Southwest Washington and South Puget Sound

Many of Washington’s oldest Centennial Farms are in the 13 counties in the Southwest Washington and South Puget Sound region. In fact, six of the responding farms in this region have been in the same family for more than 150 years, including all three Thurston County farms.

Over the past 25 years, Washington agriculture has seen more direct marketing, the advent and growth of organic farming, and increased emphasis on “buy local” and sustainable agriculture. These trends stand out among this region’s Centennial Farms.

Shrinking farm sizes
The number and size of the Centennial Farms in Southwest Washington and South Puget Sound has decreased, more so than in other parts of the state. More than half of the responding farms reported they farmed less land than they did in 1989 or that the farm had left family ownership.

Generally, it’s the Centennial Farms in the urban counties that are smaller operations today. For example, the Nix Farm in Puyallup, which produced corn, pumpkins, strawberries and Christmas trees on 22 acres in 1989, now leases its last 10 acres of farmland to a blackberry grower who operates a roadside stand on the property.

Bi-Zi Farms, just minutes northeast of Vancouver, operated 700 acres in 1989; today it’s a 115-acre operation with an on-farm store, where Bill and Peggy Zimmerman direct market vegetables and berries and offer agri-tourism experiences.

Response to Reconnecting with Washington’s Centennial Farms
Of the 53 Centennial Farms in this region, 41 responded to the 2014 questionnaire. Of those, 33 continue to be owned by a descendant of the 1889 landowner.

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In the more rural counties, the farm size of Centennial Farms has stayed the same or slightly expanded. For example, the seven farms still in the same families in Lewis County are the same size or larger today than they were in 1989, ranging from 112 to 200 acres.

Expanding local markets
Several farms reported they are leveraging their location and taking advantage of the “Buy Local” trend by offering direct sales at the farm or through farmers markets and local shops. And it’s not just berries and vegetables. The Colvin and Spirlock/Nelson ranches in
Thurston County direct market their natural, grass-fed beef and promote the sustainability practices of their 550- and 1,000-acre operations.

Organic practices have been embraced by several farms. The Woodcock Farm in Clallam County, which produced oats and barley in 1989, is now leased to a young farmer who produces organic vegetables. Jim and Janie Austin, owners of the Austin Farm in Grays Harbor County, switched their dairy to organic production in 2006 and with their son, Ron, also raise organic hay, silage and beef cattle.

Centennial Farms by the numbers: 1989 vs 2014
- Of the 33 farms still in the family, 18 are owned by the same owners as in 1989. Ten have been passed on to a child or grandchild. Three are owned by the 1989 owner and the next generation, and two are now owned by cousins or a nephew.
- Twenty-four farms list the current owner as the day-to-day operator of the farm, two list the current owner and a child, three list a child or grandchild as the operator, and four are leased out.
- The general trend in farm size is smaller, with the average size shrinking from 270 acres in 1989 to 195 acres in 2014. Farm size in 1989 ranged from 20 to 807 acres, and in 2014, from 12 to 600 acres.
- Acres operated by the Centennial Farms in King, Pierce and Clark counties average 45 acres while the farms in Thurston, Lewis and Grays Harbor average 295 acres.
- As in 1989, the top crops in 2014 on these farms are beef cattle, hay and timber. The number of commercial dairies dropped from six in 1989 to one in 2014.
- Of the eight farms no longer owned by Centennial Farm families, four are still farmed, one is a gravel mining operation, and three did not provide information.

Several farms in this region are featured in the Overview, including Bi-Zi Farms, The Austin Farm and The Spirlock/Nelson Farm.

Colton, Nicole and Tony Carr of SunnyCrest Farm in Pierce County direct market their beef, eggs and hay, and are committed to practices to improve and sustain land health. The Carrs have added more livestock, they rotate crops and livestock, and “try new things to see what works best.”

Nicole Niemann-Carr and her family live on the farm, as do her grandmother and aunt. Her dad lives across the road.
CLALLAM COUNTY

The James Clark Farm est. 1887 Page 51

Current Owner: Elliot K. Clark, Jr.
Relationship to 1989 Owner: one of the owners
Current Operator: Elliot K. Clark, Jr.
Relationship to Owner: same

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: We are experimenting with growing Aronia berries and blueberries.

Contact: Elliot K. Clark, Jr., 58034 Hwy 112, Port Angeles, WA 98363

The William King Farm est. 1863 Page 50

Current Owner: Robert J. Clark
Relationship to 1989 Owner: one of the owners
Current Operator: Thomas J. Clark (lessee)
Relationship to Owner: son

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: The present barn, built in 1922, was restored in 1996. In 2000, the 1870's farmhouse was renovated and opened as Clark's Chambers Bed & Breakfast along with the addition of a separate owner's quarters.

Additional Information: In 1992, the estate of Elliot King Clark was settled. Robert J. Clark became sole owner of the William King Farm and Elliot King Clark Jr. became sole owner of the James Clark Farm. Since then, Robert Clark has deeded 25 acres of the original homestead land to his two daughters and his son, Thomas, who does most of the farming now.

Contact: Robert J. Clark, 322 Clark Rd., Sequim, WA 98382

The Woodcock Farm est. 1884 Page 51

Current Owner: Gwendolyn Gagnon Jones
Relationship to 1989 Owner: one of the owners
Current Operator: Noah Bresler
Relationship to Owner: friend

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Overview of the farm listings

Each farm listing contains the information provided by Centennial Farm families in response to the WSDA questionnaire. Each listing is a 2014 snapshot of the farm's ownership, family connections, size of operation, and crops and livestock produced. It often includes comments about changes in the last 25 years and, as much as possible, is in the voice of the respondent.

Each listing notes the page number for the farm’s profile in the 1989 book, Washington’s Centennial Farms – Yesterday and Today or its addendum, available on the WSDA website. A farm’s 2014 listing is best understood and appreciated when read with its 1989 profile, where you’ll find information on the farm’s establishment and its operation at the time of the state’s Centennial.

The chapter is organized alphabetically by county, and within the county, alphabetically by farm name. Farms that did not respond are listed at the end of the chapter.
Changes in the Past 25 Years: I became sole owner in 2008 and I sold 75 acres of the farm to Noah Bresler in 2011. Noah also leases the remaining original 36 acres from me.

Additional Information: Noah Bresler is maintaining the land as a farm and keeping it in agriculture, connecting to Centennial days through organic farming methods. He sells through direct market and wholesale.

Contact: Noah Bresler, 2800 Woodcock Rd., Sequim, WA 98532

**CLARK COUNTY**

**The Anderson Farm**, est. 1865  
This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the family that owned it in 1989. The farm left family ownership in 1999 when it was sold to John and Sandra Perrott.

Is the Land Still Farmed? Yes, the Perrots are the first family who are not descendants of the original pioneer family to live here since 1865. We do not actively farm the land but it does yield a crop of wheat and hay for our lessee.

**Bi-Zi Farms**, est. 1872

Current Owner: Bill and Peggy Zimmerman  
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same  
Current Operator: Bill and Doug Zimmerman  
Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Changed from grain and clover seed production to row-crop vegetables and berries.

Additional Information: In 2000, we built a small on-farm store and direct market about 98% of our berries and veggies. Agri-tourism is another venture that we have added to the farm.

Contact: Bill or Peggy Zimmerman, 9504 N.E. 119th St., Vancouver, WA 98662

**The Hazen/Frasier Farm**, est. 1876

Current Owner: Dennis Frasier  
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same  
Current Operator: Dennis Frasier  
Relationship to Owner: same

Changes in the Past 25 Years: None.

Additional Information: All of the original buildings are still in use.  
Correction to the 1989 Book: The family has since acquired copies of Enoch Hazen’s homestead papers documenting that the farm was established in 1876.

Contact: Dennis Frasier, 12100 N.E. Grantham Rd., Amboy, WA 98601

**The Mattson Farm**, est. 1883

Current Owner: Erik and Betty Mattson, Allan and Susan Mattson  
Relationship to 1989 Owner: surviving family members  
Current Operator: Erik O. Mattson  
Relationship to Owner: one of the owners
Changes in the Past 25 Years: In 1989, the fields were leased. The original house, built in 1883, is used daily. The original wagon barn has collapsed. The barn is still standing.

Additional Information: The farm was owned by Laine Mattson and her three sons from 1976 to 2011. The three brothers owned the farm from 2011 to 2013. The two surviving brothers are now the owners. We currently partner with neighboring Majestic Farms, which was part of the original 1889 John Erik Mattson farm. The farm is also known as “The Red Barn Farm.”

Correction to the 1989 Book: John Erik Mattson came to the United States in 1882.

Contact: Erik O. Mattson, P.O. Box 754, Camas, WA 98607

COWLITZ COUNTY

The Bebe Farm, est. 1889

Current Owner: Alden and Ann Bebe
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same
Current Operator: Alden and Ann Bebe
Relationship to Owner: same

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: The trees are taller.

Additional Information: Farm name is now Peder’s Odd Hope Farm.

The original log house built by my grandfather in 1889/90 still stands. We have harvested about 15 acres of mature Douglas fir.

Contact: Alden and Ann Bebe, 640 Beebe Rd., Castle Rock, WA 98611

N.B. Gardner Tree Farm, est. 1882

Current Owner: Lucille M. Gardner
Relationship to 1989 Owner: widow
Current Operator: Sam Gardner
Relationship to Owner: son

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: We still plant and harvest timber as needed.

Additional Information: N.B. Gardner is deceased as of August 19, 1989. We still plant and grow timber after each harvest. The farm will be left to my family after I am deceased.

Contact: Lucille M. Gardner, 1512 S. Toutle Rd., Toutle, WA 98649

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

The Austin Farm, est. 1878

Current Owner: James and Janie Austin
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same
Current Operator: James and Ron Austin
Relationship to Owner: one of the owners and the owners’ son, the fifth generation
Changes in the Past 25 Years: Besides switching to organic production eight years ago, our biggest change is milking with two DeLaval robots and all the supporting machinery.

Additional Information: Formed Austin Family Farm LLC with our son Ron. He will eventually own the farm.

Contact: James T. Austin, 320 Elma Gate Rd. E., Oakville, WA 98568

The Glenn Farm est. 1868

Current Owner: Donna Glenn Hagen and Eric Fellhauer

Relationship to 1989 Owner: daughter and grandson

Current Operator: Donna Glenn Hagen

Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

Changes in the Past 25 Years: It's larger with more diversity (hogs, haylage). Although we have some newer implements, we still have and use the implements used in 1989. We produce milk-fed weiner pigs and locker pork as well as pasture-fed beef, hay and haylage.


Contact: Donna Glenn Hagen, 354 Monte Brady Rd., Montesano, WA 98563

The Koch Farm est. 1889

This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the family that owned it in 1989. The farm left family ownership in 2014.

Is the Land Still Farmed? Yes. Karl Koch raised cattle, cut hay, and harvested timber on the land settled by his grandparents until 2000 when he moved into assisted living in Elma. A neighbor has harvested the hay and there have been several timber harvests since then. When Karl died in 2008, ownership of the farm passed to the Karl M. Koch Estate with Karl’s 11 nieces and nephews as recipients of the estate. About half of the farm was sold in 2012 and the remainder in August 2014. Both new owners intend to keep the land in timber.

Contact: Jan Ordos, 2334 Marina Ln. S.E., Lacey, WA 98503

The McDougal Farm est. 1888

This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the family that owned it in 1989. The farm left family ownership in 1997.

Is the Land Still Farmed? Yes. Carl Powers and Luann Graydon have honeybees and operate Noble Valley Farm, a 10-acre Christmas tree farm, on the 57.5 acres they purchased from Bud McDougal in October 1997. Charles McDougal died in 2004 at age 93.

Contact: Carl Powers and Luann Graydon, 25 Sickman Ford Rd., Oakville, WA 98568
JEFFERSON COUNTY

The Broderson Homestead est. 1882 Page 49

This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the family that owned it in 1989. The farm left family ownership in 1992.

Is the Land Still Farmed? Yes. Bill and Dorothy Broderson were both 92 years old when they sold the farm to Michael and Laura Kitchen, who raise registered Black Angus cattle and hay.

Contact: Michael Kitchen, 5944 Center Rd., Chimacum, WA 98325

The Charles Johnson Farm est. 1887 Page 50

Current Owner: Thomas Johnson, Diane Johnson, Barbara McClary, Elizabeth Nelson, Claudia Johnson, Charles Johnson
Relationship to 1989 Owner: sons, daughters, cousins, second cousins
Current Operator: Beth Nelson, Thomas Johnson and Charles Johnson
Relationship to Owner: three of the current owners

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: Homesteader Charles Johnson’s children and their spouses have now died. Several cousins and their children now own parts of the original farm. Three new homes have been built on various parcels by these grandchildren, and the farming acreage is smaller, though two of the homes have been incorporated into timber lands. Non-family members own three parcels, one of which is still farmed, raising sheep for wool. Because the elders lived to a ripe old age, some buildings (including barns), fencing, and the fields themselves, fell into considerable disrepair. Happily, the great-grandchildren are refurbishing and rejuvenating, and the farm will continue producing great grass-fed beef.

Additional Information: Georgena Johnson, Erving’s wife, was the last of the original sibling generation to pass on in 2014. She was chosen as one of the Pioneers of the Year for the 2010 Quilcene Parade, a special honor. We are pleased that Charles Johnson’s namesake, great-grandson Charles Lee Johnson, is purchasing his grandparents’, Georgena’s and Erving’s, home as I write, and plans to continue farming with his father, Thomas.

Contact: Diane Johnson, 1521 Dubob Rd., Quilcene, WA 98376

KING COUNTY

Lagesson Homestead est. 1885 Page 46

Current Owner: David Knadle, Lois Clapper, Grant Knadle, Alice Kubisky
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same
Current Operator: David Knadle
Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: Very little has changed. Many original buildings still stand: house, barn, second house, garage, woodshed, smokehouse, privy, blacksmith shop, pig house, pump house.

Contact: Dave Knadle, 20202 S.E. 216th St., Maple Valley, WA 98038
**The Peacock Farm**, est. 1888

Current Owner: Richard R. Peacock  
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same  
Current Operator: Richard R. Peacock  
Relationship to Owner: same

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**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Due to King County rules and regulations, we no longer raise cattle. The 1889 house and 1900 barn still stand.

Contact: Richard R. Peacock, 26602 S.E. 208th St., Maple Valley, WA 98038

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**The Sikes Meadowlake Farm**, est. 1882

This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the family that owned it in 1989. Kenneth and Edna Sikes died in 1999 and 2000 and the property was sold in 2004.

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**KITSAP COUNTY**

**The Martinson Farm**, est. 1889

Current Owner: Vernon Martinson, Cathy and Sam Allen  
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same, stepdaughter and son-in-law  
Current Operator: Sam and Cathy Allen  
Relationship to Owner: two of the owners

**LEWIS COUNTY**

**The Frase Farm**, est. 1889

Current Owner: Steve and John Frase  
Relationship to 1989 Owner: sons  
Current Operator: Steve and John Frase  
Relationship to Owner: same

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Very little has changed since 1989.

Additional Information: The property has passed down from Gene and Gladys Frase to sons Steve and John Frase.

Contact: John Frase, 183 Pigeon Springs Rd., Onalaska, WA 98570
The Hilpert Farm, est. 1858

This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the family that owned it in 1989. The land left family ownership in 1998.

Is the Land Still Farmed? No. Hamlet Hilpert leased, and later sold, the land to Sterling Breen Crushing for a gravel pit operation.

The Francis Layton Farm, est. 1851

Current Owner: Tom & Sharon Layton
Relationship to 1989 Owner: two of the owners
Current Operator: Tom Layton
Relationship to Owner: same

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<td>Grain, peas, beef cows</td>
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Changes in the Past 25 Years: More grains and timber.

Additional Information: New partners are our children, Oren Brian Layton and wife Sarah, Elizabeth Layton Jochim and husband Brian, Amy Marie Layton Hite and husband Ryan, and grandchildren.

Contact: Tom and Sharon Layton, 274 Layton Rd., Toledo, WA 98591

The Layton/Armstrong Farm, est. 1867

Current Owner: Greg and Signora Armstrong
Relationship to 1989 Owner: son and daughter-in-law
Current Operator: Virginia Matthews
Relationship to Owner: lessee

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: From 1989 to 2005, Christmas trees were the main crop. From 2006 to 2011, wheat was raised. Since 2012, haylage and oats are being raised.

Additional Information: Bob and Edna Armstrong are deceased and Greg and Signora Armstrong started managing the farm in 2011.

Contact: Greg and Signora Armstrong, P.O. Box 1168, Toledo, WA 98591

The Layton/Kirkendoll Farm, est. 1867

Current Owner: Beverly Kirkendoll
Relationship to 1989 Owner: daughter-in-law
Current Operator: Beverly Kirkendoll
Relationship to Owner: same

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: Edith Layton Kirkendoll worked on this parcel pretty well into her 90’s. She passed away at the age of 100 years, one month and five days in 2004. The farm passed to her son Gary, who passed away in 2011. His widow is Beverly Kirkendoll.

Contact: Beverly Kirkendoll, 191 Layton Rd., Toledo, WA 98591

The Francis Layton Home/Kirkendoll Farm, est. 1851

This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the family that owned it in 1989. Part of the original 641 acres of land acquired by Francis Layton and later divided into four family farms, this farm was owned by Gary Kirkendoll in 1989. Gary passed away in early 2011, and the farm was sold in recent years by his widow.

Contact: Margaret Cole, 387 Larmon Rd., Ethel, WA 98542
**Nelson Tree Farm, Inc., est. 1889**

Current Owner: George H. Nelson, Jr., and Beverly (Nelson) Bein  
Relationship to 1989 Owner: son and daughter  
Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: No change since 1989; selective thinning on mature trees.  
Additional Information: The main two owners (brother and sister) are trying to incorporate the fourth generation (brother and sister) into the long term goals for the tree farm. A small family ashes burial plot, located where the original 1889 home once stood, has been registered with Washington state as a historic gravesite.  
Contact: George H. Nelson Jr., 31831 S.E. Proctor St., Gresham, OR 97080

**The Wales Farm, est. 1885**

Current Owner: Reuben D. and Susan A. Herndon  
Relationship to 1989 Owner: nephew and nephew’s wife  
Current Operator: Reuben Herndon  
Relationship to Owner: same

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: The farm spans the Cowlitz River at a large “S” curve on the East-West half-section line. The river is eroding southerly for a third of a mile from the eastern border and northerly for the next third of a mile.  
Additional Information: Wales Spring still flows to a cedar log tank beside Evans Road. A monument commemorating its development by the original owner, Reuben T. Wales, in 1885, was erected in 1992.  
Contact: Reuben D. Herndon, 281 Evans Rd., Toledo, WA 98591

**The Young Homestead Farm, est. 1886**

Current Owner: Conrad and Katherine Thomas  
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same  
Current Operator: Conrad and Katherine Thomas  
Relationship to Owner: same

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: We have switched from dairy farming to raising beef. The original house, water system and orchard remain.  
Additional Information: The family has a homestead certificate signed by President William McKinley. Conrad and Katherine’s daughter and son are the fifth generation on the farm.  
Contact: Katherine and Conrad Thomas, 749A Silverbrook Rd., Randle, WA 98377

**MASON COUNTY**

**The Kirkland/Ragan Farm, est. 1877**

Current Owner: Daniel, Frank, Gordon and Marie Ragan  
Relationship to 1989 Owner: sons and daughter  
Current Operator: Ragan family  
Relationship to Owner: same
Changes in the Past 25 Years: Each member of the family has a home on the property.

Contact: Daniel and Karen Ragan, 6481 W. Skokomish Valley Rd., Shelton, WA 98584

PACIFIC COUNTY

Habersetzer Family Farm, est. 1887

Current Owner: Mary Lynette (Habersetzer) and Bob Falkner, Tim Falkner
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same and son
Current Operator: Tim, Bob and Mary Lynette Falkner
Relationship to Owner: same

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Ruth Habersetzer passed away in 2003. Bob and Mary's son moved back to live in the old farmhouse and continue farming. The fifth generation of the family and all the children are involved with the timber. Several of the original buildings still stand, including two wonderful old barns (one constructed with wooden pegs and hand-hewn timber), the old farmhouse, and one machine shed.

Additional Information: Before Ruth passed away she dissolved the jointly-owned partnership with her daughters and gifted separate parcels to each daughter. Mary Lynette's parcel had been put into the Habersetzer Tree Farm LLC, which consists of Bob and Mary Lynette and their four children -- Kate, Tim, Mary Beth and Elly -- so that the special piece of the earth will pass forward to a new generation and remain in the family.

Contact: Mary Lynette and Bob Falkner, 2943 State Rt. 6, Raymond, WA 98577

The Morehead Farm, est. 1885

This Centennial Farm left family ownership around 1990 when the owner, John A. Morehead, Jr., became unable to continue farming. He died in 1991 at the age of 81.

Contact: Dorothy Williams, 4017 35th Ave. W., Seattle, WA 98199

PIERCE COUNTY

The Davidson Farm, est. 1889

Current Owner: Joseph R. and Peggy L. Dervaes
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same
Current Operator: Joseph R. and Peggy L. Dervaes
Relationship to Owner: same

Changes in the Past 25 Years: We discontinued farming most crops and livestock raised in the past, and now farm fruit trees. The original house, shop outbuilding, a chicken coop and a barn are still in use today.

Contact: Joseph R. and Peggy L. Dervaes, P.O. Box 318, Vaughn, WA 98394

The John Dillard King Farm, est. 1884

Current Owner: Monte and Christine King
Relationship to 1989 Owner: cousin and cousin’s wife
Current Operator: Monte and Christine King
Relationship to Owner: same
Changes in the Past 25 Years: We rebuilt the main house. The barn, pump house and little house still stand.


Contact: Monte and Christine King, 6226 416th St. E., Eatonville, WA 98328

The Nix Farm est. 1852

Current Owner: Frances M. Nix and Judy Nix
Relationship to 1989 Owner: widows
Current Operator: Jeff Spooner Farms
Relationship to Owner: not related

Changes in the Past 25 Years: A six- and four-acre parcel were sold over the years for rental buildings. The Linden Golf and Country Club continues to lease the 107 acres that are not farmed.

Contact: Frances M. Nix, 11704 32nd St. E., Edgewood, WA 98372

Sunnycrest Farm est. 1886

Current Owner: Nicole Niemann-Carr
Relationship to 1989 Owner: granddaughter
Current Operator: Nicole and Tony Carr
Relationship to Owner: same

Changes in the Past 25 Years: We built our house in 2004 and have diversified back to more livestock and continue to work on field/land health as well as other projects to keep the farm sustainable.

Additional Information: My husband and I became owners in 2010. Our son, Colton Carr (born 2005), is the sixth generation to live and farm here. Grama Joyce Niemann still lives in the house she was born in and her daughter, (my aunt) Noel Niemann, lives with her. My father Chuck Niemann lives across the road and helps us often.

Contact: Nicole Niemann-Carr, P.O. Box 981, Vaughn, WA 98394

THURSTON COUNTY

The Colvin Ranch est. 1854

Current Owner: Doris Colvin
Relationship to 1989 Owner: one of the owners
Current Operator: Fred Colvin
Relationship to Owner: son

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The farm is now protected with an agricultural conservation easement through USDA that will ensure it will always be used for farming.

Additional information: The original house is still in use.

Contact: Fred A. Colvin, 16816 Old Hwy 99 S.E., Tenino, WA 98589
The Hilpert Farm, est. 1858

Current Owner: Martha Harjo and William Townsend  
Relationship to 1989 Owner: daughter and son  
Current Operator: William Townsend  
Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

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Crops or Livestock Raised:
- Grass hay, trees
- Hay, cattle, trees

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Eileen Hilpert Townsend passed away in 2004. She passed ownership of the farm to her husband Frank Townsend. When he passed away in 2009, the property was divided between their children Bill and Martha. Bill owns the land east of the Skookumchuck River and Martha owns the land west of the river, where she had been gifted two acres 30 years ago to build a house and raise her family.

Additional information: Bill and his family moved into the original farm house in the 1980s. Bill has remodeled the house and the barn. The improvements keep the farm operational. Bill farms his land; Martha’s land, which was second growth fir, cedar and alder, was logged in the last five years and has been replanted in trees. The farm looks better now than it did 25 years ago.

Contact: William O. Townsend, 22149 Bucoda Hwy 507 S.E., Centralia, WA 98531

The Spirlock/Nelson Farm, est. 1862

Current Owner: Richard, Ronald, Kay, Ginny, Scott, Jill, and Karen Nelson  
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same, and fifth generation  
Current Operator: Scott Nelson with the help of Ron, Kay, Rick, Jill, Ginny, and Karen  
Relationship to Owner: same

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Crops or Livestock Raised:
- Hay, beef
- Beef, hay, wine grapes, grain

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Currently raise all-natural grass-fed cattle. All cattle are born on the prairies of south Thurston County in the spring and range free on the acreage. The fifth generation of the family joined their parents and uncle as farm owners in 1999.

Additional Information: We believe in being responsible stewards of the land. Our sustainable methods include rotational grazing along the lush meadows of the Deschutes River. We have also worked with USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service, a division of the Department of Agriculture, to minimize our impact on the environment by voluntarily building fences along the river, updating our irrigation system, and further limiting animals’ access to the river by adding several watering troughs. We also updated drainage in our barns and added a manure storage facility. In 2008 we added roughly 130 red and white wine grape vines as an experimental project. We sell quarters and halves of beef, as well as hamburger by the pound to individuals and local businesses. We are happy to give farm tours for people interested in our methods and products.

Correction to the 1989 Book: James Spirlock purchased 160 acres further south on Rocky Prairie in November 1860, but this land is not currently owned by family.

Contact: Jill Nelson, 3624 Waldrick Road S.E., Olympia, WA 98501
**Wahkiakum County**

**The Andresen/Johnson Farm, est. 1869**  
Current Owner: Earl Marius Johnson  
Relationship to 1989 Owner: son  
Current Operator: Earl Marius Johnson  
Relationship to Owner: same  

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Additional Information: I became the owner in 1997. We still live in the original farmhouse.

Contact: Joy M. Johnson, 4305 W. State Rt. 4, Rosburg, WA 98643

**The Jim and Marie "Klint" Fauver Farm, est. 1886**  
Current Owner: Marie "Klint" Fauver  
Relationship to 1989 Owner: owner with her husband Jim  
Current Operator: Derek Heitsch and Patricia Edie  
Relationship to Owner: neighbors

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Additional Information: I am a widow since 1991. In 2001, I sold most of the original homestead land to Derek and Pat Heitsch, who produce cattle and hay on their farm. They had rented or sharecropped our cropland for years before my husband Jim died. I still own a little slice of the homestead and most of the timberland purchased by my uncles from the state, which I selectively logged in 1999 and 2000.

Contact: Derek and Pat Heitsch, P.O. Box 51, Grays River, WA 98621

**The John O. Ostervold Homestead, est. 1886**  
Current Owner: Jacquelyn L. Ostervold  
Relationship to 1989 Owner: owner with her husband Charles  
Current Operator: Jacquelyn L. Ostervold and Lower Columbia Tree Farm  
Relationship to Owner: same

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: The farm is mostly the same.

Additional Information: I am the farm trustee. My husband did not want the farm to be sold, so when he died in 2006, I put it in a trust to ultimately be divided equally between our five children, so it will continue to remain in the Ostervold family.

Contact: Jacqueline Ostervold, 160 Ostervold Road, Cathlamet, WA 98612
Non-Participating Centennial Farms

The following 12 farms in the Southwest Washington and South Puget Sound region did not participate in the 2014 project. This list notes the year the farm was established and the page where you’ll find its profile in the 1989 Centennial Farms book.

**Clark County**
The O'Keefe Farm, est. 1881, p. 30
The Wright Farm, est. 1870, p. 29

**Cowlitz County**
The Klady/Guilt/Taggart Farm, est. 1871, p. 31

**Jefferson County**
The Huntingford Farm, est. 1860s, p. 49

**King County**
The Newman Farm, est. 1886, p. 46

**Lewis County**
The Crumb Farm, est. 1884, p. 38
The Landes Farm, est. 1879, p. 38
The Olsen Farm, est. 1883, p. 36
The Wilson Farm, est. 1887, p. 37

**Mason County**
Hungry Hollow Farm, est. 1889, p. 48

**Thurston County**
The Thomas Rutledge Homestead, est. 1856, p. 42

**Wahkiakum County**
The Foster Farm, est. 1865, p. 31