



# TENNESSEE CENTURY FARMS

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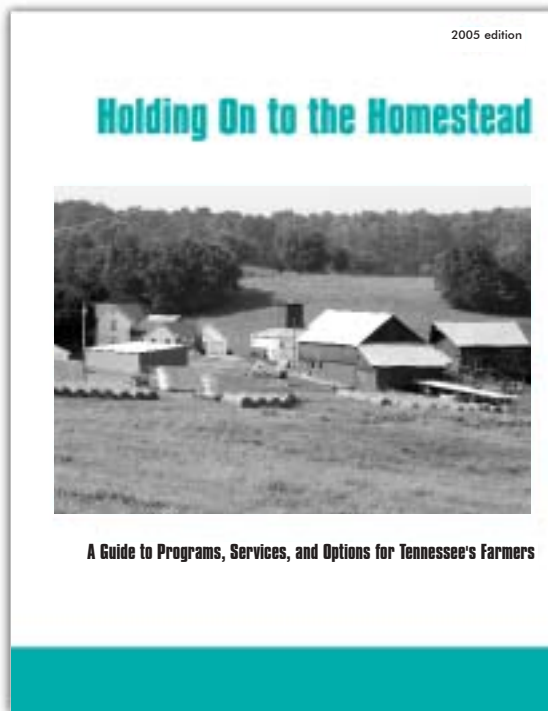
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## Holding on to the Homestead

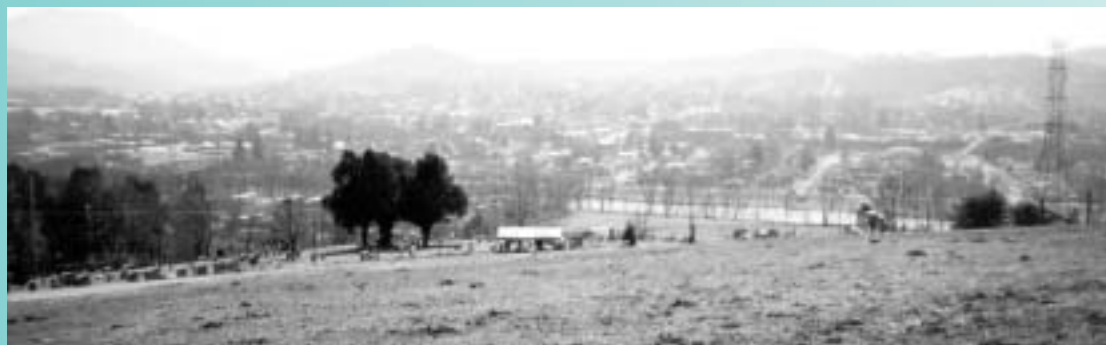
Traditionally, the basic wealth of Tennessee was attributed to its farms and farming communities. Today, while the transformation from a rural to urban landscape is evident in many areas of Tennessee, the farming population and associated agricultural businesses and products continue to be vitally important to the economic stability of the state. Many programs and services are available from governmental, educational, and nonprofit agencies and organizations that can assist families to remain on their land and continue to farm. Researching and obtaining information on the specifics of these widely diverse programs, however, is time consuming. To aid farmers in their search for different types of assistance that may help them, the MTSU Center for Historic Preservation has compiled *Holding On to the Homestead: A Guide to Programs, Services, and Opportunities for Tennessee's Farmers*. The guide is available in both booklet form and online and features descriptions of more than 120 programs

and services ranging from the Farm Wildlife Habitat Program offered by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency to federal tax incentives for historic buildings as well information on Tennessee's agritourism initiative and options for donating easements to protect land from development.



Joining the center to print and distribute this publication are the Central Basin Resource Conservation and Development Council, Cumberland Region Tomorrow, the Greater Nashville Regional Council, the Land Trust for Tennessee, and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. You may order a copy of the printed publication from the center or any of the cosponsors, or you may view and download all or sections of the publication by visiting the center's Web site at <http://histpres.mtsu.edu>.

Click on "Holding On to the Homestead." The online version will be updated periodically to provide information on new programs and services or changes in existing options.



The Colbaugh Cemetery on the family farm founded in 1880 is situated on a hill above Elizabethton in Carter County.

## The Tennessee Ag Tag!

Consider purchasing an Ag Tag license plate in 2005 and help fund projects including 4-H, FFA, and the Century Farm sign program.



## Century Farms (certified since the December 2004 issue)

### ANDERSON FARM

County: Montgomery  
Owner: Chris Schrichte  
Date Founded: 1819

### BANKS FARM

County: Cannon  
Owner: Joan M. Banks  
Date Founded: 1890

### BILLY RHEA ROBERTSON FARM

County: Trousdale  
Owner: Billy R. Robertson  
Date Founded: 1899

### BLUE ROCK SHOALS FARM

County: Hickman  
Owner: Hezekiah Springer  
Date Founded: 1854

### BROWN FARM

County: White  
Owner: Tomie Brown  
Date Founded: 1905

### BURGNER FARM

County: Greene  
Owner: Daniel and Charlotte Burgner  
Date Founded: 1900

### BURNS FARM

County: Giles  
Owner: Harry and Jewell Burns  
Date Founded: 1899

### CAMPBELL FARM

County: Maury  
Owner: William and Anna Marie Campbell  
Date Founded: 1895

### CARTER FARM

County: Wilson  
Owner: Claudette Carter Goad  
Date Founded: 1840

### CHANCE FARM

County: Carroll County  
Owner: Billy Chance  
Date Founded: 1903

### COLBAUGH FARM

County: Carter  
Owner: Harry J. Colbaugh  
Date Founded: 1880

### CREEKSIDE FARM

County: Johnson  
Owner: Elizabeth Shoun  
Date Founded: 1884

### DAVIS FARM

County: Smith  
Owner: Robert Moore Davis  
Date Founded: 1827

### DILLARD FARM

County: Wilson  
Owner: Margaret and Richard Gentry  
Date Founded: 1897

### ED BASS SONS FARM

County: Giles  
Owner: Edward Bass  
Date Founded: 1904

### GARRETT FARM

County: Sumner  
Owner: Beverly Garrett  
Date Founded: 1820

### GLEN SIMPSON FARM

County: Monroe  
Owner: Glen Simpson  
Date Founded: 1821

### GOAD FARM

County: Macon  
Owner: William, Wanda, and Toby Woodmore  
Date Founded: 1903

### GREEN HILL FARMS

County: Robertson  
Owner: David Gunn  
Date Founded: 1904

### HARDER FARM

County: Perry  
Owner: Ruth Harder Turnbow  
Date Founded: 1882

### HARRIS PLACE

County: Hardeman  
Owner: John R. Harris  
Date Founded: 1825

### HOWARD FARM

County: Perry  
Owner: Benjamin Howard  
Date Founded: 1821

### JIMMY E. SHEARON SR. FARM

County: Cheatham  
Owner: Jimmy E. Shearon  
Date Founded: 1813

### JOBE FARM

County: Stewart  
Owner: Howard L. Jobe  
Date Founded: 1812

### JOT FARMS

County: White  
Owner: Charles Anderson  
Date Founded: 1858

### KIDD-SPRAY FARM

County: Lincoln  
Owner: James Spray Kidd  
Date Founded: 1901

### LEWIS FARM

County: Carter  
Owner: Richard A. Lewis  
Date Founded: 1828

### LLOYDS' SHORE FARM

County: Obion  
Owner: James J. and Bobbye R. Lloyd  
Date Founded: 1869

## Overton County is

beginning a Century farm program thanks to the initiative of County Extension Agent Ron Johnson and County Historian Ronald Dishman. Three families are completing applications. With Overton County joining the program, 94 of the state's 95 counties have certified Century Farms.

**MOSES FARM**

County: Marshall  
 Owner: Allen H. Moses  
 Date Founded: 1898

**NEWTON PLACE**

County: Montgomery  
 Owner: Fred B. Newton  
 Date Founded: 1834

**OAKCREST POLLED HEREFORDS FARM**

County: Crockett  
 Owner: Patricia Skelton  
 Date Founded: 1870

**OAKLEY FARM**

County: DeKalb  
 Owner: Jimmy Oakley  
 Date Founded: 1875

**OLD MILL FARM**

County: Fayette  
 Owner: Charles Harvey  
 Date Founded: 1904

**ORR'S GREEN VALLEY FARM**

County: Marshall  
 Owner: Mary and Joe Berlin  
 Date Founded: 1817

**R. P. NEVILLE FARM**

County: Fayette  
 Owner: Jimmy Spencer  
 Date Founded: 1853

**REST TENNESSEE FARM**

County: Cheatham  
 Owner: Allene R. Ellis  
 Date Founded: 1884

**RUDD FARM**

County: Giles  
 Owner: Billy R. Rudd  
 Date Founded: 1904

**RULEE FARM**

County: Crockett  
 Owner: William Lee Todd  
 Date Founded: 1905

**SHADY ACRES ESTATE**

County: Wilson  
 Owner: Dixon and Judy Gillespie  
 Date Founded: 1883

**SHADY LAWN FARM**

County: Sullivan  
 Owner: Tony and Pamela Webb  
 Date Founded: 1880

**SPIVEY FARM**

County: Madison  
 Owner: Jo Eddie Wilbur O'Cain  
 Date Founded: 1849

**STENBERG CATTLE FARM**

County: Davidson  
 Owner: Frank Stenberg  
 Date Founded: 1899

**SUGARTREE FARM**

County: Robertson  
 Owner: Ben R. Alford  
 Date Founded: 1884

**SULLIVAN GIVENS FARM**

County: Williamson  
 Owner: Grady Givens  
 Date Founded: 1904

**SWAFFORD LEGACY FARM**

County: Bledsoe  
 Owner: Ann and Caulie Rothwell  
 Date Founded: 1902

**TATE FARM**

County: Sumner  
 Owner: Raymond Sanders  
 Date Founded: 1902

**TRIPLE STONE FARM**

County: Trousdale  
 Owner: Quindy Robertson  
 Date Founded: 1855

**WAGNER-WORLEY FARM**

County: Johnson  
 Owner: Thomas P. Worley  
 Date Founded: 1790

**WAYNE SHEARON FARM**

County: Cheatham  
 Owner: Buford Wayne Shearon  
 Date Founded: 1813

**WELKER FARM**

County: Montgomery  
 Owner: Bobby Welker  
 Date Founded: 1854

**W. R. REED FARM**

County: Fentress  
 Owner: Mike and Connie Storie  
 Date Founded: 1904

**4 M ACRES FARM**

County: Cheatham  
 Owner: Morris B. Bidwell  
 Date Founded: 1849



**The counties with the largest number of Century Farms are as follows:**

**Wilson – 58**

**Greene – 41**

**Smith – 40**

**McMinn – 37**

**Obion – 34**

**Robertson – 31**

**Williamson – 29**

**Blount – 28**

**Claiborne – 28**

**Giles – 28**



Cotton is a traditional crop on the Chance Farm (founded 1903) in Carroll County.



The Orr homestead, as it appeared in 1911. Located in Marshall County, Orr's Green Valley Farm was founded in 1817.

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