



TENNESSEE CENTURY FARMS

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Tennessee Division of Forestry Offers Assistance to Farmers

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry (TDF) works closely with many farmers across the state through various landowner assistance programs. Programs offer both technical and financial assistance to private landowners with the goal of planning and implementing forestry practices which benefit air and water quality, wildlife, and the productivity and sustainability of forested lands.

Professional foresters provide science-based technical services and coordinate appropriate and available financial assistance with several participating agencies. These foresters, based in the 31 area offices

throughout the state, collect information on a property's resources and work with the landowner to prepare a suitable forest management plan for the acreage. Follow-up assistance is a part of the service as are group workshops, a web site, County Forestry Associations, and other opportunities to learn and work with TDF.

Examples of several available options include the Forest Stewardships Program which offers a free evaluation of forest resources resulting in a forest management plan to help landowners achieve their objectives. Stewardship plans also allow landowners to participate in the American Tree Farm System which offers landowners an option for 3rd party forest certification. The Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program offers up to 75% cost share to plan and implement on the ground forest practices that promote sustainable forest management.

For more information about these and other programs and services that might be a useful to your farm operations, contact your local Division office or call 615/837-5520. You may also visit the TDF web site at: www.TN.gov/agriculture/forestry.



Thomas Wilson Beasley, owner of the Lewis Beasley Century Farm which was established in 1803 in Smith County, has worked closely with the Division of Forestry within the Forest Stewardship Program. Acreage of the Beasley Farm is also protected by the Land Trust for Tennessee.

Photo courtesy Land Trust for Tennessee

Century Farms Certified Since June 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 December 15, 2011 will be listed in the Summer 2012 newsletter.

AUSTIN FARM-CADW

County: Lauderdale
Owner: Susan A.D. Wieber
Date Founded: 1880

BIG ORANGE COUNTRY FARM

County: Marshall
Owner: Mary A. Sheffield
Date Founded: 1813

BOLTON FARM

County: Greene
Owner: Mary Lynn
and James Chandley
Date Founded: 1856

BURTON FARM

County: Lincoln
Owner: William W. Burton
Date Founded: 1900

CALVERT FARMS

County: Robertson
Owner: James R. Calvert
Date Founded: 1856

CREAM VALLEY FARM

County: Overton
Owner: Deloy Reeder
Date Founded: 1894

CYPRESS CREEK FARM

County: Benton
Owner: William George Branch
Date Founded: 1849

DANIEL FARM IN NARROW VALLEY COMMUNITY

County: Grainger
Owner: Pauline C. Daniel
Date Founded: 1905

DOUBLE S FARM

County: Rhea
Owner: Marvin Shaver
Date Founded: 1868

FELTS HILL FARM

County: Houston
Owner: James D. Felts
Date Founded: 1867

HARRIS FARM

County: Madison
Owner: Ronald G. Harris
Date Founded: 1905

HIDDEN SPRINGS FARM

County: Sumner
Owner: Melanna G. Costner
Date Founded: 1847

HILLIS OUTFIT FARM

County: Van Buren
Owner: Bruce L. Hillis
Date Founded: 1896

HOLLY TREE FARM

County: Crockett
Owner: John M. Reams
Date Founded: 1904

HOLT-ELAM FARM

County: Moore
Owner: Dorothy H. Elam
Date Founded: 1854

HOMEPLACE FARM

County: Davidson
Owner: Mary Jane Turner Hurt
Date Founded: 1857

JASPER J. AND WILSIE HOBBS TATE FARM

County: Grundy
Owner: Sandra Tate Hereford
Date Founded: 1819

JENKINS SUNNY SLOPE FARM

County: Macon
Owner: Ann Jenkins Hall
Date Founded: 1874

KYKER FARM

County: Sevier
Owner: Randle A. Kyker
Date Founded: 1808

LYMAN S. PILE FARM

County: Fentress
Owner: Phillip D. Brannon
Date Founded: 1899

MAHER FARM

County: Haywood
Owner: Patrick L. Maher
Date Founded: 1899

MAPLE HILL FARM

County: Johnson
Owner: Jewell M. Hamm
Date Founded: 1902

MARSTON FARM

County: Lawrence
Owner: Raymond (David) Marston
Date Founded: 1883

MEADOW DALE FARM

County: Bedford
Owner: Jane S. Jacobson
Date Founded: 1852

MUD CREEK FARMS

County: Gibson
Owner: Benny J. McVay
Date Founded: 1841

NORTH OAKDALE FARM

County: Cheatham
Owner: Henry F. Batts, III
Date Founded: 1816

OAKDALE FARM

County: Cheatham
 Owner: Henry F. Batts, Jr.
 Date Founded: 1816

PARKHURST FARM

County: Macon
 Owner: Paulette Parkhurst Davis
 Date Founded: 1880

PEMBERTON FARM

County: Weakley
 Owner: Marjorie P. Blackwood
 Date Founded: 1874

PHILLIPS FARM

County: Bedford
 Owner: James R. Phillips
 Date Founded: 1910

POWELL-FLYNN FARM

County: Blount
 Owner: Marshall Powell
 Date Founded: 1879

ROLLING HILLS FARM

County: Cheatham
 Owner: Brenda Fielder
 Date Founded: 1910

ROWESVILLE VALLEY FARM

County: Bedford
 Owner: Carol T. Jones
 Date Founded: 1894

ROYAL OAKS FARMS

County: Hickman
 Owner: Danny Rochelle
 Date Founded: 1877

SAMUEL BRUCE SLAUGHTER FARM

County: Sullivan
 Owner: Mary E. Grizzel
 Date Founded: 1871

SAMUEL RAULSTON FARM

County: Marion
 Owner: John C. Raulston
 Date Founded: 1841

THE CLICK PLACE

County: Cheatham
 Owner: Jennie Delores Harris
 Moulton
 Date Founded: 1902

THE REED PLACE

County: Cheatham
 Owner: Jennie R. Harris
 Date Founded: 1838

THE WILBERT & ANNIE ENOCHS FARM

County: Humphreys
 Owner: Joyce E. Bullington
 Date Founded: 1911

THOMPSON HOMEPLACE

County: Gibson
 Owner: Nancy E. Thompson
 Date Founded: 1841

V.H. PILE FARM

County: Fentress
 Owner: Patrick Brannon
 Date Founded: 1901

WEHMAN FARM

County: Obion
 Owner: Roy C. Wehman
 Date Founded: 1853

WOODARD FARM

County: Jackson
 Owner: Bradford D. Woodard
 Date Founded: 1892

YOUNG FARM

County: Putnam
 Owner: Paul A. Young
 Date Founded: 1902

Counties with the Most Century Farms



Wilson	75	Gibson	31
Greene	50	Montgomery	30
Smith	49	Blount	28
McMinn	38	Giles	28
Robertson	38	Lincoln	27
Williamson	34	Rutherford	27
Claiborne	33	Sumner	27
Obion	32		

Kyker Farm

The Kyker Farm in Sevier County is the oldest Century Farm certified since the July 2011 newsletter. Thomas Atchley, a Revolutionary War veteran, purchased 174 acres south of the French Broad River in 1808. Thomas and his wife, Lydia Richards, were the parents of 12 children. Their long line of descendants continues today with owner, Randle (Randy) Kyker.

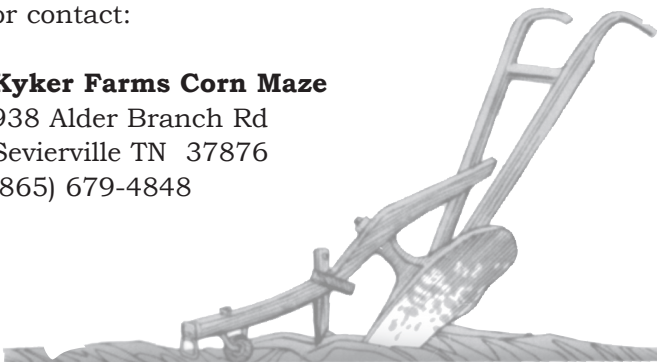
Like a growing number of farm families in Tennessee, The Kyker Farm participates in Pick Tennessee Products, a program of the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, and in 2008, the family established the Kyker Farms Corn Maze which is operated by Randy, wife Jackie, and son Drew, who received the FFA American Farmer Degree in 2010. The adventure includes a corn maze, hayrides, pumpkin patch and much more. To learn more about the history of Kyker Farm and farm events, visit the web site at:

www.kykerfarmscornmaze.com

or contact:

Kyker Farms Corn Maze

938 Alder Branch Rd
Sevierville TN 37876
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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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www.tncenturyfarms.org

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