

North Puget Sound

North Puget Sound farmers, perhaps more than farmers in any other region, have experienced tremendous change over the last 25 years. The departure of food processors, major changes in the dairy industry, and population growth of almost 60 percent have all played a part in reshaping the region's agricultural economy.

This region continues to be a diverse mix of agricultural pursuits. The make-up of that mix, however, has changed and the region's Centennial Farms illustrate some of the ways family farms have adjusted.

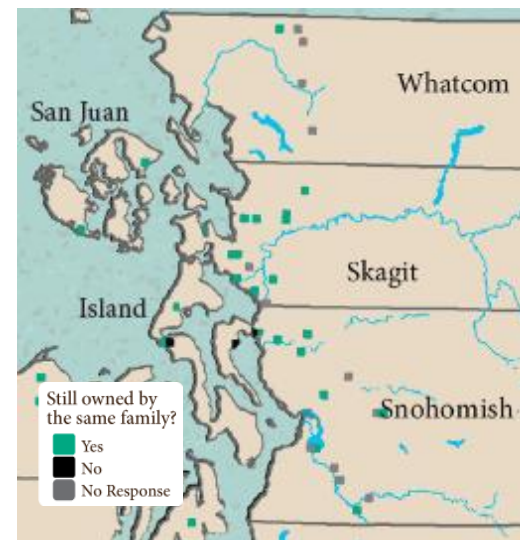
Dairies are larger and fewer in number

"Adaptability is the key to staying in the dairy industry," said Krista Stangeland, an owner of the Major and Nordby Centennial Farms in Snohomish County. She said increased regulatory requirements for managing dairy manure, while protecting waterways, have significantly raised costs for dairies. And fluctuations in milk prices make it difficult to predict cash flow and to weather lean times, especially for smaller operations.



Signe Cairus dumps grain into an eager calf's feed bucket at her family's Stangeland Dairy in Snohomish County.

Response to Reconnecting with Washington's Centennial Farms



Of the 41 Centennial Farms in this region, 28 responded to the 2014 questionnaire. Of those, 24 continue to be owned by a descendant of the 1889 landowner.

Three of the region's farms have been in the same family for more than 150 years, with the oldest dating from 1851.

Northwest Washington is still home to the greatest number of the state's dairy farms and milk is the region's top ag commodity in value, but the number of dairy farms is only a quarter of what it was in 1989, matching the statewide decline in dairies.

Of the 28 responding Centennial Farms, ten were dairies in 1989. In 2014, only three are still in the business and each has grown larger; many of the former dairies are smaller operations that now lease their land to other farmers.

It's potatoes, not peas, today

In 1989, this region was also a center of the state's vegetable industry, producing a variety of vegetables – including green peas, sweet corn and carrots – for an abundance of local processors. Those companies “slowly, but surely quit contracting acreage in our part of the state,” said Darrin Morrison of the Morrison Farm in Skagit County. A fresh market potato industry has taken its place and includes most of the Centennial Farms in Skagit County that used to grow peas.

“We had to reinvent ourselves,” said John Thulen of the nearby Peth Farm. Like the Morrison Farm, the Peth Farm has expanded and now grows, packs and markets its own potatoes.

The region's Centennial Farms reflect a continuing diversity of the region's agriculture that includes beef, berries, seed crops, bulbs, grains, forages and more.

Farmland and open space preservation a major effort

Recognizing the many pressures on a long-valued industry, local governments and the agricultural community have organized to maintain the long-term viability of the region's agriculture over the last 25 years. This has included efforts to preserve farmland and open space. Examples include several Centennial Farms in this region. Three of the four Centennial Farms that are no longer in



Fourth generation farmer John Thulen and his wife Debbie grow potatoes, beets, spinach, wheat, barley, cabbage, Brussels sprouts on the Peth Farm in Skagit County.

family ownership have been preserved from development. Both the Iverson Farm (now a county natural area) and the Pearson Farm (owned by the National Park Service) still have working farmland, while the Eide Farm is part of a state wildlife refuge. Two other farms have partnered with the cities they adjoin to preserve open space: 20 acres of the Ovenell Farm will provide recreational access to the Stillaguamish River at Stanwood and 42 acres of the Freund Farm are parkland and open space in Oak Harbor.

Organic, Direct Marketing

There's also clear evidence of the trend toward locally grown and organic food among the North Puget Sound Centennial Farms. The Frohning Dairy is now raising milk-fed pork, and eggs from free-range chickens, while the Hayton Farm grows organic and conventional berries, and sells them to restaurants and at farmers' markets around the greater Seattle area.

Centennial Farms by the numbers: 1989 vs 2014

- Of the 24 farms still in the family, eight are owned by the same owners as in 1989. Nine have been passed on to a child or grandchild. Six are owned by the 1989 owner and the next generation, and one is owned by a niece.
- Thirteen farms list a current owner as the day-to-day operator of the farm, five list a child or grandchild as the operator. Five are operated by a non-relative and one by an owner and a non-relative.
- The general trend in farm size is smaller. Excluding the two large potato farms, the average size of North Puget Sound Centennial Farms was 223 acres in 1989 and 161 acres in 2014. Farm sizes in 1989 ranged from 20 to 807 acres, and in 2014, from six to 2,000 acres.
- In 1989, half of the farms were dairy or beef operations and the top crops were forages and green peas. In 2014, fewer farms are dairies and the most common crops are potatoes and hay.

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The Freund Farm, est. 1851

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Current Owner: Nancy, Carl, Janet, and Sally Freund

Relationship to 1989 Owner: children of Arnold, grandchildren of Winifred

Current Operator: Carl Freund

Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
140	about 54	140	about 54	6.4	Grain, hay, silage	Grass hay, flowers

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Thirty-five acres were sold to the city of Oak Harbor for use as open space and a park, through Island County's Conservation Futures Fund. Seven acres were deeded to the city for additional parkland. About 20 acres were sold for commercial and residential use. Another 13 or so acres are commercial leased land.

Additional Information: The original 1860s home, machine shop, machine shed, granary and two 1920 farm houses are still on the property.

Contact: Carl Freund, 2498 S.W. Freund St., Oak Harbor, WA 98277

The Iverson Farm, est. 1882

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This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the family that owned it in 1989. The farm left family ownership in 1999.

Is the Land Still Farmed? Yes, 68 acres are leased out for commercial seed farming. This farm was sold to Island County and now makes up part of the Iverson Preserve, operated by Island County as a Natural Recreation Area.

Contact: Steve Marx, Assistant Director, Island County Parks, P.O. Box 5000, Coupeville, WA 98239

The Pearson Farm "Engleholm," est. 1869

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

Is the Land Still Farmed? Yes. The Engle family continues to farm grains, corn and alfalfa, leasing the land from the National Park Service. Ownership of the farm changed in 1998 and again in 2001 when the Park Service purchased the land to protect it from development. The Park Service intends to return it to private ownership with a conservation easement so it can be farmed in perpetuity.

Contact: Roy Zipp, National Park Service Operations Manager, 593 Fort Casey Rd., Coupeville, WA 98239

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 booklet 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.

Sherman Farms, Inc., est. 1885

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Current Owner: Wilbur and Karen Bishop, Clark Bishop

Relationship to 1989 Owner: Wilbur and Karen were part of the 1989 ownership; Clark is their son

Current Operator: Wilbur, Karen and Clark Bishop

Relationship to Owner: same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	668	540	700	Wheat, alfalfa, corn, barley, dairy cattle	Alfalfa/grass hay, organic and conventional grains, grass seed, pea and coriander seed, beef cattle

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Brothers Al and Roger Sherman retired in 1997. Their ownership was purchased by active farming family members Wilbur and Karen Bishop, and Don and Debra Sherman. In 2007, ownership was divided and the 550-cow dairy herd was sold. The Bishops retained the original LeSourd land, operating under the new name, Ebey Road Farm, Inc. The Bishops' son, Clark, joined in farm ownership in 2013, the sixth generation farming the LeSourd property.

Additional Information: The barn, built in 1899, and the granary, built in 1923, were recently renovated and are listed on the state Heritage Barn Register. Both are still used in the farming operation.

Contact: Wilbur and Karen Bishop, Ebey Road Farm, Inc., 225 Ebey Rd., Coupeville, WA 98239

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The Rosler Farm, est. 1860

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Current Owner: Carla J. Higginson

Relationship to 1989 Owner: one of the owners

Current Operator: Carla J. Higginson

Relationship to Owner: same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
26	26	26	26	25	Hay, bamboo	Hay

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The farm has been actively hayed for commercial purposes for the past 25 years. The original farmhouse, roothouse and granary are still standing and the farmhouse and roothouse are still in use.

Contact: Carla J. Higginson, 175 Second St. N., Friday Harbor, WA 98250

Woodside Farm Estate, est. 1886

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Current Owner: E. Marcum, John S. Willis, J. Slater, Gary and Bonnie Lundquist and D. Lundquist

Relationship to 1989 Owner: four were owners in 1989; Gary is Dorothy's son and nephew of the other owners. Bonnie is Gary's wife.

Current Operator: All owners jointly have responsibilities, but John Willis and Gary Lundquist are manager and co-manager respectively.

Relationship to Owner: two of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
85	85	147	85	85	Sheep, apples, prunes, family gardens, hay, cows	Beef cattle, grass hay, timber, apples, plums, garden

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The farm hasn't changed over the last 25 years. The original farmhouse is still in use. The family built a picnic shed for Dorothy's granddaughter's wedding seven years ago, and since then has made the farm available for weddings and outdoor events.

Contact: Gary Lundquist, 38707 Mountain Hwy E., Eatonville, WA 98328

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The Benson Farm, est. 1886

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Current Owner: Bill and Joyce Benson, Susan and Peter Janicki
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same, daughter and son-in-law
Current Operator: Susan and Peter Janicki and Sakuma Bros. Farms
Relationship to Owner: two owners and lessee

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
150	80	200	135	135	Hay, corn for silage, grass, peas, dairy farm	64 acres leased for berries and rotating crops (strawberries, raspberries, spinach, potatoes)

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The dairy is no longer operating and the land is leased to Sakuma Bros. Farms, which bought 80 acres of the farm in 2001. The houses and barn are rented out. Ten acres of the original parcel were bought back from the state in 1990.

Additional Information: The farm was primarily a dairy for over 100 years, but William E. Benson sold his herd in 1994. The farm is now leased for berry production. Bill Benson, 81 years old, still holds a full-time job.

Contact: Susan Janicki, 24917 Benham Rd., Mount Vernon, WA 98273

The Hall Farm, est. 1884

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Current Owner: Janet Hall McRae, Fred Hall, Roger Hall
Relationship to 1989 Owner: daughter and sons
Current Operator: Gary Knaus
Relationship to Owner: friend

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
115	115	115	115	115	Hay, beef cattle	Beef cattle, timber

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Our mother Nina Hall died in 2005 and in 2006 we rented the farm to a family that runs cattle on the property.
Additional Information: My brothers and I still own all the property on the Hall family farm. I am married to James McRae (of the McRae Farm). Together we own and operate a beef cattle ranch and timber ground totaling more than 400 acres.

Contact: Janet McRae, 20082 Prairie Rd., Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

The Hayton Farm, est. 1876

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Current Owner: Robert and Susan Hayton, Richard Hayton
Relationship to 1989 Owner: three of the owners
Current Operator: Robert Hayton
Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
190	190	300	290	290	Peas, cauliflower, broccoli, potatoes, strawberries	Berries, cucumbers, cauliflower, potatoes, hay

Changes in the Past 25 Years: We now grow potatoes, and we don't grow pickling cukes. The granary is used for hay storage and the old white barn for storage and a potato packing line.

Additional Information: We sell at a lot of farmers markets now, thanks to next-generation farmer, Angelica Hayton. The last 10 years we've grown most of our berries certified organic.

Contact: Hayton Farms Berries, 16498 Fir Island Rd., Mount Vernon, WA 98273

The Holtcamp Farm, est. 1884

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Current Owner: Holtcamp Properties LLC: Mildred Holtcamp; William E. Holtcamp; Betty Groszham; Sally Wendover; James, Thomas, Gretchen and Joe Holtcamp

Relationship to 1989 Owner: widow and children

Current Operator: Lessees

Relationship to Owner: not related

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
80	80	460	372	372	Forage for 300-cow dairy	Potatoes

Changes in the Past 25 Years: All livestock was sold in 1998 and the land is now rented to potato growers. Six of the farm's original buildings are rented to RV owners for storage.

Additional Information: W.H. Holtcamp died Oct. 29, 2012, at age 91; wife Mildred is now 90.

Contact: Mildred or Tom Holtcamp, 10080 Holtcamp Rd., Sedro Woolley, WA 98284

Island View Farms, Inc., est. 1885

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Current Owner: Phil C. Inman

Relationship to 1989 Owner: one of the owners

Current Operator: Lessee

Relationship to Owner: not related

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
80	80	155	120	120	Dairy farm	Potatoes, grass silage, pasture

Changes in the Past 25 Years: We sold the dairy cows and have leased out the farmland since 1997. We still live on the farm.

Contact: Phil C. Inman, 14307 Hillwood Dr., Bow, WA 98232

The Jennings Farm, est. 1884

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Current Owner: Jen Hart, Matt Mussivand and Shannon Reilly

Relationship to 1989 Owner: daughter, nephew and granddaughter of Robert Hart

Current Operator: Jen Hart and Matt Mussivand

Relationship to Owner: two of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
239	233	239	233	233	Peas, wheat, berries, cabbage, turnip seed, nursery stock	Fresh market produce, potatoes, berries, bulbs, seed, wheat

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The retail nursery was sold and 11 acres closest to the homestead are more for agri-tourism, including a fresh market farm stand. The granary building has been renovated as a restaurant. The 1914 farmhouse on the property is still in use, and the original house built by Isaac and Margaret Jennings in 1884 is still in use on a neighboring farm.

Additional Information: Both of the 1989 owners died within 14 months of each other in 2011 and 2012; now the fifth and sixth generations have the opportunity to continue in their forefathers' footsteps.

Contact: Jen Hart, 16072 Best Rd., Mount Vernon, WA 98273

The McRae Farm, est. 1885

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Current Owner: Donna Stone, Eunice Jenkins, Mary Hall, George and Jim McRae

Relationship to 1989 Owner: same

Current Operator: Jim McRae

Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
20	20	20	20	20	Hay, pasture, beef cattle	Potatoes, wheat, beef cattle

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The farm is the same. George McRae still lives in the 1908 five-bedroom farmhouse.

Additional Information: The five McRae siblings still own the 20 acres of the original 160-acre parcel. In 1985, Jim and Janet McRae bought Jim's grandparents' farm, 32 acres that have been in the family since James and Nellie McKee bought it in 1908.

Contact: Jim and Janet McRae, 20082 Prairie Rd., Sedro Woolley, WA 98284

The Morrison Farm, est. 1889

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Current Owner: Darrin and Marily Morrison, Keith and Wendy Morrison

Relationship to 1989 Owner: Darrin was an owner in 1989, Keith is his brother and Don's son.

Current Operator: Keith and Darrin Morrison

Relationship to Owner: same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
125	125	205	400	1,200	Peas, seed crops, grain, corn, cucumbers, cauliflower, broccoli	Potatoes, wheat, grass seed, corn, vegetable seed crops

Changes in the Past 25 Years: We've gone from mainly processed vegetable crops to mainly fresh potatoes. We have also become a grower-packer-shipper. The original house and two original barns are still in use, but uses have changed.

Additional Information: We are fourth generation farmers but in the last two years the fifth generation has gotten involved, one with bookkeeping, another in shop repair, maintenance and field work.

Contact: Keith Morrison, Morrison Farms LP, 19224 Morrison Rd., Mount Vernon, WA 98274

Munk's Farm, est. 1859

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Current Owner: Don and Cathy Munks

Relationship to 1989 Owner: son and daughter-in-law

Current Operator: Darci and Tom Toth

Relationship to Owner: daughter and son-in-law

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
8	14	807	14	264	Hay and beef cattle	Purebred Angus cattle

Changes in the Past 25 Years: We became a purebred Angus cattle operation. I quitclaimed acreage that had been dedicated for a rail station, which closed in the 1930s, back from the railroad in 1997.

Additional Information: William Munks brought the first cattle onto this farm/ranch in 1859 and there have been cattle on the property every year since that date.

Contact: Don Munks, 9578 March's Point Rd., Anacortes, WA 98221

The Peth Farm, est. 1881

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Current Owner: John Thulen

Relationship to 1989 Owner: grandson

Current Operator: John Thulen

Relationship to Owner: same



Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
137	137	600	340	2,000	Cucumbers, peas, vegetable seed, wheat, dairy replacement heifers	Potatoes, beets, spinach, wheat, barley, cabbage, Brussels sprouts, carrots

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The farm has gotten larger to accommodate our son coming home from college to farm with us. Gail and Colleen Peth Thulen owned the farm from 1995 to 2012. John Thulen has owned the farm since 2012.

Additional Information: Before my wife Colleen passed away in 2012, we took a trip to Germany to trace the Peth family roots. Colleen traced the family back to the 1600s on the same farm. We were able to find that farm, and feel the dirt and walk on it, and see where her grandfather John J. Peth grew up. The young man farming it now told us he was the 16th generation on that farm. The landscape was very similar to Skagit Valley with the same complaints of low prices, bad weather, not enough labor, but we saw that love for the land. In 2011, we began to transfer ownership of the farm to our son John and Colleen was able to see him take over the farm she so dearly loved.

Contact: Gail Thulen, 12852 Dodge Valley Rd., Mount Vernon, WA 98273

The Summers Farm, est. 1872

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Current Owner: William M. and Eunice E. Summers

Relationship to 1989 Owner: same

Current Operator: Renter

Relationship to Owner: no relation

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
115	115	155	155	-	Vegetable seed, green peas, grain	Red potatoes

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Less grass and grain are being raised.

Too many regulations are being imposed on agriculture by federal, state and county bureaucrats. Salmon protection interests could threaten Skagit Valley agriculture.

Additional Information: The land has been farmed by a local farm since 2004. We intend to pass on the farm, if it still exists, to our children. The original house and barn are still in use.

Contact: William M. Summers, 13856 Rawlins Rd., Mount Vernon, WA 98273

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The Eide Farm, est. 1878

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This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the family that owned it in 1989. The farm left family ownership in 1996.

Is the Land Still Farmed? No. The Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife asked if we would sell to them for use as a wildlife area, then they would own the last of the three farms on Leque Island. I was born in the family farmhouse that my grandfather built in 1910. It was a wonderful place, growing up on the banks of the Stillaguamish River. My father, Erik, is looking down from heaven with a smile, that the game and wildlife now have a "home."

Contact: Kathryn Eide Glick, 12212 Crossridge Ave. N.W., Silverdale, WA 98383

Frohning Dairy Inc., est. 1870

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Current Owner: Tim and Sandra Frohning, Matt Frohning

Relationship to 1989 Owner: two of the owners and their son

Current Operator: Sandra and Matt Frohning

Relationship to Owner: two of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
70	70	180	90	200	Dairy cattle, corn, hay, crops, pasture	Dairy cattle, hay, corn and grass silage, pasture, milk-fed pigs, chickens

Changes in the Past 25 Years: In the last 25 years, we have added Jersey cows to our formerly exclusively Holstein herd. We milked 70 cows in 1989 and now we milk 130. We rotational graze our cows. We are raising milk-fed pork which seems to be in high demand, and have egg production from free-range chickens. The biggest change is the next generation is farming and we are pleased.

Additional Information: Our story is really more about the farm owners. When Tim and I married in 1983, we tied together two Centennial Farms from the Tualco Valley, the Robert Smallman Homestead, est. 1875, and the Ariel Foye Homestead, est. 1877, which made our sons the fifth generation of Frohnings and the 6th generation of Foyes to be raised on the farm. Joy and sorrow mark the road for the last 10 years! Farming is about life and all that it encompasses, and that is truly what we have been about for the last 135 years on the Frohning's Centennial Farm.

Contact: Sandra Frohning, 17506 S.E. 190th St., Monroe, WA 98272

The Jensen/Grimm Farm, est. 1878

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Current Owner: Bruce D. and Anne R. Grimm

Relationship to 1989 Owner: son and daughter-in-law

Current Operator: Bruce D. Grimm

Relationship to Owner: same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
80	80	95	95	95	Pasture, hay, silage for producing dairy herd	Berries, corn, wheat

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The farm passed from father to son.

Contact: Bruce D. Grimm, 1706 Pioneer Hwy E., Arlington, WA 98223

The Iver Johnson Farm, est. 1887

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Current Owner: Robert and Laura Johnson

Relationship to 1989 Owner: two of the owners

Current Operator: Aimee Henson and Patrick Nelson

Relationship to Owner: granddaughter and her husband

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	12	214	12	12	Berries, sweet corn, pumpkins, grain	Vegetables, berries, hay pasture

Changes in the Past 25 Years: We have sold more land to others because the fifth generation was not interested in farming. Improved flood control that began in the 1990's may increase crop intensity.

Contact: Robert L. Johnson, 7708 45th Pl. W., Mukilteo, WA 98275

The Major Farm, est. 1883

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Current Owner: Stangeland Dairy LLC: Louis and Janet Stangeland

Relationship to 1989 Owner: same

Current Operator: Leif, Kjell, Thor and Krista Stangeland

Relationship to Owner: sons and daughter

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
63	160	500	600	620	Grass for green chop, silage	Dairy, grass and corn for silage

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The farm still operates as a dairy, but has expanded to include a neighboring dairy. This expansion meant we re-acquired all of the original homestead acreage. Four of our five children are involved in the dairy operation. The 1910 home and 1916 barn are still in use.



Additional Information: The Major and Nordby farms are both part of one farm operation run by the Stangeland family. The Major Farm is the primary dairy operation where the day-to-day business of milking and feeding of cows and heifers occur.

Contact: Janet Stangeland, 5411 Pioneer Hwy, Stanwood, WA 98292

The Nelson Farm, est. 1887

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Current Owner: Carol and Mike McCrorie

Relationship to 1989 Owner: niece and her husband

Current Operator: Carol and Mike McCrorie

Relationship to Owner: same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
17	17	27	26	26	Pasture hay, beef	Hay, lavender

Changes in the Past 25 Years: There are a lot more houses around us, and there is lots of traffic on the roads. In 1989, the farm passed from Norman H. Nelson to his niece, Carol.

Additional Information: Parts of the main barn are still in use.

Contact: Mike McCrorie, 7508 108th St. N.E., Marysville, WA 98271

The Nordby Farm, est. 1884

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Current Owner: Louis and Janet Stangeland

Relationship to 1989 Owner: same

Current Operator: Leif, Kjell, Thor and Krista Stangeland

Relationship to Owner: sons and daughter

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
76	76	part of 500-acre Major Farm	600	620	Pasture, timber	Pasture, timber

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The original 1909 home is still in use, and the farm has not changed in the last 25 years.

Additional Information: The Major and Nordby farms are both part of one farm operation run by the Stangeland family. The Nordby Farm is used strictly for grazing, and only during the growing season.

Contact: Janet Stangeland, 5411 Pioneer Hwy., Stanwood, WA 98292

Ovenell Farms, est. 1874

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Current Owner: Jackie Ovenell, Margaret Stewart, Marvin Anderson

Relationship to 1989 Owner: Jackie is daughter-in-law (widow of Ted Jr.), Margaret and Marvin are Ted Sr. and Mary's children

Current Operator: Rick Williams

Relationship to Owner: not related

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
122	80	600	80	80	Hay, grass and corn silage, dairy cattle	Corn

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The City of Stanwood purchased 15 acres of the Ovenell property in November 2014 with grant funding from the Snohomish County Conservation Futures program. This land, bordered by the Stillaguamish River, is to be preserved as open space with recreational access to the river. The remaining acres of the original land is still owned by the family and is leased out for farming.

Additional Information: Ted Jr. and his family left the Stanwood farm and moved to eastern Washington in the early 1990s to raise dairy replacement heifers.

Contact: Kris Anderson, 31619 78th N.W., Stanwood, WA 98292

The Ulrich Scherrer Farm, est. 1889

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Current Owner: John and Barbara Scherrer

Relationship to 1989 Owner: son and daughter-in-law

Current Operator: Raymond Scherrer

Relationship to Owner: son

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	-	160	160	Beef cattle, hay, rutabagas	Beef, hay, timber

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The house and barn still stand. We hope to sell some of the land.

Additional Information: Ulrich Scherrer was born on this farm and has farmed here all his life. He is still living here in his own house and was 97 on November 3, 2014.

Contact: John S. Scherrer, 5300A Menzel Lake Rd., Granite Falls, WA 98252

The Robert J.E. Smallman Farm, est. 1870

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This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the family that owned it in 1989.

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The Perry Farm, est. 1876

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Current Owner: William S. Perry Trust: Ann Marie Hetterly, William B. Perry, Roderic A. Perry, Carla Pederson, Robert B. Perry, Norma Lambert

Relationship to 1989 Owner: sons and daughters of William S. Perry

Current Operator: Roderic A. Perry

Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
79	79	135	129	150	Heifers, silage, dairy farm	Heifers, silage, both grass and corn, dairy farm

Changes in the Past 25 Years: A Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) project was planted in 2001.

Additional Information: The farm has been the location for the NOAA Cooperative Weather Station of Clearbrook since July 1919. The 1916 barn and the 1908 Sears house are still in use. Roderic Perry also owns another Whatcom County farm which was founded in 1874 by his ancestor, Ernest Strache.

Contact: Roderic Perry, 8992 Van Buren Rd., Everson, WA 98247



Non-Participating Farms

The following 13 farms in the North Puget Sound region did not participate in the 2014 project to reconnect with Washington's Centennial Farms. This list notes the year the farm was established and the page it appears in the 1989 Centennial Farms book or its addendum.

Skagit County

The Chellman Farm, est. 1888, p. 67

The Larm Farm, est. 1887, p. A-11

The Swanson Farm, est. 1882, p. 66

Snohomish County

The Cedergreen Farm, est. 1882, p. 58

Getchell Ranch, est. 1874, p. 57

The Harvey Farm, est. 1860, p. 57

The Hemstrom Farm, est. 1886, p. 64

The Ohlsen Farm, est. 1882, p. 60

The Stehr Farm, est. 1888, p. 63

Whatcom County

The Macaulay Farm, est. 1883, p. 72

The Steele Farm, est. 1883, p. 71

The Stephens/Dickey Farm, est. 1884, p. 73

The Westergreen Farm, est. 1888, p. 72