For many, “Walla Walla” conjures thoughts of sweet onions and fine wines, but for its longtime family farms, Walla Walla is wheat country.

As a group, Walla Walla County’s Centennial Farms are the oldest in the state, with more than half established before 1875. Walla Walla is second only to Whitman County in the number of Centennial Farms, with 51 located across the county.

From its earliest days, Walla Walla has been a top wheat-producing county. In 2014, county farmers harvested 12.4 million bushels of mostly winter wheat from 188,000 acres, continuing its standing as one of the state’s top counties in terms of yield and total production. Walla Walla is also an important county in cattle and vegetable production.

Crop choices change over 25 years

Over time, the crops grown in rotation with wheat have changed. Dry peas are still popular, but acreage planted to barley has decreased, and more Centennial Farms report growing garbanzo beans, alfalfa and hay. Farms with irrigation grow a greater diversity of crops, including some of Walla Walla’s signature crops like sweet onions and alfalfa seed.

Overall, less acreage is being cropped, as the federal Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) has taken more than 25 percent of Walla Walla’s total cropland - the most erodible and environmentally

Response to Reconnecting with Washington’s Centennial Farms

Of the 51 Centennial Farms in Walla Walla County, 35 responded to the 2014 questionnaire. Of those, 33 continue to be owned by a descendant of the 1889 landowner.

Each year, members of the Plucker family return to the farm near Touchet to bring in the wheat harvest. Four generations were on hand in 2015.
sensitive - out of production through long-term contracts. Acres enrolled in CRP in 2014 totaled 150,000 acres, well above the 97,000 acres enrolled in 1989, which was shortly after the program began. These acres are planted to native and nonnative grasses.

**Wine industry helps grow ag economy**

Accolades received by Walla Walla’s first small wineries in the 1980s and the subsequent growth of the wine industry secured the county’s place on the tourism map, and enhanced its reputation for high-quality food and agricultural products.

Virtually all of Walla Walla’s 1,300-plus acres of wine grapes were planted in the last 25 years, and the county is home to about 125 wineries today, compared to just five in 1989, according to the Walla Walla Valley Wine Alliance.

In the six years since Carol Delaney, of the Gilkerson/Davis Farm, sold some of her farmland to grape growers, she’s been impressed by the buyer’s investment. Beyond the initial land purchase, “they built a 10-foot fence all around to keep the deer out (of course, it doesn’t), the windbreaks, the hand-labor for pruning,” Delaney said. “Seeing all that, the high cost of wine makes sense.”

**Conserving soil and restoring habitat**

Like farmers throughout the state, Walla Walla Centennial farmers report they are adopting more sustainable farming practices like no-till and minimum-till farming, and more efficient irrigation systems.

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program in Walla Walla County, initiated in 2000, is one of the largest in the state. Three Centennial Farms have participated – planting native trees, shrubs and grasses to restore fish and wildlife habitat along the Touchet and Walla Walla rivers.

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**Centennial Farms by the numbers: 1989 vs 2014**

- Of the 33 farms still in the family, 11 are owned by the same owners as in 1989. Fourteen have been passed on to a child or grandchild. Five are owned by the 1989 owner and the next generation, and three are now owned by cousins or other relatives.
- Sixteen farms list a current owner as the day-to-day operator of the farm, five list a child, cousin or other relative and 12 are operated by a friend, neighbor or other non-relative.
- Twelve of the Centennial Farms have smaller operations than in 1989 and nine are larger, with the average size up from 1,081 acres in 1989 to 1,326 acres in 2014. Farm sizes in 1989 ranged from 40 to 5,777 acres, and in 2014, from 40 to 10,000 acres.
- Almost all of Walla Walla County’s Centennial Farms – 30 out of 33 – produced wheat in 2014. One reported all its cropland was in CRP, another is a livestock operation, and one leases its land to the state for wildlife habitat. Top crops in 2014 are wheat, dry peas and garbanzos. In 1989, the top three were wheat, barley and cattle.
- Only four Centennial Farms reported having cattle in 2014, compared to 11 with cattle 25 years ago.
- Only two of the responding Centennial Farms are no longer in the same family. Both are still being farmed.

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The Kibler Farm, one of Walla Walla’s oldest Centennial Farms, grows wheat, hay and dry peas, and raises beef cattle. Its barn is one of several in the county that are on the state’s Historic Barn Register.
The Aldrich Farm est. 1858  Page 76

Current Owner: Carolyn A. Priest
Relationship to 1989 Owner: Normanita’s daughter, Percy and Esther’s niece
Current Operator: Pat McConnel
Relationship to Owner: no relation

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: We no longer raise cattle, hogs, or green peas, and we now raise garbanzo beans, in addition to wheat and dry peas.

Additional Information: By 2004, the farm had passed to Percy Shelley Aldrich’s nine grandchildren, who managed it until 2011 when all except myself sold their shares. It is still operated as the Aldrich Farm, and I moved back to the family house in 2006 and live here today.

Contact: Carolyn Priest, 6880 E. Hwy 12, Waitsburg, WA 99361

Barrett/McInroe Farm est. 1869  Page 84

Current Owner: Jeanette D. Ambrose
Relationship to 1989 Owner: daughter
Current Operator: Alan Gradwahl
Relationship to Owner: friend

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Additional Information: The farm is now known as the McInroe Farm. Alan Gradwahl has farmed the McInroe Farm for many, many years.

Correction to 1989 Book: Jeanette D. Ambrose, daughter of Corleen M. Barrett, became an owner of the farm in 1986.

Contact: Jeanette D. Ambrose, P.O. Box 763, Salem, OR 97308

The Coffin Farm est. 1884  Page A-16

Current Owner: Donna M. Hanebut
Relationship to 1989 Owner: widow
Current Operator: Donna M. Hanebut
Relationship to Owner: same

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: In 1999, the original 1911 home was donated to Mollie Hanebut's church and moved to the Lowden area. Mark and Donna built a pole-barn shop with accessory living apartment in the same area of the old house. Mark built a new family home on the hill adjacent to the Whitman Monument before he died from cancer in 2009. Mark’s widow, Donna Mae Marr Hanebut, lives in that home and manages the farm.

Contact: Donna Hanebut, 3534 West Whitman Dr., Walla Walla, WA 99362

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 farm name. Farms that did not respond are listed at the end of the chapter.
The Collins Farm, est. 1886

Current Owner: Robert Collins Family
Relationship to 1989 Owner: Robert Collins is Roselle Collins’ son
Current Operator: Howard Smith
Relationship to Owner: neighbor

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: Fewer pheasants, more deer. Farm operations have totally changed to minimum tillage.

Contact: Robert J. Collins, 709 Berney Dr., Walla Walla, WA 99362

The Cummins Farm, est. 1881

Current Owner: Melissa J. and Keith A. Cummins
Relationship to 1989 Owner: daughter and son
Current Operator: Lessee
Relationship to Owner: no relation

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: Melville Cummins passed away in 2004. His widow Marian continues to reside on the farm. Melissa Cummins, a daughter and one of the current owners, moved back to the farm to retire in 2013. The farm cropland continues to be leased out.

Additional Information: Melville and Marian deeded the farm to their children, Melissa Cummins and Keith Cummins, in 1996. Marian retains a life estate.

Contact: Melissa Cummins, 191 Cummins Rd., Touchet, WA 99360

The James M. Cornwell Farm, est. 1868

Current Owner: Mary Jane Pryor, Andrew Russell Pryor, Lindsay Pryor-Bjore, Emily Pryor
Relationship to 1989 Owner: Mary Jane and Andrew, siblings, were owners in 1989. Lindsay is Mary Jane’s daughter and Emily is Andrew’s daughter.
Current Operator: Andrew Russell Pryor
Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

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Additional Information: The farm is now known as the Cornwell-Blankenship Farm.

Contact: Mary Jane Pryor, 1615 Derby Ln., Tumwater, WA 98501

The Ferrel Farm, est. 1880

Current Owner: Greg and Jerri Ferrel, Gary and Lynn Ferrel
Relationship to 1989 Owner: grandsons and their wives
Current Operator: Greg Ferrel
Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: Gone to direct-seeding cropping systems.

Contact: Greg Ferrel, 1605 Scenic Loop Rd., Walla Walla, WA 99362
**The Five Points Farm, Inc., est. 1884**

Current Owner: Don Meiners, Dorothy Toretta, and Anna Gwinn  
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same  
Current Operator: Mike Lyons LLC  
Relationship to Owner: renter

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Additional Information: I still live in the farmhouse built by my grandparents in 1900.  
Contact: Don Meiners, 4422 Spring Creek Rd., Waitsburg, WA 99361

**The Fulgham Farm, est. 1886**

Current Owner: Robert Fulgham and Peggy Estes  
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same, and Peggy is Richard Fulgham’s daughter  
Current Operator: Dan McClure  
Relationship to Owner: friend

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: We built a home on the spot where my parents’ home was and where my great-grandfather built his home in 1864. My dad started leasing 60 acres to the state about 25 years ago and we’ve continued to lease. Fish and Wildlife seeds it with grasses and it is habitat for deer, pheasants and quail. Six years ago I sold 70 acres that is now planted as a wine vineyard.  
Contact: Carol L. Delaney, 2862 Mill Creek Rd., Walla Walla, WA 99362

**The Gilkerson/Davis Farm, est. 1863**

Current Owner: Carol Delaney and Peggy Hubble  
Relationship to 1989 Owner: children  
Current Operator: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Relationship to Owner: no relation

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Contact: Carol L. Delaney, 2862 Mill Creek Rd., Walla Walla, WA 99362

**The Hastings Farm, est. 1887**

Current Owner: Vern and Kathy Hastings  
Relationship to 1989 Owner: son and daughter-in-law of Claude, Vern is Delbert’s nephew  
Current Operator: Vern Hastings  
Relationship to Owner: same

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: A cousin (Delbert’s daughter) sold her half; Vern sold 40 acres in order to move onto the homestead site.
Additional Information: Several original buildings are used for hay storage and storage.
Contact: Vern Hastings, 504 Locher Rd., Touchet, WA 99360

**Philip Hoffmann Sr. & Sons est. 1887**

Current Owner: Steve and Cynthia Hoffmann
Relationship to 1989 Owner: Steve is grandson of Phillip Sr., son of Curtis, nephew of Allen, and Cynthia is Steve’s wife
Current Operator: Steve Hoffmann

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: Divided among heirs.
Contact: Steve Hoffman, 764 Hoffman Rd., Prescott, WA 99348

**Kenney Farms, Inc. est. 1866**

Current Owner: David Dunkelburg, Barbara Hillbrand (Mann), Thelma Silva (Banks), Bridget Blom, Christy Weaver (Reilly)
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same, all children of Barbara Kenney
Current Operator: David Dunkelburg
Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: Not much has changed. All of the original buildings are still in use.
Contact: Barbara Hillbrand, 3629 Braden Rd., Walla Walla, WA 99362

**The Robert F. Kibler Farm, est. 1870**

Current Owner: Geraldine Cramer, Pauline Winters and Sandra Shaub
Relationship to 1989 Owner: daughters
Current Operator: Geraldine Cramer, Pauline Winters and Sandra Shaub
Relationship to Owner: same

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: Farm production remains the same. All buildings are still standing and still in use.
Additional Information: Robert and Margaret Kibler owned the farm 1973-2013, after which time their three daughters have owned it.
Contact: Pauline Winters, 662 Mill Creek Rd., Walla Walla, WA 99362

**The Lloyd Farm, est. 1863**

This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the family that owned it in 1989. The farm left family ownership in 1990.
Is the Land Still Farmed? Yes, Perry and Darleen Dozier grow wheat and dry peas on the land, which is now part of the 2,500-acre Double D Ranches operation.
Contact: Perry Dozier, 262 Conover Rd., Waitsburg, WA 99362

**The Lowden Farm, est. 1883**

Current Owner: Lowden Wyatt and Claudia Borgens
Relationship to 1989 Owner: grandson and granddaughter-in-law
Current Operator: Ch vat al Farms, Inc.
Relationship to Owner: neighbor

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Washington’s Centennial Farms, 25 Years Later
Changes in the Past 25 Years: We’ve made major improvements in irrigation, from flood to hand line and pivot irrigation. We’ve also added CREP plantings along the river to improve habitat for fish and wildlife. We plan to restore a bunkhouse, one of the original buildings.

Contact: Claudia Borgens, 1456 Barney Rd., Lowden, WA 99360

The Lowden/Dodd Farm est. 1869

Current Owner: Lawrence Lowden Dodd
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same
Current Operator: Darren Goble
Relationship to Owner: cousin

Changes in the Past 25 Years: We’ve improved the irrigation system. We closed open ditches and replaced buried plastic pipe. Part of the land is irrigated by pivot. We closed a pond used to pump irrigation water.

Additional Information: My great grandfather, Thomas Lyons, gave some 3,800 acres to his children. These tracts are now owned by different relatives, some of whom are part of the farm corporation of which Matthew Lyons Jr. and Elinor Sherry own majority interests. No land has been sold to outside interests. All landowners are direct descendants of Thomas Lyons.

Contact: Matthew Lyons Jr., 533 McCown Rd., Waitsburg, WA 99361

The Lyons/Dunphy Farm est. 1871

Current Owner: Kelene (Kelly) Jones-Deccio, Tim Lyons, Judy Talbot and Louis Lyons
Relationship to 1989 Owner: cousins
Current Operator: Tim Lyons
Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

Company (Lawrence L. Dodd’s great-grandmother and his two uncles) from 1895 to 1932, and by Mary Irene Johnson and J. Paul Dodd from 1932 to 1962. Francis M. Lowden Sr. purchased his first registered Shorthorn cattle in 1869.

Contact: Lawrence Dodd, 134 Lowden Garden Rd., Touchet, WA 99360
**The Magallon Farm** est. 1882

**Current Owner:** Albert C. Statler
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** one of the owners

**Current Operator:** Mike Bowe
**Relationship to Owner:** leaseholder

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**Additional Information:**

"William Trammel owned the farm with his four aunts until 2000. Kem A. Jones, his cousin, was an owner from 2000 to 2009. The current owners, all cousins of William Trammell, have owned the farm since 2000."

**Contact:** Tim Lyons, 1457 Clarence Ave., Walla Walla, WA 99362

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**The William McCown Farm** est. 1878

**Current Owner:** Matthew Lyons Jr., Elinor Sherry, Richard Hagwell and Donald Hagwell
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** sons and daughter

**Current Operator:** Matthew Lyons Jr.
**Relationship to Owner:** same

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**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** No plowing, bigger faster machinery, no animals. We have the county’s oldest barn, though it is not in use today.

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**The McCulloch Farm** est. 1883

**Current Owner:** Andrew "Jack" McCulloch
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same

**Current Operator:** Brad Tompkins
**Relationship to Owner:** son-in-law

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**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Entered the CRP program in 1994 and this fall will start another 10-year contract.

**Contact:** Andrew "Jack" McCulloch, 516 S. Palouse St., Walla Walla, WA 99362

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**The Christian Miller Farm** est. 1888

**Current Owner:** Dean C. Farrens, JoAnn S. Farrens, Brian G. Farrens and Heather Farrens Eng
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** Two of the owners, and Brian and Heather are children of Greg P. Farrens

**Current Operator:** Dean C. Farrens
**Relationship to Owner:** one of the owners

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**Additional Information:**

Farm ownership transferred from Maxine Hagwell to her sons Donald and Richard in 1995 and from Marjorie Lyons to her children Matthew Lyons and Elinor Sherry in 2006.

**Contact:** Matthew Lyons Jr., 533 McCown Rd., Waitsburg, WA 99361

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**Additional Information:**

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**Contact:** Matthew Lyons Jr., 533 McCown Rd., Waitsburg, WA 99361
**Additional Information:** The original bunkhouse is still in use.

**Contact:** JoAnn S. Farrens, 7134 Mill Creek Rd., Walla Walla, WA 99362

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**Mission Farms** est. 1880

**Current Owner:** Craig Shelden, Lorinda Shelden and Brenda Putnam

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** children

**Current Operator:** Lorinda Irene Shelden

**Relationship to Owner:** one of the owners

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**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** We sold 40 acres in 2005. Over the past five years, we’ve added broad-breasted and heritage turkeys, natural free-range eggs, Cornish-cross meat chickens, beef, Katahdin sheep and alfalfa hay. A portion of the farmhouse is 136 years old and is currently occupied.

**Contact:** Craig Shelden, P.O. Box 3221, Prince Frederick, MD 20678

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**The Pettijohn/Sanders Farm** est. 1881

**Current Owner:** Mark and Miriam Grant

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** cousin

**Current Operator:** Mark Grant

**Relationship to Owner:** same

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**Additional Information:** We have continuously farmed wheat. In 1996, ownership of the farm passed from Doris Sanders and E.T. Pettijohn to their cousin, Sam Grant Jr., and his wife Georgene. Sam and Georgene’s son, Mark, and his wife Miriam became the owners in 2007.

**Contact:** Mark Grant, P.O. Box 25, Prescott, WA 99348

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**The Pettijohn Farm** est. 1858

**Current Owner:** Nancy C. Grant, Samuel Grant Jr. Trust, Joseph E. Grant, Mary Grant Tompkins

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** Nancy is William A. Grant’s widow. The others are three of the 1989 owners.

**Current Operator:** Mark Grant

**Relationship to Owner:** son of Sam Grant Jr.

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**Additional Information and Corrections to 1989 Book:** The farm is also known as the Pettijohn/Grant Farm. Samuel O. Grant Sr. was an owner from 1963-1988. Elda Grant was an owner 1963-1995. Irene K. Grant was an owner 1988-1991. William A. Grant and the current owners became farm owners in 1988 after the death of their father Samuel Grant Sr. A brother, John L. Grant, ceased being an owner of the farm in 1998. William passed away in 2009 and his widow Nancy became an owner. Samuel O. Grant Jr. passed away in 2010, when his trust went into effect.

**Contact:** Mary Grant Tompkins, P.O. Box 2, Prescott, WA 99348

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**The Plucker Farm** est. 1874

**Current Owner:** Robert G. and Marian Plucker

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same

**Current Operator:** Robert G. Plucker

**Relationship to Owner:** same

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: The farm has changed little, operationally, over the past 25 years: Robert and Marian live in the family farmhouse. Their sons and daughter now do the farm work using the same well-maintained farm equipment. Much of the acreage is now in CRP and CREP.

Additional Information: The circa 1945 shop was modernized. The circa 1920 barn is getting a new foundation and paint. The circa 1940 wood grain elevator with man-lift still stores the annual yield of wheat. The old windmill is repaired and erected, and we use the original outdoor dinner bell to call in the crew for dinner. A new entry sign built of river rock from the Touchet River and an original horse-drawn plow greets visitors. A large American flag flies over the farm, representing the family’s proud heritage.

Contact: Ron C. Plucker, 17 S.W. Homestead Ave., College Place, WA 99324

W.P. Reser Farm est. 1868 Page 78

Current Owner: Byron G. Reser, Philip and Colleen Reser, Mike Reser

Relationship to 1989 Owner: Byron is Ed Reser’s son. Philip was an owner in 1989 with his mother, Helen, and sister, Merridy and now owns Mike Reser Farms, Inc. with his wife Colleen and son, Mike.

Current Operator: Byron G. Reser; Phil and Mike Reser

Relationship to Owner: same

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: One equipment storage building blew down in the winter of 2009-2010. The original house, garage and shop are still in use.

Additional Information: The 1989 owners have all passed on. My father David Henry Roberts died in 1991; the David and Adda Roberts Trust was an owner until 2006 when my mother Adda died. My aunt, Lydia Roberts, died in 1999; Lydia’s children, Muriel Roberts Hamilton and Richard Louis Roberts, were farm owners 1985-2006. Lydia’s son David Roth Roberts, an owner since 1958, died in 2004. The family
trust my wife Betty and I set up has been a farm owner since 1997; Betty’s decedent’s trust has been an owner since 2010.

Contact: Jack H. Roberts, 1110 Wilson Hollow Rd., Waitsburg, WA 99361

### The Shelton Farm est. 1869

**Current Owner:** Carma Carlson-Bergen and Martha Dybdahl  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same  
**Current Operator:** Ray Reser  
**Relationship to Owner:** neighbor

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**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** We have made improvements to the original house, which is still in use.

Contact: Carma Carlson-Bergen, 7047 Bayview Dr. N.E., Olympia, WA 98506

### The Struthers Farm est. 1883

**Current Owner:** The Eureka Flats LLC (George A. and Monica Struthers), Linda Lu Struthers  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** great-nephew and his wife, and great-niece  
**Current Operator:** George A. Struthers  
**Relationship to Owner:** one of the owners

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**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Currently, 500 acres are under center pivot irrigation. The balance of the land is dryland wheat/summer fallow.

**Additional Information:** After George Struthers II died in 1990, the farm passed to his nephew, Allen Dale Struther and his wife Sarah Jane. Their daughters, Linda and Susan, inherited this land in 2003 and Susan sold her share to her brother, George. In 2005, George purchased land previously owned by his great-great-uncle, William Struther, brother of George Struther Sr. Other family land that had been farmed by George Struthers Sr. is owned by George’s sister, Linda Struther of Mercer Island, Wash., cousins John and Tom Struther of Minnesota, and aunt Bonny Struther of Walla Walla.

Contact: George Struthers, 500 Struthers Rd., Prescott, WA 99348

### The Tompkins Farm est. 1889

**Current Owner:** Tolanco, Inc. (Ron Tompkins, his wife and two daughters), Game Over LLC (David Tompkins), Tabor Tompkins  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same; David is Ron’s cousin and Tabor is David’s son.  
**Current Operator:** Tompkins Bros.  
**Relationship to Owner:** nephews of Ronald Tompkins

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**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The farm is now part of a larger farm operation. The original 2,440-acre farm is too small to operate alone.

Contact: Ron Tompkins, 819 Country Club Rd., Walla Walla, WA 99362

### The Waggoner Farm est. 1882

This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the family that owned it in 1989. The farm left family ownership in 2010.

**Is the Land Still Farmed?** Yes, Derek Duke of Duke Farms, Henderson, Nevada, owns the farm as investment property. Ownership became too complicated and a reasonable selling price became appealing to many of the 22 owners, all of whom had different perspectives on the farm’s outcome. The entire 761 acres, with a farmhouse built in 1915, bunkhouse, and shop, were owned by the...
family for 128 years. After it was sold to Duke Farms, one family member purchased back the farmhouse and 20 acres for their own use.

Contact: E. Alan Scheik, 6327 S. King Rd., Evergreen, CO 80439

The Yeend Farm est. 1870

Current Owner: Marjery Jean Small
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same
Current Operator: Dave Carey
Relationship to Owner: cousin

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: When my aunt died, land that was part of the original parcel was returned to my mom and me, so the amount we hold from the original parcel has increased to 39 acres.

Contact: Joe Small, 1027 Valley Grove Rd., Walla Walla, WA 99362

Yenney Farms, Inc., est. 1872

Current Owner: Kathleen F. Yenney and J. Phillip Yenney
Relationship to 1989 Owner: daughter-in-law and son
Current Operator: Jason Beechinor
Relationship to Owner: no relation

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: The farming corporation was dissolved in 2010 and all farming is now done by Jason Beechinor on a lease basis. The Yenney family retains ownership and Yenney grandchildren live in the home on Russell Creek.


Contact: Kathleen Yenney, 711 Swainson Ln., College Place, WA 99324

Non-Participating Centennial Farms

The following 16 farms in the Walla Walla region did not participate in the 2014 project to reconnect with Washington’s Centennial Farms.

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The Gallaher/Buroker Farm, est. 1869, p. 85
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