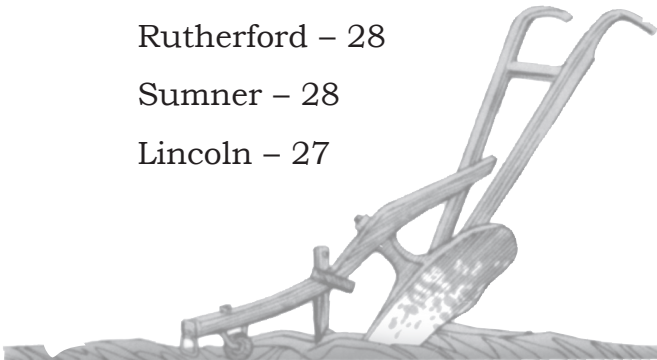
## Morgan County Farm Completes County Representation

With the certification of the Powell Farm in Morgan County, all 95 Tennessee counties are now represented in the Century Farms program. Founded in 1899 by Joseph Powell and his wife, Mary Ann Summers Powell, the farm owners through several generations have been active in the community and county. The current owner is Marilyn Powell Hutchinson, whose parents, Norma and Jesse Powell, acquired the farm in 1952. Norma continues to live on the farm, where she has a large garden, and the family harvests apples and grapes. Most of the acreage is rented for cattle, hay, and pastures. To read more about the history of the Powell Farm or any of the other nearly 1,500 certified Century Farms, go to [www.tncenturyfarms.org](http://www.tncenturyfarms.org).



## Counties with the Most Century Farms

Wilson – 77  
 Greene – 50  
 Smith – 49  
 McMinn – 38  
 Robertson – 38  
 Claiborne – 33  
 Williamson – 32  
 Obion – 32  
 Gibson – 32  
 Montgomery – 30  
 Blount – 30  
 Giles – 28  
 Rutherford – 28  
 Sumner – 28  
 Lincoln – 27



The Tennessee Century Farms program, a public service of the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University, documents, recognizes, interprets, and supports the conservation of working farms that have been in the same family continuously for at least 100 years. The Tennessee Department of Agriculture partners with the program by providing a commemorative sign to each Century Farm family.

**Please direct comments and inquiries regarding applications, existing farm files, the Web site, and this newsletter to**

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