Central Washington

Central Washington, a region that cuts a vertical swath across the center of the state, encompasses a wide range of farming conditions and diverse types of agriculture. It includes smaller, labor-intensive fruit orchards, large acreage for wheat fields and beef grazing, as well as irrigated hay and field crops and dairy operations.

Because large-scale irrigation didn’t come to the region until after statehood, Centennial Farms tell just part of the story of Central Washington agriculture over the past 25 years. Most Centennial Farms are in the Kittitas and Klickitat valleys, although the oldest, established in 1870, is along Cowiche Creek in Yakima County.

Early improvements on many of the farms included digging irrigation ditches. The irrigation projects of the last century made the region one of the most productive in the country – especially for tree fruit and specialty crops like hops, mint and grapes.

Cattle country mixes with an assortment of crops

Centennial farms in Klickitat County are large cattle and wheat operations, working an average of more than 3,500 acres. The Fahlenkamp brothers grew up with cattle on their father’s farm near Goldendale, and in 2014 purchased the Hornibrook Farm from relatives on their mother’s side. Previously solely a wheat farm, cattle were added to the operation soon after the purchase.

Response to Reconnecting with Washington’s Centennial Farms

Of the 44 Centennial Farms in this region, 30 responded to the 2014 questionnaire. Of those, 24 continue to be owned by a descendant of the 1889 landowner.

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Brothers Keith, Brad, Greg and Adam Fahlenkamp are proud to be the fifth generation owners of the homestead land of the Hornibrook Farm, just south of Goldendale in Klickitat County.
Farmers here echo wheat growers in other parts of the state on changes over the last 25 years. Both the Powers Farm and Doubletree Ranch say they’ve gone to direct seed, no-till farming with larger machinery and fewer man-hours. More farms report growing alfalfa while very few grow barley now. The Kelley Ranch is no longer raising crops, “just livestock – and windmills.”

Kittitas County is known for its hay and all seven of its Centennial Farms are hay growers. Several grow timothy hay, which is mostly exported to Japan. Compared to 1989, fewer of these farms are raising cattle and none report growing corn. The lone dairy farm sold most of its acreage and is now only growing hay.

Fruit accounts for half of the value of Yakima County’s farm income, and an even higher percentage of the farm income in Klickitat, Okanogan and Chelan counties. Though few Centennial Farms primarily grow fruit, changes over the last 25 years at Rowe Farms in Yakima County typify changes in the state’s tree fruit industry. Their apple orchards produce not only Red and Golden Delicious apples but new varieties like Honeycrisp and Pink Lady. About 10 percent of their apples and cherries are certified organic.

Wildfires demand farmers’ resilience

Fire consumed thousands of acres of Northcentral Washington forest and farmland in 2014. Farmers had to search for cattle up smoky backroads, and crews shifted from farm work to fire-fighting. Bernard Thurlow, in his 75 years on the family’s Centennial Farm, said he had never seen anything like the Carlton Complex fire, the largest wildfire in the state’s recorded history, which touched but did no major harm to the farm.

Centennial Farms by the numbers: 1989 vs 2014

- Of the 24 farms still in the family, ten are owned by the same owners as in 1989, seven have been passed on to children or great-grandchildren. Three are owned by the 1989 owner and the next generation, and four are owned by a niece, nephew or cousin.
- Seventeen farms list the current owner as the day-to-day operator of the farm, two list a child or grandchild as the operator, one the owner and a grandchild, and four a non-relative.
- The size of the 24 farm operations varies widely. The average size in 1989 was 1,556 acres, and in 2014, 1,818 acres. Farm sizes in 1989 ranged from six to 7,100 acres, and in 2014, from two to 8,400 acres.
- As in 1989, the crops or livestock raised most frequently in 2014 on these farms across the region are hay and cattle, with wheat a major crop in Klickitat and Benton counties.
- Of the six farms no longer owned by Centennial Farm families, three are still working farms.

Several farms in this region are featured in the Overview, including Rowe Farms and the Thurlow Farm.
BENTON COUNTY

The Hans Smith Family Farm, est. 1885

Current Owner: Wayne H. Smith
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same
Current Operator: Robert M. Hamilton
Relationship to Owner: renter

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: The Hans Smith Family Farm has been leased to Robert Hamilton since 1998, when old age and the effects of a stroke meant I could no longer farm. The farm use has remained the same.

Correction to 1989 Book: Wayne Smith’s father Henry co-owned the farm with his brother, Elmer, 1973-1986.

Contact: Wayne Smith, 186 N. Waverly Pl., Kennewick, WA 99336

CHelan COUNTY

The Bart Brender Farm, est. 1881

This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the Bart Brender family. The farm left family ownership in May 2006.

Is the Land Still Farmed? Yes, Keith Archibald still farms the land as a pear orchard.

Contact: Richard Brender, 271 N. Hanford Ave., East Wenatchee, WA 98802

The Carl Brender Farm, est. 1881

This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the Carl Brender family. The farm left family ownership in 1993.

Is the Land Still Farmed? No.

Contact: Richard Brender, 271 N. Hanford Ave., East Wenatchee, WA 98802

The Melvin Brender Farm, est. 1881

This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the Melvin Brender family. The farm left family ownership in November 2004.

Is the Land Still Farmed? Yes, James Willems purchased the farm in 2004, cut down the orchard and subdivided the 40 acres into four parcels. Two of the parcels were sold to Seattle restaurateur Ludgar Szmania, who planted a couple of acres of grapes.

Contact: Richard Brender, 271 N. Hanford Ave., East Wenatchee, WA 98802

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, 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.
KITTITAS COUNTY

The Clerf Farm est. 1887

Current Owner: Clerf Family LLC: John S. and Jan Clerf and children
Relationship to 1989 Owner: son, daughter-in-law, grandchildren
Current Operator: Jack Clerf
Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: We no longer raise any cattle.
Additional Information: Ownership of the farm passed from John R. and Doris Clerf in 2000 to their son, John S. (Jack), and his wife Jan. The Clerf Family LLC was formed in 2007 and includes Jack and Jan’s children. The original horse barn is still standing and used for storage.
Contact: Jack Clerf, P.O. Box 635, Kittitas, WA 98934

The Henry Clerf Farm est. 1885

Current Owner: Francis E. (Bud) and Jeanne Clerf
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same
Current Operator: Pat and Linda Clerf
Relationship to Owner: son and daughter-in-law

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: Less wheat or small grains, less sweet corn, fewer cattle. Three barns and sheds, about 100 years old, are now used for storage of odds and ends.
Additional Information: Dorothy Sparks died Feb. 27, 2005, and her share of the farm passed to Roger and Rita Sparks. Their son, Scott Sparks, became owner of 40 acres of the original parcel in 2008. Roger retired from farming in 2014.
Contact: Roger Sparks, 4820 Cove Rd., Ellensburg, WA 98926

The Frederick Farm est. 1875

Current Owner: Roger and Rita Sparks, Scott and Dawn Sparks
Relationship to 1989 Owner: two of the owners, their son and daughter-in-law
Current Operator: Mountain View Ranches
Relationship to Owner: renter

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: No major changes.
Additional Information: All the old buildings but one are still standing and used.
Contact: Pat Clerf and Susan Clerf Hjelm, 3051 Number 6 Rd., Ellensburg, WA 98926
**The Edward Haga Farm**, est. 1889

Current Owner: Elisabeth, Lars, Ole, and Allen Sullivan
Relationship to 1989 Owner: children
Current Operator: Allen Sullivan
Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: Many more neighbors. Greater difficulty accessing water. Conversion of dry pasture to irrigated pasture.

Additional Information: Edward Sullivan died in 2006 and the farm’s ownership passed to his children.

Contact: Allen Sullivan, 5111 Manastash Rd., Ellensburg, WA 98926

**The Hanson Family Farm**, est. 1887

Current Owner: Swauk Prairie Farms, LLC: John and Lila Hanson; Jim, Bill and Mike Hanson
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same and sons
Current Operator: John, Lila and Jim Hanson
Relationship to Owner: three of the owners

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: LLC formed 1997, CRP 1998 to 2012. Additional Information: Expansion to the current farm size came in the 1940's when the Hansons purchased adjacent quarter sections that had been owned by their relatives who were also early settlers. In a sense, the entire farm has been owned by family since the territorial times.

Contact: Reta Hutchinson, P.O. Box 77, Thorp, WA 98946

**The Prater Farm**, est. 1879

This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the Prater family. With the passing of JoAnn S. Prater, the property was sold by the estate in 2001. Is the Land Still Farmed? Yes, Thomas and Kathleen Brunson leased the 120-acre Prater Farm from JoAnn Prater from 1988 until 2001. In 2001 the Brunsons purchased 50 acres and 3 Bar G Ranch, owned by Robert Gregerich, purchased 70 acres. Both owners continue to farm the Prater Farm land, as well as adjacent and nearby farms. The whole irrigation system has been changed but farming continues as in the past.

Contact: Thomas Brunson, 1871 S. Thorp Hwy, Ellensburg, WA 98926

Although there are strong ties to the land, the last 25 years of increasingly restrictive and unwise policies and regulations, over which we have little control, have been disheartening.

Contact: Lila Hanson, 1302 Swauk Prairie Rd., Cle Elum, WA 98922

**The Hutchinson Ranch**, est. 1887

Current Owner: Reta M. Hutchinson
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same, widow
Current Operator: Reta and Dusty Hutchinson
Relationship to Owner: same and grandson

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: Changed from pasture to hay production.

Additional Information: Richard (Dick) Hutchinson passed away in May 2014.

Contact: Reta Hutchinson, P.O. Box 77, Thorp, WA 98946

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The Spurling Farm, est. 1881

Current Owner: Lorraine Spurling
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same
Current Operator: Lorraine Spurling
Relationship to Owner: same

Contact: Lorraine Spurling, 3251 Reecer Creek Rd., Ellensburg, WA 98926

The Brokaw Farm, est. 1877

This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the Brokaw family. The farm left family ownership in 2007.
Is the Land Still Farmed? Yes. 82 acres of the original homestead parcel, including the Brokaw home, is now owned by David Ochsner and Mary Wilson, who purchased the property in 2013. David and Mary operate Half Creek Farm, and raise goats, sheep and poultry. The surrounding land is also still farmed.
Contact: Mary Wilson, P.O. Box 73, Bickleton, WA 99322

Klickitat County

The Eshelman Farm, est. 1880

Current Owner: Charles and Alice Eshelman, Robert Eshelman
Relationship to 1989 Owner: nephews and wife of nephew
Current Operator: Charles Eshelman
Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

Doubletree Ranch aka Niels Brown Ranch, est. 1878

Current Owner: Ellwood and Janet Brown, Neal Brown
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same
Current Operator: Neal Brown
Relationship to Owner: one of the owners, Ellwood and Janet’s son

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Gone strictly to direct seed no-till; larger machinery and fewer man-hours.
Additional Information: The 1907 horse barn is on the Washington Historic Barn Register. We received funding to help repair the roof and install a new cupola. My son is studying Ag Tech Management at Washington State University and plans to be the fifth generation to farm.
Contact: Neal Brown, 355 Matsen Rd., Bickleton, WA 99322

Contact: Charles Eshelman, 323 Erickson Rd., Centerville, WA 98613
The Hornibrook Farm, est. 1888

Current Owner: Keith, Adam, Greg, and Brad Fahlenkamp
Relationship to 1989 Owner: great-grandchildren
Current Operator: Fahlenkamp Brothers Ranch LLC: Keith, Adam, Greg, and Brad Fahlenkamp
Relationship to Owner: same

Changes in the Past 25 Years: William (Bill) Hornibrook operated the farm until 2013 when the operation was transferred to his nephews Keith, Adam, Greg, and Brad Fahlenkamp.

Additional Information: My brothers and I completed the purchase of the farm on Oct. 7, 2014. Along with farmland owned by our father, Walter Fahlenkamp, the total operation spans more than 3,000 acres. We are proud to be the fifth generation owners of the homestead and are happy that the land will continue to be owned and operated by our family. The original house and barn are still in use.

Contact: Keith Fahlenkamp, 702 Cunliff Rd., Goldendale, WA 98620

Kelley Ranch, est. 1884

Current Owner: Michael and Dixie Kelley
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same
Current Operator: Mike Kelley
Relationship to Owner: son-in-law

Changes in the Past 25 Years: No farming done, just livestock -- and windmills.

Additional Information: My great-grandparents were original Klickitat County pioneers.

Contact: Mike Kelley, 49 Kelley Ln., Roosevelt, WA 99356

The Norris Farm, est. 1878

Current Owner: Marilyn Enwards
Relationship to 1989 Owner: daughter
Current Operator: Mike Thiele
Relationship to Owner: son-in-law

Changes in the Past 25 Years: When Howard Norris passed away, the property was divided between his children, Marilyn Enwards and Marvin Norris. Marilyn lives on the original homestead.

Contact: Marilyn Enwards, 155 Bickleton Hwy., Goldendale, WA 98620

The Powers Farm, est. 1880

Current Owner: Powers Ranches, Inc.: Lance and Susan Powers
Relationship to 1989 Owner: son
Current Operator: Lance Powers
Relationship to Owner: same

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*Contact:* Lance and Susan Powers, 26 Ward Rd., Roosevelt, WA 99356

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**The Richardson Farm**  est. 1875

Current Owner: Richard Lefever  
Relationship to 1989 Owner: son  
Current Operator: Richard Lefever  
Relationship to Owner: same

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**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Center pivot irrigation added.

*Contact:* Richard Lefever, P.O. Box 793, Goldendale, WA 98620

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**Sky Mountain Ranch**  est. 1889

Current Owner: Tom Nelson and Barbara Nelson Estabrook  
Relationship to 1989 Owner: nephew and niece  
Current Operator: Tom Nelson  
Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

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Additional Information: All of the original buildings are still in use.

*Contact:* Tom Nelson, 1856 Churchill Terrace, West Linn, OR 97068

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**The Sarsfield Farm**  est. 1886

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Relationship to 1989 Owner: same  
Current Operator: Tony Sarsfield  
Relationship to Owner: same

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**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Added 115 acres of land.

Additional Information: My wife Marilyn Sarsfield had been a part owner with me since the 1970s until Oct. 11, 2012, when she was killed in a tragic car accident, leaving me as the sole owner.

*Contact:* Anthony "Tony" Sarsfield, 669 Dalles Mountain Rd., Centerville, WA 98613

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**The Davis Ranch**  est. 1888

Current Owner: Charlie and Marlena Fitzgerald, Georgene Fitzgerald, Deb and Joe Poulin  
Relationship to 1989 Owner: Georgene and her son, Charlie, were two of the owners in 1989. Deb is Helen’s granddaughter.  

Relationship to Owner: same

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**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The apple orchard went from 15 acres to less than a half acre. Most of the rangeland is still used for cattle grazing. Five acres has been used for a vegetable truck farm the last 30 years.

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**Additional Information:** This last summer all the buildings survived the Carlton Complex fire. The area had never burned since our family has been here and it was very destructive to the environment. We have separate operations and ownership, but the property has been continuously farmed and owned by family members since 1888. Georgene is the only surviving sister, actively farming 23 acres at age 78. Charlie and Marlenia live in the original ranch house and have 44 acres that is farmed and used for grazing. Helen’s daughter, Mary Lou, lives next door but is not a property owner. Deb and Joe just built a new house on the ranch, right next to Mary Lou. They lease out 423 acres for cattle grazing.

*Contact:* Charles Fitzgerald, 11 Davis Canyon Rd., Brewster, WA 98812

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**The Lenton Place** est. 1884

*Current Owner:* Hazel Lenton Dezellem and Family
*Relationship to 1989 Owner:* same
*Current Operator:* Lessees
*Relationship to Owner:* no relation

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*Changes in the Past 25 Years:* We don’t have our own cattle at this time. Both of the original cabins are still standing, but are deteriorating.

*Additional Information:* Bob Dezellem passed away in 2008.

*Contact:* Hazel Dezellem, P.O. Box 368, Oroville, WA 98844

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**The Thurlow Farm** est. 1886

*Current Owner:* Dr. and Mrs. Bernard M. Thurlow and family
*Relationship to 1989 Owner:* same
*Current Operator:* Dr. and Mrs. Bernard M. Thurlow
*Relationship to Owner:* two of the owners

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*Changes in the Past 25 Years:* We have lost family members and added grandchildren. In 75 years, Bernard has never seen a fire like the Carlton complex we just experienced. Thanks to firefighters, our family, homes and cattle are safe so far. We lost hay and fences and irrigation. The cost of everything is very high.

*Additional Information:* We appreciate having had the experience in the history of the ranch/farm, and the Methow Valley, and the State of Washington. The people, animals, stories, politics, and economics have been interesting. We look forward to the future.

*Contact:* Bernard and Dianne Thurlow, 52 Thurlow Rd., Twisp, WA 98856

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**The Alderson Farm** est. 1887

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

*Is the Land Still Farmed?* No. Sold to Enterprise for Progress in the Community (EPIC). The farming operation stopped when the property was sold.

*Contact:* Richard Alderson, 3007 Powerhouse Rd., Yakima, WA 98903

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**Yakima County**

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The Dunn Farm est. 1876

Current Owner: Dean Dunn
Relationship to 1989 Owner: cousin
Current Operator: Dean Dunn
Relationship to Owner: same

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: Equipment upgrades and lease expansion.

Additional Information: Dean Dunn is the current owner of what may be the last branch of Capt. Robert Dunn’s descendants to farm part of the original Centennial Farm land. The 26 acres of Centennial Farm land owned by Paul C. Dunn in 1989 was sold after Paul died in 1991. Other acreage has also passed out of family ownership. Dean’s Centennial Farm land is a small corner of the original Desert Land Act acreage that was part of land passed on to his grandfather, Duncan, and his father Clyde.

While Paul’s land was in fruit trees, Dean’s family has carried on the cattle-raising tradition started by Capt. Dunn in the early 1900s. Dean’s grandfather and Paul’s father were the two sons of Robert and Annie Dunn who, along with their sisters, inherited Dunn Farm land.

Contact: Schuyler Dunn, 5751 Yakima Valley Hwy, Wapato, WA 98951

The Eschbach Farm est. 1883

Current Owner: Greg and MaryLynne Eschbach Brewington
Relationship to 1989 Owner: niece and her husband
Current Operator: MaryLynne Brewington
Relationship to Owner: same

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The remaining acreage of pears is farmed by local farmer Andy Judd. The bordering Eschbach Park was closed by Yakima County in 2010 and is now a nature area.

Additional Information: The original cabin front wall is in the basement of the present home.

Contact: MaryLynne Brewington, 4871 S. Naches Rd., Naches, WA 98937

Rowe Farms, Inc. est. 1889

Current Owner: Adam and Morgan Rowe
Relationship to 1989 Owner: Walter Rowe’s sons
Current Operator: Morgan and Adam Rowe
Relationship to Owner: same

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Shifted from primarily Red and Golden Delicious in 1989 to broader varieties, including Honeycrisp and Pink Lady. About 10 percent of apples and cherries are certified organic. We made a few small land purchases and we stopped packing apples in 2005.

Additional Information: Adam and Morgan have owned the farm since 2005.

Contact: Adam Rowe, 70 Locust Ln., Naches, WA 98937
The Stevenson Farm  est. 1870

Current Owner: Eugene and Kathy Stevenson
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same
Current Operator: Gail Thornton
Relationship to Owner: renter, friend

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Changes in the Past 25 Years: We moved to Spokane to be near our son and his family. All those family members of the last generation are gone. We lost three acres in boundary line adjustments.

Additional Information: The amount of acreage we have barely sustains itself some years. The question of water rights has been front and center of our operation. We have been forced by many agencies to remove our dams on the creek. We have moved our water rights to the Tieton River and are receiving our water by pipeline via Yakima-Tieton irrigation. In theory, it will cost what our pumps cost. In practice, that is yet to be seen.

Government, through its many arms, has taken over the water on our ranch.

Contact: Eugene W. Stevenson, 913 E. Bonnie Lynn Ln., Colbert, WA 99005

Non-Participating Farms

The following 14 farms in the Central Washington 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.

Chelan County
The Richardson Fruit Farm, est. 1888, p. 221

Kittitas County
The Brain-Ellison Ranch, est. 1878, p.205
The Bull Farm, est. 1881, p. 208
The Charlton Farm, est. 1883, p. 207
The Ferguson Farm, est. 1871, p. 203
The Ferguson Farm, est. 1871, p. 203
The Frisbee/Bull Farm, est. 1888, p. 209
Locust Grove Farm, Inc., est. 1881, p. 206

Klickitat County
Davenport Ranches, Inc., est. approx. 1885, p. 215
The Jaekel Farm, est. 1874, p. 212
OK Ranch, est. 1883, p. 216
The Rasmusson Farm, est. 1883, p. 217

Okanogan County
The Pogue Farm, est. 1886, p. 222

Yakima County
The McDonald Farm, est. 1889, p. 201