



# TENNESSEE CENTURY FARMS

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## Events Honor Century Farm Families

The number of special events, including county and regional fairs, that honor Century Farm families increases each year. Fair boards are among those that make an effort to include Century Farm events in their annual calendars. In 2011, nineteen (19) fair boards are taking advantage of a \$500 reimbursable grant, provided by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Market Development Division, to support specific events associated with recognizing Century Farmers.

Other county and regional fairs, soil conservation districts, and county extension offices, along with museums and heritage groups, also take the time each year to honor newly certified farms and those that have already become part of the program. In June, the Land Trust for Tennessee, in cooperation with Brown-Forman and Jack Daniel's, sponsored a dinner for middle Tennessee Century Farmers and other farm families in Lynchburg. A similar event took place for southeast Tennessee farm families in late June at the Mayfield Dairy, a Century Farm that is, in part, protected with a conservation easement through the Land Trust for Tennessee. Recognition of the contributions of farmers to the economy, history, and culture of the state also encourages other eligible families to complete Century Farm applications.



The Land Trust for Tennessee and Jack Daniel's brought together Century Farmers from several counties in Lynchburg on June 3. About 170 farmers, Land Trust staff, and other guests enjoyed the evening of music, food, visiting, and information. To view other photos and learn more about this and other events, please visit the website of the Land Trust for Tennessee at [www.landtrusttn.org](http://www.landtrusttn.org).

— Courtesy Meredith Hansel, Land Trust for Tennessee



Century Farmers in Obion County received this invitation in 2010. At this year's fair, farms certified since last year's gathering, along with those already designated, will be honored August 17.

— Courtesy Lynne Williams, Tennessee Department of Agriculture

## Century Farms Certified Since December 2010

*Please help us keep information about your farm current in our files and on our website 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 June 15, 2011, will be listed in the Winter 2011 newsletter.

### **AUSTIN FARM**

County: Dyer  
Owner: Gary W. Austin  
Date Founded: 1910

### **HARDIN FARM**

County: Loudon  
Owner: Elizabeth H. Holland  
Date Founded: 1907

### **LIMBAUGH FARM**

County: Franklin  
Owner: Larry D. Limbaugh  
Date Founded: 1909

### **BREEDING FAMILY FARM**

County: Sullivan  
Owner: Kenneth E. Breeding Sr.  
Date Founded: 1882

### **HOLSTON MOUNTAIN FARM**

County: Sullivan  
Owner: George W. O'Dell  
Date Founded: 1881

### **LUNA FARMS**

County: Lincoln  
Owner: Jimmy L. Luna  
Date Founded: 1905

### **CLAUDE ANDERSON FARM**

County: Coffee  
Owner: Claude Anderson  
Date Founded: 1905

### **HUTCHISON'S DIXIE CHICKS FARM**

County: Obion  
Owner: Donald F. Hutchison  
Date Founded: 1906

### **MASON DAIRY FARM**

County: McMinn  
Owner: Gary L. Mason  
Date Founded: 1902

### **CHERRY FARM**

County: Crockett  
Owner: Diane Cherry Jordan  
Date Founded: 1850

### **JAMES HARVEY DAVIS FARM**

County: Wilson  
Owner: Alfred A. Adams  
Date Founded: 1824

### **MATT GARDNER HOMESTEAD**

County: Giles  
Owner: Gary D. Gardner  
Date Founded: 1889

### **CIRCLE G FARM**

County: Robertson  
Owner: Melinda F. Gower  
Date Founded: 1910

### **JIM AND ALICE FREEMAN GULF FARM**

County: Cocke  
Owner: Fonda F. Williamson  
Date Founded: 1910

### **THE MORGAN FARM**

County: Jackson  
Owner: Jeffrey L. Morgan  
Date Founded: 1881

### **COOPER FARM**

County: Fentress  
Owner: Kyle W. Cooper  
Date Founded: 1835

### **JOE M. LAMBERT FARM**

County: Lincoln  
Owner: Joe M. Lambert  
Date Founded: 1905

### **MOSSY'S CREEK FARM**

County: Hancock  
Owner: Jake S. Watson  
Date Founded: 1907

### **DOSS FARM**

County: Macon  
Owner: Ralph W. Doss  
Date Founded: 1904

### **KIRKPATRICK FARM**

County: Wilson  
Owner: Nancy W. Voight  
Date Founded: 1818

### **NASH FARM AT HICKORY NUT POINT**

County: Putnam  
Owner: Verble Nash  
Date Founded: 1905

### **DWIGHT L. BUNDY FARM**

County: Cocke  
Owner: William K. Bundy  
Date Founded: 1907

### **LAUDERDALE FARM**

County: Sumner  
Owner: James D. Bates  
Date Founded: 1902

### **PINE HILL ANGUS FARM**

County: Clay  
Owner: Clyde A. Lee  
Date Founded: 1902

### **GALLOWAY FARM**

County: Rhea  
Owner: James A. Galloway  
Date Founded: 1899

### **LAZY J FARM**

County: Marshall  
Owner: Chady Johns  
Date Founded: 1901

### **RICHARDSON-HOLMAN PLACE**

County: Overton  
Owner: Lester D. Holman  
Date Founded: 1859

**RINEHART-CARRIGAN FARM**

County: Montgomery  
 Owner: Vernon M. Carrigan  
 Date Founded: 1878

**SMOKY HOLLOW FARM**

County: Robertson  
 Owner: Ivy N. Murphy  
 Date Founded: 1888

**WALKER FARM**

County: Franklin  
 Owner: Sid R. Walker  
 Date Founded: 1837

**RIVERBEND FARM**

County: Jefferson  
 Owner: James C. Hamilton  
 Date Founded: 1896

**THOMAS FARM**

County: Henry  
 Owner: Lowell D. Thomas  
 Date Founded: 1910

**WILEY FARM**

County: Lauderdale  
 Owner: Wendell W. Wiley  
 Date Founded: 1908

**RIVER VALLEY FARM**

County: Warren  
 Owner: Jimmy R. Barnes  
 Date Founded: 1828

**TILGHMAN-ROCHELLE FARM**

County: Gibson  
 Owner: Charles H. Rochelle  
 Date Founded: 1843

**W. M. EDWARDS FARM**

County: Claiborne  
 Owner: Thomas H. Edwards  
 Date Founded: 1879

**ROY EDWARDS FARM**

County: Claiborne  
 Owner: James Roy Edwards  
 Date Founded: 1879

**TRITT PLACE FARM**

County: Crockett  
 Owner: Edwin M. Tritt  
 Date Founded: 1910

**WOOTEN-KIMBRO FARM**

County: Bedford  
 Owner: Judith Anne Wooten  
 Date Founded: 1910

## Graduate Assistants: Thank You, Sara! Welcome, Leigh Ann!

With this issue, we say goodbye and all the best to Sara Rieger, who spent the past two years as the Century Farms graduate assistant at the Center for Historic Preservation. Sara is completing her M.A. in Public History, and her thesis is on agritourism, particularly as it has evolved on Century Farms. In spring 2011, she began an internship with Pamela Bartholomew, agritourism coordinator with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture. One of Sara’s responsibilities is to produce a booklet that features agritourism farms throughout the state that are also involved in the Pick Tennessee Products campaign.

Thinking over her experiences at the center, Rieger says, “I have learned so much from the Tennessee Century Farms program. It’s such a great way to document and preserve not only farm stories but also family stories from all over the state. I feel attached to each farm I have worked with over the past two years and am very grateful to each farmer who shared a family story with me and the state. Working with this program has made me want a career that focuses on land preservation, especially the farm landscape, so I can help families like Century Farmers pass their land to future generations for another hundred years. With increasing land development, these historic sites are more important than ever to local and state history and their stories need to be told and their land saved.”



Sara Rieger, a seasoned traveler, recently spent almost a month at an archaeological dig in Egypt.

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We also welcome Leigh Ann Gardner, who began working with the Century Farms program in spring 2011. She assumes the responsibilities for processing Century Farm applications and maintaining the website. Leigh Ann is originally from Nashville, although she has called Murfreesboro home for the last four years. She received her B.A. in history from Mississippi University for Women in 1994 and is working toward the M.A. in Public History at MTSU. Leigh Ann married into a farming family. Her husband, Justin Gardner, teaches in the School of Agribusiness and Agriscience at MTSU, and his family owns and operates a farm in

Hickman County. Leigh Ann and Justin have two children who enjoy spending time on the family farm.



Leigh Ann Gardner is the Century Farms graduate assistant at the Center for Historic Preservation.



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 website, and this newsletter to**

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