

# WASHINGTON'S *Centennial Farms*

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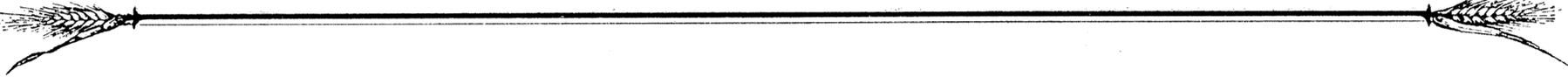
*25 years later...*



Celebrating the important role of agriculture  
in the history and development of Washington State



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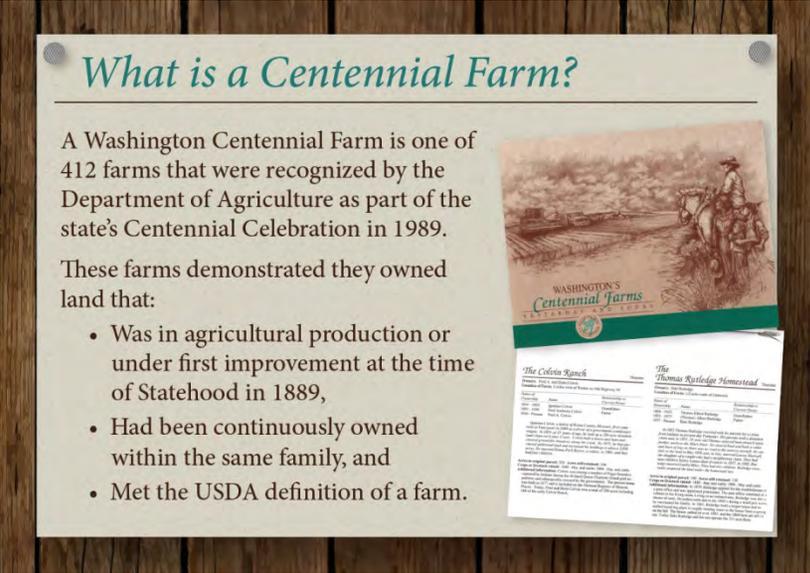


## Reconnecting with Washington's Centennial Farms

### Happy 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday Washington!

Washington State celebrated its 125th anniversary of statehood on November 11, 2014. Leading up to the date, the Washington State Historical Society and Secretary of State encouraged state agencies to join in the commemoration, with a focus on the last 25 years.

In response, the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) undertook an effort to reconnect with the farms that participated in its Centennial Farm recognition program in 1989. These farms – a total of 412 in number, from all across the state – had been in the same family for 100 years or more at the time of the state's Centennial.



### What is a Centennial Farm?

A Washington Centennial Farm is one of 412 farms that were recognized by the Department of Agriculture as part of the state's Centennial Celebration in 1989.

These farms demonstrated they owned land that:

- Was in agricultural production or under first improvement at the time of Statehood in 1889,
- Had been continuously owned within the same family, and
- Met the USDA definition of a farm.



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*"This has been a wonderful opportunity to highlight the continuing importance of agriculture to our state and to reconnect with farm families who have been part of our state's history for more than 125 years."*

*-- DEREK SANDISON, DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE*

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The goal of the 2014 project was to find out, 25 years later, if these farms were still in the same family and to capture a few details about each farm's current ownership, size and operation. A total of 286 farms chose to participate, an impressive 69 percent response rate, with 253 reporting that the farm was still owned by the same family.

This publication includes a 20-page overview that summarizes the results of this project and highlights some of the changes in our state's agricultural industry over the last 25 years. The overview is complemented by eight chapters, organized by region, that present specific information about the individual farms that participated.

### Celebrating Agriculture in 1989

Agriculture has been a vital part of Washington's economy and its character since before statehood. The state's Centennial Celebration was a time of engagement and festivities across the state, with an overwhelming response to the Department of Agriculture's Centennial Farm program. WSDA issued certificates and cooperated in local events to recognize farms that had been in the same family 100 years or more. As it reviewed applications and the records documenting the farms' establishment, WSDA realized it had in its hands a wealth of information that formed a larger story – one that needed to be shared and preserved.



Centennial Farm families were among the state’s earliest settlers. They put their roots down first in western Washington, then in the Walla Walla country. They followed settlement east to the productive lands of the Palouse, before turning back westward as they followed the construction of the railroad into central Washington. And, Centennial Farm families did much more than farm. They helped establish communities, churches and schools, and played an active role in shaping Washington.

*Quick Facts*

- Centennial Farms are in 36 of the state’s 39 counties.
- The oldest Centennial Farms are in western Washington in Island, Lewis and Pierce counties, tracing their history back to the early 1850s, when Washington was still part of the Oregon Territory.
- Half of the Centennial Farms are in four eastern counties: Whitman, Walla Walla, Spokane and Lincoln.

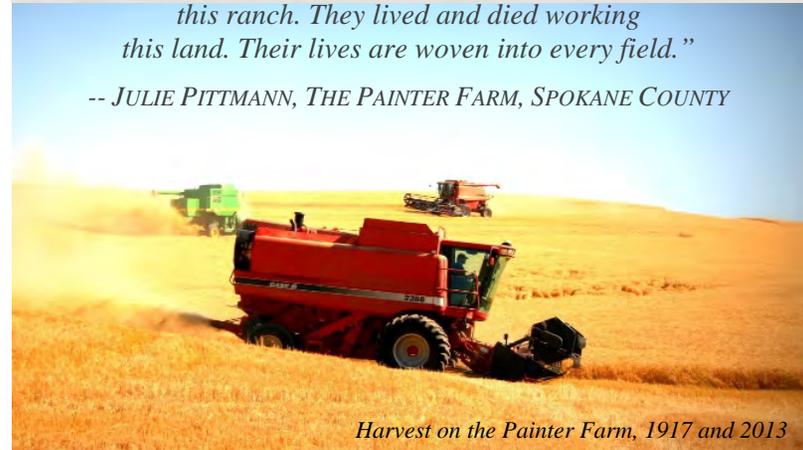
The importance of agriculture and farm families to the settlement and development of the state was presented in the book, “*Washington’s Centennial Farms: Yesterday and Today*,” published in November 1989. The book features profiles of the Centennial Farms, providing the individual stories of the farm founders and a snapshot of the farm operation in 1889 and in 1989. The 2014 project created an opportunity to check in with these longtime family farms,

take another snapshot in time, and see the state’s agricultural industry from a variety of perspectives.



*“Our goal is to instill love and pride of ownership for this land in our children, to honor our ancestors who worked diligently to keep and improve this ranch. They lived and died working this land. Their lives are woven into every field.”*

*-- JULIE PITTMANN, THE PAINTER FARM, SPOKANE COUNTY*



*Harvest on the Painter Farm, 1917 and 2013*

***In 1889***

Most Washington farms were self-sufficient operations with a garden, an orchard, grain crops, chickens, a milk cow, hogs and beef cattle, and horses to do the work. They produced food for the family, feed for livestock, and agricultural products to sell for income to buy family and farm supplies.

***In 1989***

Washington’s farms were specialized – ranging from 40-acre orchards to 200-acre dairy farms to wheat ranches of more than 5,000 acres.

***In 2014***

Washington’s farms continue to be specialized but more diversified as they respond to changing markets, consumer preferences, and a state population that has grown from 4.7 million to 7.0 million in the last 25 years.

# Washington's Centennial Farms 25 Years Later





## *Washington's Centennial Farms in 2014*

“So, is the farm still in your family?” That’s the question we posed to 412 families who participated in the 1989 Centennial Farms project. Almost 300 responded, and we learned that a remarkable 88 percent of these farms are still in the same family, and have been now for at least 125 years and, in some cases, more than 150 years.

These families also told us who currently owns and operates the farm, the farm’s size, and what crops or livestock were produced in 2014. Comparing the responses to the information provided in 1989 provides some insight into recent changes in this group of longtime farming operations. Not surprisingly, we noted some differences between eastern and western Washington farms.

For example, the percentage of farms still owned by the same family gets higher the further east you go. In western Washington, 82 percent of the farms are still in the same family; the number rises to 88 percent in the center regions of the state, and reaches 93 percent in the regions bordering Idaho.

### *Who owns the farm today?*

Longevity and perseverance on the farm are in these families’ genes. Case in point: for almost half the farms, the owners in 2014 are the same as in 1989, more than a third are owned by the next generation, and the rest are jointly owned by a mix of the two.

### *Who’s operating the farm?*

Who runs the farm operation also tells a story. Most of the current farm owners were listed as the operators of the farm, sometimes in partnership with a child or grandchild. Almost a quarter of the farms are operated by someone outside the family, somewhat more so in eastern than western Washington.

### *Changes in Farm Size*

While the owners and operators of Centennial Farms have stayed relatively stable over the last 25 years, the size and activities of the farms have not. Roughly a third of the farms report farming more acres in 2014, an equal number farm less acreage, and the rest are about the same. Western Washington farms were more likely to report operating less acreage today. On average, western Washington Centennial Farms operated 228 acres in 2014, about 10 percent less than they did in 1989. The average number of acres operated by eastern Washington Centennial Farms increased 30 percent from 1989 and, at 2,416 acres, was more than ten times the average farm size west of the Cascades.

Region / County	Number of...		
	Centennial Farms	Farms Responding in 2014	Farms still in same family in 2014
<b>Southwest Washington &amp; South Puget Sound:</b> <i>Clallam, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Mason, Pierce, Thurston, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Lewis, Pacific, Wahkiakum counties</i>	53	41	33
<b>North Puget Sound:</b> <i>Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Whatcom counties</i>	41	28	24
<b>Walla Walla County</b>	51	35	33
<b>Southeast Washington:</b> <i>Asotin, Columbia, Garfield counties</i>	40	29	27
<b>Whitman County</b>	82	52	48
<b>Northeast Washington:</b> <i>Spokane and Stevens counties</i>	41	29	27
<b>Central Washington:</b> <i>Benton, Chelan, Kittitas, Klickitat, Okanogan and Yakima counties</i>	44	30	24
<b>East Central Washington:</b> <i>Adams, Douglas, Franklin, Grant, and Lincoln counties</i>	60	43	37
<b>State Total</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>253</b>

Note: There were no Centennial Farms in Ferry, Pend Oreille or Skamania counties.



### *Crops and Livestock Produced*

For most Centennial Farms, there was no major change in the primary crops and livestock produced in 2014 compared to 1989. While production practices may have changed, eastern Washington dryland farmers still grow wheat, while cattle, hay and timber still predominate in western Washington. There was change, however, in the Puget Sound counties, with several farms selling their dairy herds and shifting to crops, particularly fresh potatoes. Also, with the departure of area vegetable processors, green peas and cucumbers disappeared from the list of crops produced by Centennial Farms in those counties.

### *What about the farms that were sold?*

The Centennial Farms that left family ownership, by and large, are still operating farms. In several cases, the farm is now owned by a neighbor or by the family leasing the land for many years.

The few that are no longer in agriculture include land that is now part of a wildlife refuge in Skagit County, home to a non-profit providing early childhood education in Yakima, and owned by a gravel business in Lewis County.

Overall, 12 percent of the responding Centennial Farms left family ownership in the last 25 years, with the rate almost twice as high in western Washington as in eastern Washington. Often, the farm was sold because no one in the family was able or interested in continuing to operate it, with death, illness or old age prompting the ultimate sale.

*“My father, Erik, is looking down from heaven with a smile, that the game and wildlife now have a home.”*

*-- KATHRYN EIDE GLICK, THE EIDE FARM, SNOHOMISH COUNTY*

### *What’s the Original Parcel?*

In their responses, Centennial Farms told us how many acres of the “original parcel” they still retained. The original parcel is the parcel of land that the family hangs its Centennial Farm status on – its longest continuously owned piece of land.

Seventy percent of Washington’s Centennial Farms acquired their original parcel from the federal government under one or more of the public land acts in effect during Washington’s territorial period. Others purchased land from other settlers or the Northern Pacific Railroad, which received land from the federal government to cover construction costs. Most commonly, Centennial Farms obtained their first land under the Homestead Act, which granted 160 acres to a settler if he or she would improve and live on the land continuously for five years.

In the last 25 years, about 10 percent of the participating Centennial Farms that are still in the same family sold a portion of their original parcel. The average acres retained in 2014 was 85 acres in western Washington and 152 acres in eastern Washington – with many eastern Washington Centennial Farms still owning their entire original 160-acre parcel.



## Washington Agriculture: 1989 and Today

Washington's Centennial Farms illustrate many of the significant changes that have occurred in agriculture since 1989. The following pages highlight several of these changes, and feature Centennial Farms that shared how their operations have changed since 1989.

### *Trends across the industry*

**Going Organic:** In the last 25 years, organic has become mainstream. When Washington fielded one of the first state organic certification programs in 1988, there were 68 organic farms with 2,000 acres in the state. In 2013, WSDA certified 748 producers with almost 87,000 acres, as well as 350 organic handlers and processors. Organic food sales in the U.S. have more than doubled in the last 10 years, reaching an estimated \$35 billion in 2014.



Washington is the leading U.S. producer of organic apples, pears, cherries, sweet corn, green peas and more, with most of the organic acreage in western and central Washington. Two percent of Washington's Centennial Farms are WSDA-certified, a proportion on par with the state as a whole, and are producing organic milk, beef, fruit, berries, hay and other crops.

**Buy Local:** In the last 25 years, consumers increasingly have embraced local food and farms, flocking to Washington's more than 150 farmers markets, which offer products from an estimated 1,200 farmers. Several Centennial Farms have turned to direct marketing to take advantage of the 'buy local' trend.

The Hayton Farm in Mount Vernon sells its berries to Seattle-area restaurants and farmers markets. Mission Farms near Walla Walla markets its natural free-range eggs, heritage turkeys and other meat

and poultry products locally. Abbey Farm near Waitsburg produces dry mixes using its whole grain wheat berries and sells them at gift shows and through the mail. Several Centennial Farms sell their beef through local outlets and direct from the farm.

### *The Austin Farm, Grays Harbor County*

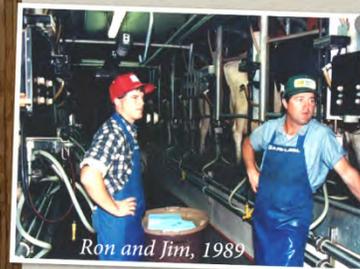
The land Jim Austin's great grandfather purchased in 1878 included the Black River Ford, so in addition to farming, he ferried people and livestock across the river. The farm always had dairy cows and, by 1989, Jim and Janie Austin operated a 153-acre dairy with 100 milk cows.



Ron with robotic milker

They switched to organic production in 2006 and, most recently, installed a robotic system to automate the milking process and monitor milk production.

Today Jim, Janie, and their son and partner, Ron, operate 316 acres with 172 dairy cows, organic hay and silage, and 30 organic Black Angus.



Ron and Jim, 1989



Ron, Janie and Jim Austin



**Conservation and Sustainability:** Over the last 25 years, natural resource conservation and stewardship have been increasingly emphasized throughout agriculture. More growers are using reduced tillage, direct seeding and other practices that conserve or improve soil, water and wildlife habitat. Since its start in 1986, the federal Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) has taken nearly 20 percent of Washington’s most erodible and environmentally sensitive cropland out of production through long-term contracts. In 2014, Washington farmers, including many Centennial Farms, had close to 1.4 million acres – mostly planted to native and nonnative grasses – under CRP.

Local and state conservation programs have also tapped into the value of Centennial Farms. Some of the original Freund Farm in Island County is now a restored wetland on Oak Harbor’s waterfront that features the Freund Marsh Trail. The Ovenell Farm recently sold 15 acres to the City of Stanwood to be preserved as open space with recreational access to the Stillaguamish River. Former homestead land of the Eschbach family is transitioning from a park to a natural area in Yakima County and the Gilkerson/Davis Farm east of Walla Walla leases land to the state for wildlife habitat.

### Changes in Top Ag Commodities

**Dairy:** Significant changes have occurred in Washington’s **dairy industry** in the last 25 years as small dairies disappeared in western Washington and large dairies found a new home in irrigated areas of eastern Washington. In 1987, the U.S. Ag Census tallied 1,606 commercial dairy farms and a total of 221,000 milk cows in the state. By 2012, the number of commercial dairies had declined to 427, while herd size increased 20 percent to 267,000 milk cows.

Economics has been the primary driver for this nationwide shift to larger dairies, while urban pressures have pushed much of Washington’s dairy industry across the Cascades.

There were 17 Centennial Farms operating dairies in 1989 with all but one in the “dairy counties” around Puget Sound. In 2014, only

four of these farms are still in the dairy business. These farms have expanded and adopted new technology, with robotic milking machines being installed, automated feeding and watering systems the standard, and manure management more sophisticated.

### Spirlock-Nelson Farm, Thurston County

Five generations of the Spirlock-Nelson family have farmed south of Olympia for more than 150 years, and the commitment to sustainable practices has been a time-honored tradition.



Jill, Kay, Ron, Scott and Rick Nelson (Lacy Nicole Photography)

Farm founder James Spirlock was a livestock trader who bought and shipped cattle by barge to Canada. Today the Nelsons produce all-natural, grass-fed beef from cattle that are born and range free on their ranch. The Deschutes River flows through the farm and the last 25 years have seen increased effort to protect water quality with new fencing, added water troughs, a manure storage facility and updated irrigation. Recently, they planted a plot of wine grapes as they continue to explore ways to supply sustainably grown, quality products to the local community.



From horse power...



...to solar power

**Beef:** Like the dairy industry, the state's **beef industry** has seen a decline in number of operations, from an estimated 16,000 in 1989 to just over 9,100 in 2012. That's been accompanied by an even greater decline in the state's beef cow herd size. Since peak inventory in the early 1980s, cow-calf herds have declined nationally by 26 percent, and in Washington by more than half, to about 209,000 cows in 2014. Still, one in four farms in the state have beef cows and, as in 1989, about 65 percent of these operations have less than ten cows.

Among Centennial Farms, fewer reported raising beef cattle in 2014 than in 1989 but, across the state, raising cattle remained one of the most common aspects of Centennial Farm operations. Several farms commented on the heightened importance of sustainable practices and land stewardship, especially related to water quality and manure management.

**Apples:** In the last 25 years, the choice of variety available from



Washington's **apple growers** has expanded. In 1989, 75 percent of Washington apple acreage was Red Delicious, 15 percent Golden Delicious, 5 percent Granny Smith and 5 percent all others. In 2014, Washington promotes a range of



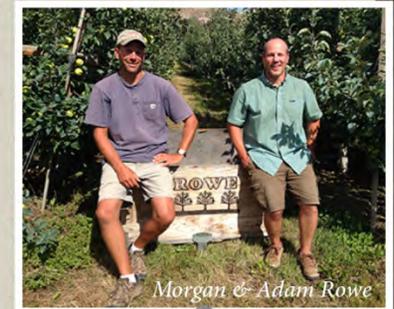
more than nine varieties. Red Delicious still make up 30 percent of the state's apples and almost half of the state's apple exports.

There are few orchardists among the ranks of Centennial Farms. Most of the fruit industry's development occurred after statehood, when irrigation waters from the Yakima and Columbia Basin projects changed areas with less than 10 inches of rainfall a year to some of the most productive agricultural land in the country. Today this land produces not just apples and other tree fruits, but many other high-value crops such as potatoes, onions, hops, wine grapes, sweet corn and mint.

## Rowe Farms, Yakima County

Irrigated agriculture and the fruit industry were in their infancy in 1889 when Linnie Rowe's son persuaded her to come to the Yakima Valley and file a claim on 200 acres of sagebrush above the Naches River. Her son soon died but Linnie carried on and the rest of the family came west. By 1904, Rowe Farms was a mixed crop and livestock farm with 14 acres in orchards.

Today, brothers Adam and Morgan Rowe operate 530 acres of apples, pears, and cherries. Over the last 25 years, Rowe Farms has changed in ways that typify the fruit industry.



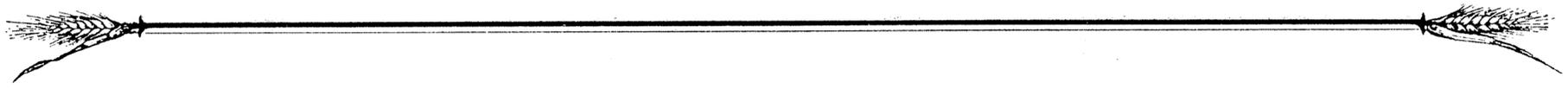
Morgan & Adam Rowe

In 1988, 80% of their apple trees were Red and Golden Delicious, now it's just 30%, with new varieties like Honeycrisp and Pink Lady in the orchard. And about 10% of their apples and cherries are certified organic, an option that didn't exist 25 years ago.



New high-density cherry plantings





## *How has the farm changed over the last 25 years?*

*Everything's bigger. We use wheel tractors instead of crawlers. There is no more livestock and not near as much tillage.*

BILL BLESSINGER,  
THE BLESSINGER FARM, COLUMBIA COUNTY

*We have improved the variety of crops grown and have made the transition to direct seed with no loss in profitability.*

ROGER COX,  
GROVE RANCH, WHITMAN COUNTY

*Like other farm families, we've made big gains in productivity and stewardship, producing several 80-plus bushel crops in a 13-inch rainfall zone where 45 bushels was once an outstanding yield, while reducing tillage and making major gains in preservation of topsoil.*

ALEX MCGREGOR,  
MCGREGOR LAND & LIVESTOCK RANCH, WHITMAN COUNTY

*The size of operation has doubled, direct seeding has replaced conventional farming, GPS guidance systems are used extensively, electronic moisture instruments monitor grain from the combine.*

KARL FELGENHAUER,  
THE ELDEN FELGENHAUER FARMS, SPOKANE COUNTY

*We have changed the farming system twice, and now farm no-till direct seed.*

JERRY SHEFFELS,  
THE SHEFFELS FARM, LINCOLN COUNTY

*Wheat:* To the casual observer, changes in **wheat farming** over the last 25 years may be less evident than for other commodities in Washington.

Wheat is still king in terms of crop acreage in Washington, and still mostly grown on vast expanses of land in a region that averages less than 17 inches of rainfall a year. In 2014, wheat was harvested from more than 2 million acres of the state's cropland, with Whitman, Lincoln, Adams and Walla Walla, as usual, the top wheat-producing counties.

Like 25 years ago, most of the crop is soft white winter wheat, with 85 to 90 percent destined for overseas markets where it is milled to make flour for flat breads, cakes, pastries, crackers and more.

Wheat has been planted every year on most eastern Washington Centennial Farms for more than 125 years. And while many Centennial Farms reported no change or "not much" in the last 25 years, others commented on changes in tillage practices, rotation crops, equipment, technology, and farm size.



*Wheat harvest on Mielke Bros. Inc. near Davenport*

The Tompkins Farm in Walla Walla County wrote that its 2,440-acre farm is too small to operate alone and it's now part of a larger farm operation. The Hill Ranch in Whitman County said it sold the farm because the ag economy was "in the pits and we couldn't get big."

Several farms reported using GPS technology to fine-tune planting, fertilizer and pesticide application, and harvest. Many more pointed out they've adopted new farming practices to improve soil health, reduce erosion, and manage pests.

Conventional tillage, involving several tractor trips to prepare fields for planting, was standard practice in Washington in 1989. By 2004, one-third of Washington wheat acreage was minimum- or no-till, and by 2012, conservation tillage practices, including no-till, were used on more than half of the cultivated cropland acres in Washington.

The information shared by the Centennial Farm wheat farms in many ways matches the statistics that capture changes across the state's wheat industry. In the last 25 years:

- Wheat farming operations have gotten larger. While the number of farms harvesting wheat has fallen by almost half to 2,871 in 2012, the number of acres devoted to wheat have remained relatively steady.
- The mix of rotation crops has changed. Barley production declined from an average of more than 500,000 acres in the late 1980s to an average of 145,000 acres since 2010. At the same time, garbanzo acreage increased from 4,000 acres in 1988 to a record 92,000 acres in 2013, with canola acreage also on the upswing.
- Acreage that used to produce wheat and barley has been planted to grasses under the Conservation Reserve Program. Of the more than 1.4 million acres in CRP the last ten years, the state's wheat counties accounted for close to 95 percent of the enrolled acreage.

## *The Schlee Homestead, Whitman County*

Wheat farmer Allen Druffel describes the shift from conventional tillage to no-till on the John Jacob and Caroline Schlee Homestead as "monumental." For the Druffel family, the original motivation to move to less tillage was economic. "We couldn't see a sustainable way to continue farming," says Druffel. "The soil was either blowing away or washing away. My dad wanted to keep the value of the farm, not just for my generation but for generations to come."



*Allen, Tecla, Leroy and Joanne Druffel*

Druffel says he wants to boost production by paying attention to what's under the soil surface. By

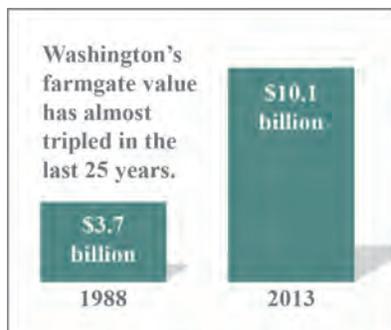
giving up the plow and reducing farm machinery crossings, soil compaction is not such an issue; leaving crop residue on the ground after harvest means better retention of water, organic matter, and nutrients. Increasing diversity in crop rotation, and planting deep-rooted crops or ground cover are also improving soil health.



*Flowering Flax*

## Value of Washington agriculture soars

The value of crops and livestock produced on Washington’s farms has almost tripled in the last 25 years – from a value of production of \$3.7 billion in 1988 to a near-record \$10.1 billion in 2013.



A look at Washington’s “Top 10” in 1988 and 2013 shows not only the tremendous diversity of the state’s agricultural industry but also some significant shifts in the production and value of those commodities. **Wheat** was the state’s top crop for almost 100 years and, in terms of acreage, it remains the biggest player. Over the last 25 years, however, wheat

has found itself regularly in the number three spot as **apples** have taken a firm hold at the top – reaching almost \$2.2 billion in value in 2013 – with **milk** consistently coming in at number two.

**Sweet cherries** have moved up in rank due in large part to an increase in acreage – from 12,800 bearing acres in 1988 to 35,000 bearing acres in 2013. **Hops** and **grapes** have moved into the Top 10, thanks to the development of the nation’s craft brewing industry and the growth of the state’s wine industry. In the last 25 years, Washington’s **wine industry** has grown from less than 70 to more than 700 wineries and its wine grape acreage has increased to 45,000 bearing acres, almost twice the acreage of grapes grown for juice, jams and jellies.

Though not in the Top 10, the last 25 years have also seen a boom in **blueberry** production, with more than a six-fold increase from 2003 to 2013 due to consumer demand. The state’s **asparagus** industry, on the other hand, is a shadow of its former self. After peaking in 1989, growers now harvest a much smaller, fresh-market crop, in the wake of processors moving operations to South America a decade ago.

## WASHINGTON’S TOP 10 AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES

Commodity	1988 Rank	1988 Value of Production (\$,000)	2013 Rank	2013 Value of Production (\$,000)	% change
Wheat	1	\$522,158	3	\$1,014,032	94%
Apples	2	505,050	1	2,189,095	333%
Milk	3	495,851	2	1,298,880	162%
Cattle	4	394,269	5	715,458	81%
Potatoes	5	244,404	4	792,000	224%
Hay	6	222,391	6	675,050	204%
Nursery/Greenhouse	7	130,000	8*	304,898*	135%
Pears	8	90,486	9	225,392	149%
Barley	9	85,064	--	57,845	-32%
Sweet Cherries	10	60,918	7	385,198	532%
Hops	12	54,061	10	184,983	242%
Grapes	14	44,601	8	277,508	522%

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service \* 2012 data, not reported separately in 2013

### Family farms, small and large

While most of the state’s 36,700 farms are small, part-time operations, Washington’s midsize and large-scale family farms account for almost all of the state’s agricultural production.

Of the state’s 14.7 million acres in farmland, 1 million are in western Washington where farm size averages 57 acres. Eastern Washington farms cover 13.7 million acres and average 701 acres.

### Still tops in crops

As in 1988, Washington in 2013 was #1 in the country in the production of apples, sweet cherries, pears, hops, spearmint oil, red raspberries, and carrots and green peas for processing, and #2 in the production of potatoes. Washington produced almost 7 percent of the nation’s wheat crop in both 1988 and 2013.

# Is the Centennial Farm Still Owned By The Same Family?

## Alphabetical List by County

Of the 412 farms that participated in the 1989 Centennial Farms project, a total of 286 responded to WSDA's questionnaire asking if the farm was still owned by the family in 2014. Of those responding, 253 answered yes. Here is a list by county of all 412 farms, noting the year the farm was established and whether the farm is still owned by the same family, indicated by Yes, No or NR (No Response). Specific information about individual farms is found in the regional chapters. Each county name is followed by the name of the region it's in.

### Overview of the Regional Chapters

The eight regional chapters contain the information provided by Centennial Farm families in response to the questionnaire WSDA sent them in 2014. The questionnaire asked who owns and operates the farm today, the size of the farm and how many acres of the "original parcel" are still owned, and what crops or livestock are produced. Families could also comment on farm changes over the last 25 years and whether any original buildings were still in use.

Each farm's listing in the regional chapters notes the page where the farm's profile appears in the 1989 book, "Washington's Centennial Farms – Yesterday and Today" or its Addendum, available on the WSDA website at: <http://agr.wa.gov>. 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.

#### **Adams - East Central**

The Bauer Farm, est. 1884, Yes  
Figure 3 Ranch, est. 1889, Yes  
Heinemann Family Farm, est. 1888, Yes  
The Jirava Farm, est. 1882, Yes  
The Kelsey Farm, est. 1889, Yes  
R.P. Smith Homestead, est. 1887, No  
Yes=5 No=1 NR=0 Total=6

#### **Asotin - Southeast**

Ayers Ranch, est. 1878, NR  
The Bolick Farm, est. 1879, Yes  
The Floch Farm, est. 1879, Yes  
The Johnson Farm, est. 1880, NR  
The Rimmelpacher Farm, est. 1889, Yes  
Yes=3 No=0 NR=2 Total=5

#### **Benton - Central**

The Hans Smith Family Farm, est. 1885, Yes  
Yes=1 No=0 NR=0 Total=1

#### **Chelan - Central**

The Bart Brender Farm, est. 1881, No  
The Carl Brender Farm, est. 1881, No  
The Melvin Brender Farm, est. 1881, No  
The Richardson Fruit Farm, est. 1888, NR  
Yes=0 No=3 NR=1 Total=4

#### **Clallam - Southwest/S. Puget Sound**

The James Clark Farm, est. 1887, Yes  
The William King Farm, est. 1863, Yes  
The Woodcock Farm, est. 1884, Yes  
Yes=3 No=0 NR=0 Total=3

#### **Clark - Southwest/S. Puget Sound**

The Anderson Farm, est. 1865, No  
Bi-Zi Farms, est. 1872, Yes  
The Hazen/Frasier Farm, est. 1876, Yes  
The Mattson Farm, est. 1883, Yes  
The O'Keefe Farm, est. 1881, NR  
The Wright Farm, est. 1870, NR  
Yes=3 No=1 NR=2 Total=6

#### **Columbia - Southeast**

The Abbey Farm, est. 1869, Yes  
The Blessinger Farm, est. 1881, Yes  
The Cantonwine/Shaffer Farm, est. 1884, Yes  
Donohue Farms, Inc., est. 1872, Yes  
The Harris Family Farm, est. 1880, Yes  
Hinchliff & Sons, Inc., est. 1872, Yes  
The Ingram Farms, est. 1889, Yes  
The McHargue Farm, est. 1883, Yes  
The Neace Farm, est. 1872, Yes  
M.L. Neace Trust, est. 1886, Yes  
The Nowles Farm, est. 1872, NR  
The Price/Bowman Farm, est. 1885, Yes  
Rainwater Ranch, est. 1874, No

Rockhill Ranch, est. 1871, No  
 The Sterns Farm, est. 1882, NR  
 The Willis Thronson Farm, est. 1881, Yes  
 Top Wave Farms, est. 1881, Yes  
 Turner Farms, est. 1884, NR  
 The Van Patten Farm, est. 1880, NR  
 The Winnet Farm, est. 1874, Yes  
 Yes=14 No=2 NR=4 Total=20

**Cowlitz - Southwest/S. Puget Sound**

The Bebe Farm, est. 1889, Yes  
 N.B. Gardner Tree Farm, est. 1882, Yes  
 The Klady/Guilt/Taggart Farm, est. 1871, NR

Yes=2 No=0 NR=1 Total=3

**Douglas - East Central**

The Augst Farm, est. 1888, Yes  
 The Hensel Farm, est. 1887, Yes  
 John and Augusta Johnson Farm, est. 1889, Yes  
 The McLean Ranch, est. 1887, Yes  
 The Prange/Eggers Farm, est. 1889, Yes  
 The Rigg Farm, est. 1889, Yes  
 The Ruud Farm, est. 1883, Yes  
 The Smith/Long Farm, est. 1887, NR  
 The Viebrock Farm, est. 1889, NR

Yes=7 No=0 NR=2 Total=9

**Ferry No Centennial Farms**

**Franklin - East Central**

Ray Bailie Farm, est. 1888, Yes  
 The Harder Farm, est. 1883, Yes  
 Jaussaud Ranches, est. 1884, No  
 Yes=2 No=1 NR=0 Total=3

**Garfield - Southeast**

The Blachly Farm, est. 1878, Yes  
 The Crumpacker Family Farm, est. 1879, NR  
 The Fitzsimmons Farm, est. 1879, Yes  
 The Hastings Farm, est. 1886, NR  
 The Kimble Farm, est. 1882, Yes  
 L & M Ranch, Inc., est. 1877, NR  
 The Malone Farm, est. 1888, Yes  
 The Thomas Ruark Farm, est. 1887, Yes  
 The Thomas Ruark Farm, est. 1887, Yes  
 The Scoggin Farm, est. 1877, Yes  
 The Shawley Family Ltd. Partnership, est. 1873, NR  
 The Shelton Farm, est. 1885, NR  
 The Stallcop Farm, est. 1878, Yes  
 The Travis Farm, est. 1876, Yes  
 The Wilson/Kimble Farm, est. 1879, Yes  
 Yes=10 No=0 NR=5 Total=15

**Grant - East Central**

The Drinkard Farm, est. 1887, Yes  
 The Jelinek Farm, est. 1883, NR  
 The Kelley Brothers Farm, est. 1883, NR  
 The O'Neil Farm, est. 1883, No  
 The Schrock Farm, est. 1884, Yes  
 The Utt Farm, est. 1888, Yes  
 Yes=3 No=1 NR=2 Total=6

**Bi-Zi Farms, Clark County**

Taking advantage of the natural tension between agriculture and urban growth, Bill and Peggy Zimmerman opened a small farm store in 2000 to direct market their vegetables and berries. The 40 acres that Bill's ancestor purchased in 1872 to raise hay and cattle and provide for his family is just minutes northeast of Vancouver. In 1989, Bi-Zi Farms grew certified clover seed and oats, cleaning and delivering it to Portland and Seattle horse race tracks. Today, shoppers and families come to the farm for fresh produce and an agri-tourism experience.





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**Grays Harbor - Southwest/S. Puget Sound**

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The Austin Farm, est. 1878, Yes  
The Glenn Farm, est. 1868, Yes  
The Koch Farm, est. 1889, No  
The McDougal Farm, est. 1888, No

Yes=2 No=2 NR=0 Total=4

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**Island - North Puget Sound**

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The Freund Farm, est. 1851, Yes  
The Iverson Farm, est. 1882, No  
The Pearson Farm "Engleholm", est. 1869, No  
Sherman Farms, Inc., est. 1885, Yes

Yes=2 No=2 NR=0 Total=4

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**Jefferson - Southwest/S. Puget Sound**

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The Broderson Homestead, est. 1882, No  
The Huntingford Farm, est. 1862, NR  
The Charles Johnson Farm, est. 1887, Yes

Yes=1 No=1 NR=1 Total=3

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**King - Southwest/S. Puget Sound**

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Lagesson Homestead, est. 1885, Yes  
The Newman Farm, est. 1886, NR  
The Peacock Farm, est. 1888, Yes  
The Sikes Meadowlake Farm, est. 1882, No

Yes=2 No=1 NR=1 Total=4

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**Kitsap - Southwest/S. Puget Sound**

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The Martinson Farm, est. 1889, Yes

Yes=1 No=0 NR=0 Total=1

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**Kittitas - Central**

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The Brain-Ellison Ranch, est. 1878, NR  
The Bull Farm, est. 1881, NR  
The Charlton Farm, est. 1883, NR  
The Clerf Farm, est. 1887, Yes  
The Henry Clerf Farm, est. 1885, Yes

The Ferguson Farm, est. 1871, NR  
The Ferguson Farm, est. 1871, NR  
The Frederick Farm, est. 1875, Yes  
The Frisbee/Bull Farm, est. 1888, NR  
The Edward Haga Farm, est. 1889, Yes  
The Hanson Family Farm, est. 1887, Yes  
The Hutchinson Ranch, est. 1887, Yes  
Locust Grove Farm, Inc., est. 1881, NR  
The Prater Farm, est. 1879, No  
The Spurling Farm, est. 1881, Yes

Yes=7 No=1 NR=7 Total=15

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**Klickitat - Central**

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The Brokaw Farm, est. 1877, No  
Davenport Ranches, Inc., est. approx. 1885, NR  
Doubletree Ranch aka Niels Brown Ranch,  
est. 1878, Yes  
The Eshelman Farm, est. 1880, Yes  
The Hornibrook Farm, est. 1888, Yes  
The Jaekel Farm, est. 1874, NR  
Kelley Ranch, est. 1884, Yes  
The Norris Farm, est. 1878, Yes  
OK Ranch, est. 1883, NR  
The Powers Farm, est. 1880, Yes  
The Rasmusson Farm, est. 1883, NR  
The Richardson Farm, est. 1875, Yes  
The Sarsfield Farm, est. 1886, Yes  
Sky Mountain Ranch, est. 1889, Yes

Yes=9 No=1 NR=4 Total=14

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**Lewis - Southwest/S. Puget Sound**

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The Crumb Farm, est. 1884, NR  
The Frase Farm, est. 1889, Yes  
The Hilpert Farm, est. 1858, No  
The Landes Farm, est. 1879, NR  
The Francis Layton Farm, est. 1851, Yes  
The Francis Layton Home/Kirkendoll Farm,  
est. 1851, No

The Layton/Armstrong Farm, est. 1867, Yes  
The Layton/Kirkendoll Farm, est. 1867, Yes  
Nelson Tree Farm, Inc., est. 1889, Yes  
The Olsen Farm, est. 1883, NR  
The Wales Farm, est. 1885, Yes  
The Wilson Farm, est. 1887, NR  
The Young Homestead Farm, est. 1886, Yes

Yes=7 No=2 NR=4 Total=13

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**Lincoln - East Central**

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Bahr Ranches, Inc., est. 1883, Yes  
The Beck Farm, est. 1883, NR  
Bodeau Bros. Farms, est. 1881, Yes  
The Chilton/Linstrum Farm, est. 1885, Yes  
The Dueber Farm, est. 1886, Yes  
The Florin/Heldstab Farm, est. 1882, Yes  
The Gaffney Farm, est. 1880, No  
The Gaffney Farm, est. 1880, Yes  
The Garber Farm, est. 1880, Yes  
The Haak/Brommer Farm, est. 1880, NR  
The Hammersmith Farm, est. 1884, NR  
The Hanlon Ranch, est. 1884, Yes  
The Jack Harding Farm, est. 1872, Yes  
The J.M. Jones Farm, est. 1883, NR  
The Kintschi Farm, est. 1885, Yes  
The Landreth Farm, est. 1880, NR  
The Lyse/Lauritzen Farm, est. 1883, NR  
The Mahrt Farm, est. 1887, NR  
The Mann Farm, est. 1889, Yes  
The John P. Martin Farm, est. 1888, Yes  
The McClure Farm, est. 1880, NR  
The McKay Farm, est. 1881, NR  
Mielke Brothers, Inc., est. 1883, Yes  
The Peterson Farm, est. 1883, Yes  
Plaster Farms, Inc., est. 1881, NR  
The Robertson Farm, est. 1883, Yes  
The Scott Farm, est. 1882, NR  
The Sheffels Farm, est. 1889, Yes

George Simons Heirs, est. 1887, NR  
 The Smith Farm, est. 1887, Yes  
 The Teel Farm, est. 1885, Yes  
 The Unbewust Farm, est. 1883, No  
 The Vincent Farm, est. 1883, NR  
 The Wagner Farm, est. 1884, Yes  
 The Warwick Farm, est. 1883, NR  
 Zwainz Farms, Inc., est. 1887, Yes  
 Yes=20 No=2 NR=14 Total=36

**Mason - Southwest/S. Puget Sound**

Hungry Hollow Farm, est. 1889, NR  
 The Kirkland/Ragan Farm, est. 1877, Yes  
 Yes=1 No=0 NR=1 Total=2

**Okanogan - Central**

The Davis Ranch, est. 1888, Yes  
 The Lenton Place, est. 1884, Yes  
 The Pogue Farm, est. 1886, NR  
 The Thurlow Farm, est. 1886, Yes  
 Yes=3 No=0 NR=1 Total=4

**Pacific - Southwest/S. Puget Sound**

Habersetzer Family Farm, est. 1887, Yes  
 The Morehead Farm, est. 1885, No  
 Yes=1 No=1 NR=0 Total=2

**Pend Oreille No Centennial Farms**

**Pierce - Southwest/S. Puget Sound**

The Davidson Farm, est. 1889, Yes  
 The John Dillard King Farm, est. 1884, Yes  
 The Nix Farm, est. 1852, Yes  
 Sunnycrest Farm, est. 1886, Yes  
 Yes=4 No=0 NR=0 Total=4

**San Juan - North Puget Sound**

The Rosler Farm, est. 1860, Yes  
 Woodside Farm Estate, est. 1886, Yes  
 Yes=2 No=0 NR=0 Total=2

**Skagit - North Puget Sound**

The Benson Farm, est. 1886, Yes  
 The Chellman Farm, est. 1888, NR  
 The Hall Farm, est. 1884, Yes  
 The Hayton Farm, est. 1876, Yes  
 The Holtcamp Farm, est. 1884, Yes  
 Island View Farms, Inc., est. 1885, Yes  
 The Jennings Farm, est. 1884, Yes  
 The Larm Farm, est. 1887, NR  
 The McRae Farm, est. 1885, Yes  
 The Morrison Farm, est. 1889, Yes  
 Munks Farm, est. 1859, Yes  
 The Peth Farm, est. 1881, Yes  
 The Summers Farm, est. 1872, Yes  
 The Swanson Farm, est. 1882, NR  
 Yes=11 No=0 NR=3 Total=14

**Snohomish - North Puget Sound**

The Cedergreen Farm, est. 1882, NR  
 The Eide Farm, est. 1878, No  
 Frohning Dairy Inc., est. 1870, Yes  
 Getchell Ranch, est. 1874, NR  
 The Harvey Farm, est. 1860, NR  
 The Hemstrom Farm, est. 1886, NR  
 The Jensen/Grimm Farm, est. 1878, Yes

*The Thurlow Farm, Okanogan County*

Agriculture depends on working with nature, a generous but fickle partner. Bernard and Dianne Thurlow's farm, just southeast of Twisp, was touched by the 2014 Carlton Complex fire but escaped major harm. In his 75 years, Bernard had never seen such a large fire. The Thurlows have farmed alfalfa and cattle since Bernard's grandfather acquired 160 acres in 1886. By 2014, the Thurlow Farm had grown to more than 3,000 acres. Hay, fences and irrigation infrastructure were lost in the Carlton fire, but cattle, some descended from the original cattle and marked with the family brands, survived. The original home, log barn, bunkhouse and woodshed were also unharmed.

The Iver Johnson Farm, est. 1887, Yes  
 The Major Farm, est. 1883, Yes  
 The Nelson Farm, est. 1887, Yes  
 The Nordby Farm, est. 1884, Yes  
 The Ohlsen Farm, est. 1882, NR  
 Ovenell Farms, est. 1874, Yes  
 The Ulrich Scherrer Farm, est. 1889, Yes  
 The Robert J.E. Smallman Farm, est. 1870, No  
 The Stehr Farm, est. 1888, NR

Yes=8 No=2 NR=6 Total=16

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**Skamania** *No Centennial Farms*

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**Spokane - Northeast**

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The Adams/Holt Farm, est. 1881, Yes

The Babb Farm, est. 1878, Yes  
 The Henry Beck Farm, est. 1888, Yes  
 The Bliesner Farm, est. 1887, NR  
 The Brischle Farm, est. 1881, NR  
 The Cameron Farm, est. 1883, Yes  
 The Carstens Farm, est. 1879, Yes  
 The Claus Carstens Farm, est. 1884, NR  
 Dashiell, Inc., est. 1888, Yes  
 The Davey Farm, est. 1883, Yes  
 The Doak Farm, est. 1880, Yes  
 The Eickmeyer Farm, est. 1884, NR  
 The Emtman Farm, est. 1880, Yes  
 Elden Felgenhauer Farms, est. 1889, Yes  
 The Jack Felgenhauer Farm, est. 1878, Yes  
 The Hazard Farm, est. 1884, Yes

The Hecht Farm, est. 1877, Yes  
 The Hyslop Farm, est. 1880, Yes  
 The Jarvis Farm, est. 1886, NR  
 The Hans Johnson Farm, est. 1883, Yes  
 The Judkins Farm, est. 1880, NR  
 The Keevy Farm, est. 1880, Yes  
 The Kirk/Hudson Farm, est. 1888, No  
 The Leitz Farm, est. 1889, NR  
 The Lynch/Rattray Farm, est. 1880, Yes  
 The Muehle/Coldsnow Farm, est. 1888, NR  
 The Muhs Homestead, est. 1888, Yes  
 The John Muhs Farm, est. 1889, No  
 Olson Farms, Ltd., est. 1877, Yes  
 The Ostheller Farm, est. 1889, Yes  
 The Painter Farm, est. 1882, Yes  
 The Peterson/Ostby Farm, est. 1883, NR  
 The Schmitz Farm, est. 1888, Yes  
 The Schoedel Farm, est. 1884, Yes  
 The Samuel Showalter Farm, est. 1881, Yes  
 The Smallwood/Keno Farm, est. 1879, NR  
 The Suksdorf Farm, est. 1881, NR  
 The Tucker Farm, est. 1881, Yes

Yes=25 No=2 NR=11 Total=38

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**Stevens - Northeast**

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The Carter Farm, est. 1889, Yes  
 The Hidden Meadows, est. 1889, NR  
 The Waitt Farm, est. 1873, Yes

Yes=2 No=0 NR=1 Total=3

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**Thurston - Southwest/S. Puget Sound**

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The Colvin Ranch, est. 1854, Yes  
 The Hilpert Farm, est. 1858, Yes  
 The Thomas Rutledge Homestead, est. 1856, NR  
 The Spirlock/Nelson Farm, est. 1862, Yes

Yes=3 No=0 NR=1 Total=4

*Sharing the peace and beauty of the farm*

For many families, the farm goes well beyond being a business -- it is a source of physical and spiritual sustenance, and a peaceful, beautiful place to live. Some Centennial Farms have capitalized on those qualities. At Woodside Farm Estate on Orcas Island, a picnic shed built for a granddaughter's wedding is now rented out for other weddings and events, and a small cabin is a short-term rental property. The Jennings Farm in Skagit County rents out its display garden for events and operates a restaurant in the former granary as part of La Conner Flats Farm and Garden. The William King Farm near Sequim renovated the 1870s farmhouse and opened it as Clark's Chambers Bed & Breakfast in 2000.



Woodside Farm Estate



Bob Clark

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### **Wahkiakum - Southwest/S. Puget Sound**

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The Andresen/Johnson Farm, est. 1869, Yes  
The Jim and Marie "Klint" Fauver Farm, est. 1886, Yes  
The Foster Farm, est. 1865, NR  
The John O. Ostervold Homestead, est. 1886, Yes  
Yes=3 No=0 NR=1 Total=4

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### **Walla Walla - Walla Walla**

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The Aldrich Farm, est. 1858, Yes  
The John P. Anderson Farm, est. 1883, NR  
Barrett/McInroe Farm, est. 1869, Yes  
The Bergevin Farm, est. 1865, NR  
The James Berryman Farm, est. 1878, NR  
The Coffin Farm, est. 1884, Yes  
The Collins Farm, est. 1886, Yes

The James M. Cornwell Farm, est. 1868, Yes  
The Cummins Farm, est. 1881, Yes  
The Dement Farm, est. 1879, NR  
The Drumheller Farm, est. 1877, NR  
The Ferrel Farm, est. 1880, Yes  
Five Points Farm, Inc., est. 1884, Yes  
The Flathers Farm, est. 1871, NR  
The Fulgham Farm, est. 1886, Yes  
The Gallaher/Buroker Farm, est. 1869, NR  
Gallaher/McInroe/Young Farm, est. 1869, NR  
The Gilkerson/Davis Farm, est. 1863, Yes  
The Hastings Farm, est. 1887, Yes  
Philip Hoffmann, Sr., & Sons, est. 1887, Yes  
Kenney Farms, Inc., est. 1866, Yes  
The Robert F. Kibler Farm, est. 1870, Yes  
The Lane Farm, est. 1889, NR

The Leid/Hansen Farm, est. 1889, NR  
The Lloyd Farm, est. 1863, No  
The Lowden Farm, est. 1883, Yes  
The Lowden/Dodd Farm, est. 1869, Yes  
The Thomas Lyons Farm, est. 1871, Yes  
The Lyons/Dunphy Farm, est. 1871, Yes  
The Magallon Farm, est. 1882, Yes  
The Martin Farm, est. 1869, NR  
The William McCown Farm, est. 1878, Yes  
The McCulloch Farm, est. 1883, Yes  
The McKinney Farm, est. 1864, NR  
The Christian Miller Farm, est. 1888, Yes  
Mission Farms, est. 1880, Yes  
The Cyrus Nelson Farm, est. 1877, NR  
The Pettijohn/Sanders Farm, est. 1881, Yes  
The Pettyjohn Farm, est. 1858, Yes  
The Plucker Farm, est. 1874, Yes  
The Reser Farm, est. 1862, NR  
W.P. Reser Farm, est. 1868, Yes  
The Roberts Farm, est. 1871, Yes  
The Saturno/Breen Farm, est. 1880, NR  
The Shelton Farm, est. 1869, Yes  
The Strahm/Mason Farm, est. 1874, NR  
The Struthers Farm, est. 1883, Yes  
The Tompkins Farm, est. 1889, Yes  
The Waggoner Farm, est. 1882, No  
The Yeend Farm, est. 1870, Yes  
Yenny Farms, Inc., est. 1872, Yes  
Yes=33 No=2 NR=16 Total=51

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### *Also changed in the last 25 years - Rural addresses*

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At the time of the state's Centennial, a typical rural address, especially in eastern Washington, included a route number and a box number -- as in Route 1, Box 129 -- with no reference to a physical location. In the early 1990s, as part of enhancing the state's 911 emergency response system, these rural addresses changed to a permanent road name and number.

The new address system made many of the 1989 addresses WSDA had for Centennial Farms unusable. A major, time-consuming aspect of the 2014 project to reconnect with the state's Centennial Farms involved finding mailing addresses and current contacts for the each of the farms. Not surprisingly, many of the road names recognize the families who first settled an area and are a bit of history in themselves.



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### **Whatcom - North Puget Sound**

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The Macaulay Farm, est. 1883, NR  
The Perry Farm, est. 1876, Yes  
The Steele Farm, est. 1883, NR  
The Stephens/Dickey Farm, est. 1884, NR  
The Westergreen Farm, est. 1888, NR  
Yes=1 No=0 NR=4 Total=5



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**Whitman - Whitman**

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The Harriet Adams Farm, est. 1883, Yes  
 Alameda Farm, est. 1882, Yes  
 James Bailey, Inc. (Kelly Farm), est. 1888, Yes  
 James Bailey, Inc. (Shields Farm), est. 1883, Yes  
 Belsby Farms Co., est. 1888, NR  
 The John Bishop Farm, est. 1878, Yes  
 Old Blank Homestead, est. 1885, NR  
 The Daniel Boone Farm, est. 1879, Yes  
 The Brown Farm, est. 1876, NR  
 John Chandler Estate, est. 1882, No  
 The Clark Place, est. 1889, Yes  
 The O.M. Collins Farm, est. 1884, NR  
 The Comegys Farm, est. 1878, Yes  
 The Charlie P. Crow Farm, est. 1880, Yes  
 Charlie P. Crow, Inc., est. 1882, Yes  
 The Robert A. Crow Farm, est. 1880, Yes  
 The Crumbaker Farm, est. 1877, NR  
 The DeLong Farm, est. 1869, NR  
 The Donahoe Farm, est. 1887, Yes  
 The Draper Farm, est. 1873, NR  
 The Drew Farm, est. 1881, NR  
 The Feenan Farm, est. 1877, NR  
 The Fleener Farm, est. 1874, Yes  
 The Folsom Farm, est. 1881, NR  
 Freels Heirs Farm, est. 1886, Yes  
 The Gates/Brownell Farm, est. 1878, NR  
 The Goldsworthy Farm, est. 1880, Yes  
 The Gordon Farm, est. 1885, NR  
 The Gragg Farm, est. 1878, NR  
 Grove Ranch, est. 1883, Yes  
 Guske Family Ltd. Partnership, est. 1879, Yes  
 The Harlan Farm, est. 1877, NR  
 The Harter Farm, est. 1875, Yes  
 Hatley Ranch, est. 1877, NR  
 The Hehl Farm, est. 1878, NR  
 Hill Ranch, est. 1877, No

The Hofer Farm, est. 1877, NR  
 The Hoffman Farm, est. 1882, Yes  
 The Holbrook Farm, est. 1881, NR  
 The Horlacher/McCoy Farm, est. 1882, Yes  
 Howard Farms, Inc., est. 1882, Yes  
 The Huffman Farm, est. 1878, Yes  
 The Hughes Farm, est. 1878, Yes  
 The Huntley Farm, est. 1887, Yes  
 The Jeremiah Kelly Farm, est. 1888, NR  
 The Adam Kile Farm, est. 1881, Yes  
 The John Thomas Kile Farm, est. 1881, Yes  
 The Laird/Hamilton Farm, est. 1887, Yes  
 The Lemon Farm, est. 1880, Yes  
 The Logan Farm, est. 1877, NR  
 The Love Farm, est. 1881, Yes  
 The Lyle Farm, est. 1879, Yes  
 The Valentine Mayer Farm, est. 1887, NR  
 McGregor Land & Livestock Ranch, est. 1883, Yes  
 The McGuire Farm, est. 1883, Yes  
 McNeilly Ranch, Inc., est. 1870, NR  
 The Miller/Powers Farm, est. 1875, Yes  
 Moys Farm, est. 1877, Yes  
 Mraz Farms, est. 1877, Yes  
 The Nathan Myers Centennial Farm, est. 1878, NR  
 Nelson Century Farm, est. 1872, No  
 The O'Neil Farm, est. 1884, No  
 The Prince Farm, est. 1880, Yes  
 The Richardson Ranch, est. 1880, NR  
 The John Jacob and Caroline Schlee Homestead, est. 1876, Yes  
 The Schweiter Farm, est. 1886, NR  
 The Sever Farm, est. 1882, NR  
 The Shields Farm, est. 1883, NR  
 The Shoemaker Farm, est. 1879, Yes  
 The Siegel Farm, est. 1877, Yes

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*Little has changed; the equipment, while newer in model, is still 'old,' the cows still love to test the design limits of a well-built fence, and the land, as well as the farm family atop it, endures.*

-- CHRIS G. HOLT, THE ADAMS/HOLT FARM,  
 SPOKANE COUNTY

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The James Madison Small Farm, est. 1877, Yes  
 Squires Farm, est. 1883, Yes  
 The Stratton Farm, est. 1877, Yes  
 The Swannack Farm, est. 1888, Yes  
 The Swift Farm, est. 1869, NR  
 The Turnbow/St. John Farm, est. 1880, Yes  
 The Van Tine Farm, est. 1883, Yes  
 The Weber Farm, est. 1875, Yes  
 The Westacott Farm, est. 1877, NR  
 The Whealen Farm, est. 1869, Yes  
 The Enoch White Farm, est. 1882, NR  
 The Wittman Farm, est. 1888, Yes  
 Yes=48 No=4 NR=30 Total=82

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**Yakima - Central**

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The Alderson Farm, est. 1887, No  
 The Dunn Farm, est. 1876, Yes  
 The Eschbach Farm, est. 1883, Yes  
 The McDonald Farm, est. 1889, NR  
 Rowe Farms, Inc., est. 1889, Yes  
 The Stevenson Farm, est. 1870, Yes  
 Yes=4 No=1 NR=1 Total=6

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**All Counties**

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Yes=253 No=33 NR=126 Total=412

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## Sharing the Story of Agriculture All Year

The 2014 celebration of Washington's 125 years of statehood was the occasion for *Reconnecting with Washington's Centennial Farms*, with the Nov. 11 event at the state Capitol just one of several ways the story of Centennial Farms and the state's agricultural industry was shared.

- The display created for the Washington 125 Celebration was installed at WSDA Headquarters in Olympia for all of 2015.
- A photo exhibit on the Rosler Farm was part of the San Juan County Fair's 'Ag Corner' in 2014. A Columbia County Centennial Farms exhibit won a prize at the 2014 Columbia County Fair.
- Centennial Farm features were among WSDA's most popular Facebook posts during the anniversary year and several newspapers ran stories highlighting Centennial Farm families.



The official November 11, 2014 celebration featured a giant cake decorated with images of the state's agricultural bounty.



Clallam · Jefferson · King · Kitsap  
Cowlitz · Grays Harbor



Mason · Pierce · Thurston · Clark  
Lewis · Pacific · Wahkiakum

## *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.

Region / Counties	Number of...		
	Centennial Farms	Farms responding	Still in the same family
<b>Southwest Washington &amp; South Puget Sound</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>33</b>
<i>Clallam &amp; Jefferson</i>	6	5	4
<i>King &amp; Kitsap</i>	5	4	3
<i>Mason, Pierce &amp; Thurston</i>	10	8	8
<i>Grays Harbor &amp; Lewis</i>	17	13	9
<i>Pacific &amp; Wahkiakum</i>	6	5	4
<i>Clark &amp; Cowlitz</i>	9	6	4

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.



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.”

### *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.



**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*

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**Current Owner:** Elliot K. Clark, Jr.

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** one of the owners

**Current Operator:** Elliot K. Clark, Jr.

**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	360	240	240	Hay, beef cattle, quarter horses	Black Angus cattle, quarter horses, Aronia berries

**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

### *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.

### *The William King Farm, est. 1863*

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**Current Owner:** Robert J. Clark

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** one of the owners

**Current Operator:** Thomas J. Clark (lessee)

**Relationship to Owner:** son

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
116	91	116	186	106	Hay, beef cattle	Hay, beef cattle, pigs, buffalo

**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*

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**Current Owner:** Gwendolyn Gagnon Jones

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** one of the owners

**Current Operator:** Noah Bresler

**Relationship to Owner:** friend

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
110	36	110	36	36	Oats, alfalfa hay, barley, wheat, cabbage seed, spinach seed	Organic produce - more than 20 kinds of vegetables, some livestock



**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*

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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 when it was sold to John and Sandra Perrott.

**Is the Land Still Farmed?** Yes, the Perrotts 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*

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**Current Owner:** Bill and Peggy Zimmerman

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same

**Current Operator:** Bill and Doug Zimmerman

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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
40	40	700	105	115	Oats, certified clover seed	Berries, vegetables, agri-tourism: Pumpkin Patch & Harvest Festival

**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*

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**Current Owner:** Dennis Frasier

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same

**Current Operator:** Dennis Frasier

**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
20	20	20	20	20	Beef	Hay, cattle, burros

**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*

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**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



Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
81	81	81	81	81	Hay, trees	Timber, raspberries, blueberries, strawberries, blackberries

**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*

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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
40	40	40	75	75	Appaloosa horses, Douglas fir trees	Horses, trees (Douglas fir and alder)

**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*

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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
55	55	505	more than 300	more than 300	Timber, hay	Timber

**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*

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**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



Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
133	133	153	162	316	Hay, dairy cattle, young stock	Organic dairy with 172 animals, organic Black Angus with 30 animals, organic hay, organic silage

**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*

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**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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
52	52	52	124	154	Hay and grain for dairy herd	Dairy (Jersey, Holstein, milking Shorthorn), beef (Shorthorn, Hereford, miniature Hereford), hogs, hay and haylage

**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.

**Additional Information:** 1913-1963 owners: Gilbert Glenn and Faye Glenn, 1963-2001: Donald Gilbert Glenn (died at age 85 in 1999) and

Grace Glenn (died at age 98 in 2012), 2001-present: Donna Glenn Hagen and Eric Fellhauer. Eric is the fifth generation to farm.

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

### *The Koch Farm, est. 1889*

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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 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*

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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 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*

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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 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., Chimaquam, WA 98325

### *The Charles Johnson Farm, est. 1887*

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**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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014	35	1988	2014
74	68	164	150		Cattle, hay, small timber farm	Cattle, hay, timber, horse pasture

**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 Dabob Rd., Quilcene, WA 98376

## KING COUNTY

### *Lagesson Homestead, est. 1885*

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**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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014	85	1988	2014
102	100	179	175		Beef cattle, fruit, vegetables, timber	Beef cattle, hay, pasture

**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***

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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
30	30	30	30	30	Beef cattle	Fruit trees and open space

**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

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

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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.

**KITSAP COUNTY**

***The Martinson Farm, est. 1889***

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**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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
36	36	36	36	12	Beef and dairy cattle	Timber and Garden

**Additional Information:** This farm was a dairy for over 100 years. In 1970, I started a topsoil and bark company on the property. The business grew quickly and I sold the cows after a few years. In 1998, I sold the topsoil business to my stepdaughter and her husband. I have kept 12 acres in farm and timber.

The family cabin, built in 1897, was donated to the Poulsbo Historical Society and moved to Nelson Park in 2003. Some of Mikal Martinson's hand tools used to build the cabin are on display.

**Contact:** Vernon R. Martinson, 20509 State Hwy 305 N.E., Poulsbo, WA 98370

**LEWIS COUNTY**

***The Frase Farm, est. 1889***

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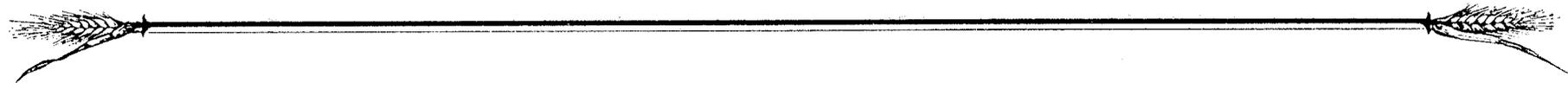
**Current Owner:** Steve and John Frase  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** sons  
**Current Operator:** Steve and John Frase  
**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
147	147	173	190	190	Hay, beef cattle	Grass, hay and horses

**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***

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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***

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**Current Owner:** Tom & Sharon Layton

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** two of the owners

**Current Operator:** Tom Layton

**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
65	65	160	200	200	Grain, peas, beef cows	Beef, grains, timber

**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 Francis Layton Home/Kirkendoll Farm, est. 1851***

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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

***The Layton/Armstrong Farm, est. 1867***

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**Current Owner:** Greg and Signora Armstrong

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

**Current Operator:** Virginia Matthews

**Relationship to Owner:** lessee

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	160	170	160	Christmas trees	Hay and oats

**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***

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**Current Owner:** Beverly Kirkendoll

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** daughter-in-law

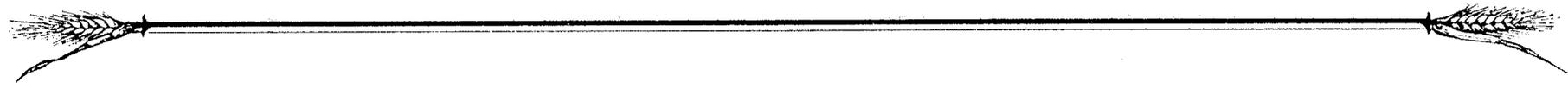
**Current Operator:** Beverly Kirkendoll

**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
140	140	140	na	na	Hay, grain, beef cattle	na

**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



***Nelson Tree Farm, Inc., est. 1889***

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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
80	80	160	160	160	Douglas fir trees	Long term timber

**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***

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**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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
69	66	180	175	175	Peas, orchard, timber	Cattle, timber

**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 southernly for a third of a mile from the eastern border and northernly 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***

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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
75	75	78	112	112	Dairy cows, pigs, horses	Hay, beef cattle

**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***

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**Current Owner:** Daniel, Frank, Gordon and Marie Ragan  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** sons and daughter  
**Current Operator:** Ragan family  
**Relationship to Owner:** same



Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
40	40	45	40	40	Christmas trees	Hay

**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** Page 33

**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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
80	80	1,800	approx. 800	approx. 800	Timber, beef cattle	Hay, beef cattle, timber

**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** Page 33

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** Page 45

**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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
5	5	5	15	15	Hay, raspberries, fruit trees, eggs, cattle	Fruit trees

**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

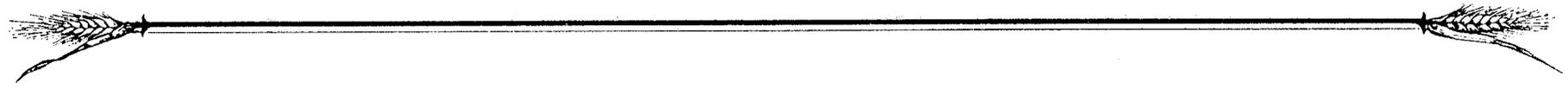
**The John Dillard King Farm, est. 1884** Page 44

**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



Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
55	40	55	40	20	Hay, cattle, chickens	Hay, pigs, chickens, rabbits

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** We rebuilt the main house. The barn, pump house and little house still stand.

**Additional Information:** Dick Allen Taylor passed away in 2007.

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

***The Nix Farm, est. 1852***

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**Current Owner:** Frances M. Nix and Judy Nix

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** widows

**Current Operator:** Jeff Spooner Farms

**Relationship to Owner:** not related

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
127	117	22	117	10	Corn, pumpkins, strawberries, Christmas trees	Blackberries

**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***

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**Current Owner:** Nicole Niemann-Carr

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** granddaughter

**Current Operator:** Nicole and Tony Carr

**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
42	42	97	52	52	Beef cattle	Cattle, pigs, chickens, grass hay

**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***

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**Current Owner:** Doris Colvin

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** one of the owners

**Current Operator:** Fred Colvin

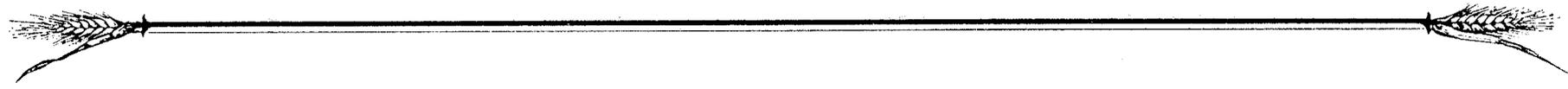
**Relationship to Owner:** son

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
240	240	550	550	550	Hay, cattle	Cattle

**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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
80	80	172	172	172	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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
141	141	900	1,000	1,000	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*

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**Current Owner:** Earl Marius Johnson  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** son  
**Current Operator:** Earl Marius Johnson  
**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
100	100	147	100	100	Beef, grass hay	Cattle, hay

**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*

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**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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
40	0.55	120	71	71	Cattle, hay	timber

**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*

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**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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
40	40	107	107	107	Horses, sheep	Trees and some horses

**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

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## 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.

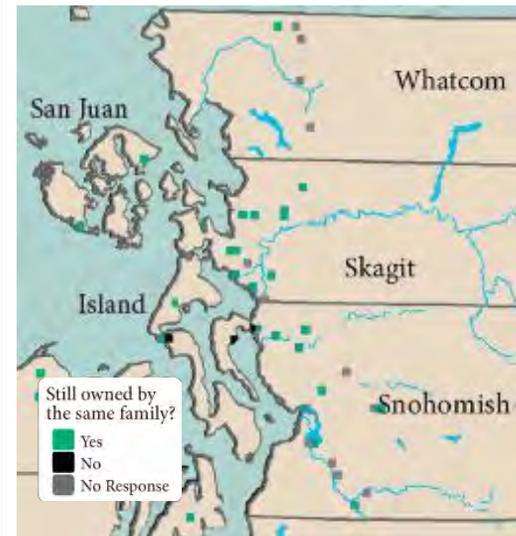
### *Dairies are larger and fewer in number*

"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.

## ISLAND COUNTY

### *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	1988	2014
1989	2014	1989	2014	6.4	Grain, hay, silage	Grass hay, flowers
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.

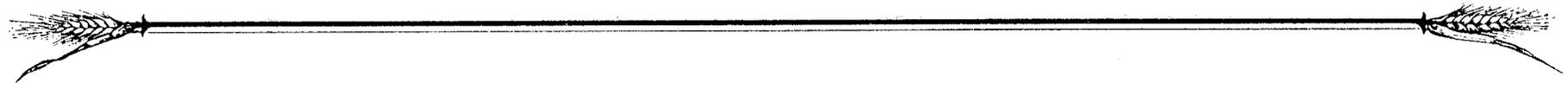
**Contact:** Roy Zipp, National Park Service Operations Manager, 593 Fort Casey Rd., Coupeville, WA 98239

#### *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**

**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	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	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

**SAN JUAN COUNTY**

**The Rosler Farm, est. 1860**

**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	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	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**

**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	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	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



## SKAGIT COUNTY

### *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	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	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	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	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	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	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	
1989	2014	1989	Owned	Operated	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	
1989	2014	1989	Owned	Operated	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	
1989	2014	1989	Owned	Operated	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***

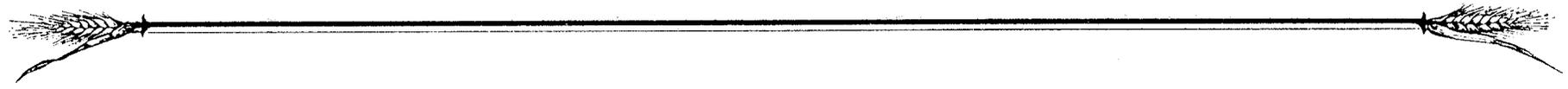
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**Current Owner:** Donna Stone, Eunice Jenkins, Mary Hall, George and Jim McRae

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same

**Current Operator:** Jim McRae

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



Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	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	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	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

***Munks 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	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	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***

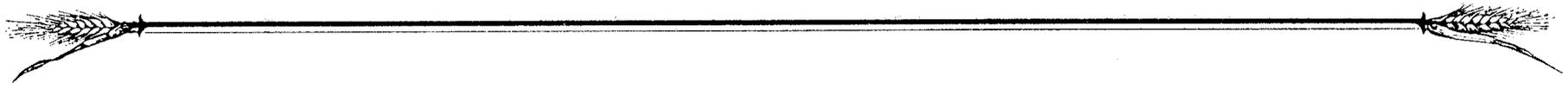
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**Current Owner:** John Thulen

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** grandson

**Current Operator:** John Thulen

**Relationship to Owner:** same



Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	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	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	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 45<sup>th</sup> 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	
1989	2014	Farmed 1989	Owned 2014	Operated 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	
1989	2014	Farmed 1989	Owned 2014	Operated 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	
1989	2014	Farmed 1989	Owned 2014	Operated 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	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	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

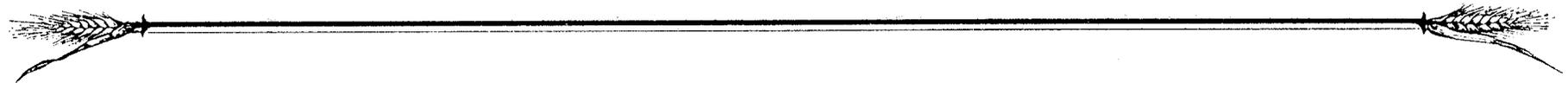
**Relationship to Owner:** one of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	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



## Walla Walla County

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

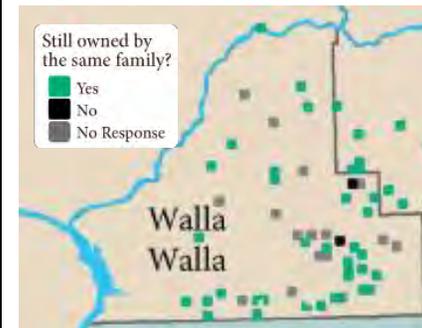
As a group, Walla Walla County’s Centennial Farms are the oldest in the state, with more than half established before 1875. Walla Walla is second only to Whitman County in the number of Centennial Farms, with 51 located across the county.

From its earliest days, Walla Walla has been a top wheat-producing county. In 2014, county farmers harvested 12.4 million bushels of



**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.**

### *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.

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



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.

### *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.

**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**

**Current Owner:** Carolyn A. Priest

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** Normanita's daughter, Percy and Esther's niece

**Current Operator:** Pat McConnell

**Relationship to Owner:** no relation

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	80	643	100	624	Cattle, wheat, dry peas	Wheat, dry peas, garbanzo beans

**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

**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.

**Barrett/McInroe Farm, est. 1869**

**Current Owner:** Jeanette D. Ambrose

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** daughter

**Current Operator:** Alan Gradwahl

**Relationship to Owner:** friend

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
120	120	370	370	180	Wheat, barley	Wheat

**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**

**Current Owner:** Donna M. Hanebut

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** widow

**Current Operator:** Donna M. Hanebut

**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
41	41	41	41	50	Alfalfa, cereal grain crops	Wheat, CREP

**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



***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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	1,012	640	960	Wheat	Wheat, CRP

**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 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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
120	120	120	417	376	Wheat, green peas, barley, other legume crops	Wheat, garbanzos, peas, canola, soybeans

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

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

***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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
51	51	51	51	51	Small grains, alfalfa for seed	Alfalfa hay, seed corn, small grains

**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 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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
157	157	795	1,069	1,600	Certified and registered wheat, green peas, garbanzo beans	Wheat, peas, garbanzo beans, barley

**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*

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**Current Owner:** Don Meiners, Dorothy Toretta, and Anna Gwinn

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same

**Current Operator:** Mike Lyons LLC

**Relationship to Owner:** renter

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
120	120	1,090	600	600	Wheat, green peas	Wheat, chickpeas

**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*

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**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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
120	120	652	652	652	Grain, alfalfa seed	Wheat, alfalfa seed, onions

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Irrigation. The family retired from actively operating their land in 2004.

**Contact:** Robert Fulgham, 2994 Barney Rd., Touchet, WA 99360

*The Gilkerson/Davis Farm, est. 1863*

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**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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
129	80	129	80	80	Wheat, peas, barley, cattle	Leased to Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife

**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 Hastings Farm, est. 1887*

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**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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	41	245	41	71	Alfalfa, grain, row crops, cattle, sheep	Alfalfa hay, grass hay

**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*** Page 101

**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  
**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
120	120	2,800	about 1,000	1,500	Wheat, barley	Wheat, cattle

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

***Kenney Farms, Inc., est. 1866*** Page 90

**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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
120	120	1,770	1,920	1,920	Green peas, barley, wheat	Alfalfa, wheat, peas

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Not much has changed. All of the original buildings are still in use.  
**Correction to 1989 Book:** The farm is 3 miles south of Walla Walla.  
**Contact:** Barbara Hillbrand, 3629 Braden Rd., Walla Walla, WA 99362

***The Robert F. Kibler Farm, est. 1870*** Page 77

**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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	530	530	530	Wheat, dry edible peas, bluegrass seed, barley, hay, beef cattle, hogs	Wheat, hay, dry peas, beef cattle

**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*** Page 81

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*** Page 94

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



Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
595	595	620	620	620	Wheat, barley, hay, alfalfa seed, Black Angus cross cattle	Wheat, alfalfa hay, peas, pigs, chickens, beef cattle

**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***

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**Current Owner:** Lawrence Lowden Dodd

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same

**Current Operator:** Darren Goble

**Relationship to Owner:** cousin

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
100	100	206	207	187	Hay, wheat, barley	Hybrid corn, dry peas, wheat, planting alfalfa for deer, hay, Sudan grass

**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:** For 13 years we have attempted to save the Lowden family's irrigated agriculture lands from being destroyed, in part by the Washington State Department of Transportation's plan to expand US Highway 12 to four lanes. In the fall/winter 2013-14, the Old Lowden open ditch, established in 1869, was changed to a pressure pipe system. Lawrence L. Dodd has lived in the 1909 house for the past 70 years.

**Correction to 1989 Book:** The farm was owned by the Lowden

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 Gardena Rd., Touchet, WA 99360

***The Thomas Lyons Farm, est. 1871***

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**Current Owner:** Matthew Lyons Jr. and Elinor Sherry

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** children

**Current Operator:** Matthew Lyons Jr.

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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
80	80	3,517	2,450	2,450	Wheat, barley, dry peas	Wheat, peas, barley, garbanzos

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Little or no plowing, bigger machinery, no animals. An original barn is still used to store machinery.

**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***

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**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



Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
70	70	727	327	727	Wheat, peas	Wheat, garbanzos

**Additional Information:** William Trammell 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

***The Magallon Farm, est. 1882***

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**Current Owner:** Albert C. Statler  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** one of the owners  
**Current Operator:** Mike Bowe  
**Relationship to Owner:** leaseholder

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
119	119	5,777	5,777	5,777	Wheat, barley	Small grains

Contact: Albert C. Statler, 7484 Mill Creek Rd, Walla Walla, WA 99362

***The William McCown Farm, est. 1878***

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**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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	1,100	1,064	1,064	Wheat, barley, hogs, cattle	Wheat, dry peas, garbanzos

**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.

**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

***The McCulloch Farm, est. 1883***

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**Current Owner:** Andrew "Jack" McCulloch  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same  
**Current Operator:** Brad Tompkins  
**Relationship to Owner:** son-in-law

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
320	320	1,600	1,600	1,600	Wheat, barley, cattle	No crops: Land is in the CRP program

**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

***The Christian Miller Farm, est. 1888***

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**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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	350	850	850	Wheat, dry peas, barley	Wheat, dry peas, garbanzos



**Additional Information:** The original bunkhouse is still in use.  
**Contact:** JoAnn S. Farrens, 7134 Mill Creek Rd., Walla Walla, WA 99362

**Mission Farms, est. 1880** Page 91

**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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
37	37	84	44	44	Grain, hay, cattle	Laying hens, meat chickens, turkeys, hay, Katahdin sheep, cattle

**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

**The Pettijohn/Sanders Farm, est. 1881** Page 80

**Current Owner:** Mark and Miriam Grant  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** cousin  
**Current Operator:** Mark Grant  
**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
120	120	415	415	415	Wheat	Wheat

**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

**The Pettyjohn Farm, est. 1858** Page 80

**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.

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
82	82	2,000	2,000	2,000	Wheat, barley, cattle	Wheat

**Additional Information and Corrections to 1989 Book:** The farm is also known as the Pettyjohn/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

**The Plucker Farm, est. 1874** Page 100

**Current Owner:** Robert G. and Marian Plucker  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same  
**Current Operator:** Robert G. Plucker  
**Relationship to Owner:** same



Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
40	40	1,800	1,800	2,600	Wheat, barley	Wheat

**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**

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**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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	1,370	1,652	2,440	Wheat, barley, peas, and cattle	Alfalfa, wheat, dry peas, green and dry garbanzos, grass, hay, straw

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Byron notes that farming has become more mechanized. He says wheat markets have become more volatile due to U.S. trade policy changes, with much more competition from foreign wheat markets like the Black Sea area of the former Soviet Union. Philip says the farm's cropping has changed and there is much more no-till and minimum tillage farming.

**Additional Information:** As in 1989, the W.P. Reser Farm is two farms operated by descendants of W.P. Reser. Byron's property includes the original 1868 parcel. The two farm operations have adjacent, checkerboard-patterned parcels of land between them. Byron farms 840 acres. Philip and his son Mike farm 1,600 acres. The 1883 barn still exists and is used for storage.

**Contact:** Philip F. Reser, 1802 Reser Rd., Walla Walla, WA 99362, and Byron G. Reser, 2702 Reser Rd., Walla Walla, WA 99362

**The Roberts Farm, est. 1871**

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**Current Owner:** Jack H. and Betty L. Roberts Family Trust, The Betty L. Roberts Decedent's Trust

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** Descendants of David Henry Roberts

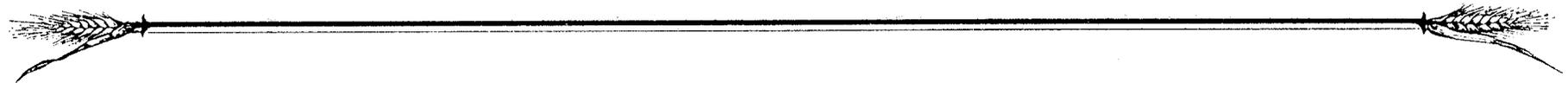
**Current Operator:** Wilson Hollow Farmers, LLC

**Relationship to Owner:** friend (our great-grandfathers farmed together decades ago)

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	159	400	425	423	Wheat	Wheat, dry peas

**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***

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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
163	163	163	163	163	Wheat, peas	Wheat, barley

**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***

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**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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
960	960	960	6,000	10,000	Wheat, barley	Wheat, corn, potato

**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 Struthers 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 Struthers, brother of George Struthers Sr. Other family land that had been farmed by George Struthers Sr. is owned by George's sister, Linda Struthers of Mercer Island, Wash., cousins John and Tom Struthers of Minnesota, and aunt Bonny Struthers of Walla Walla.

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

***The Tompkins Farm, est. 1889***

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**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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	2,440	2,440	2,440	Wheat, barley	Wheat

**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***

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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 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**

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**Current Owner:** Marjery Jean Small

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same

**Current Operator:** Dave Carey

**Relationship to Owner:** cousin

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed 1989	Owned 2014	Operated 2014	1988	2014
32	39	32	39	39	Wheat, peas, barley	Wheat

**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**

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**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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed 1989	Owned 2014	Operated 2014	1988	2014
120	120	1,840	739	739	Wheat, barley, peas, cattle	Wheat, garbanzos, mountain cattle pasture

**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.

**Additional Information:** Kathleen’s husband Robert H. Yenney died in 1999. The farm’s owners in 1989, John P. and Bertha W. Yenney, are Robert’s and Phillip’s parents. John died in 2009 and Bertha in 2012.

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.

- The John P. Anderson Farm, est. 1883, p. 102
- The Bergevin Farm, est. 1865, p. 93
- The James Berryman Farm, est. 1878, p. 89
- The Dement Farm, est. 1879, p. 99
- The Drumheller Farm, est. 1877, p. A-17
- The Flathers Farm, est. 1871, p. 81
- The Gallaher/Buroker Farm, est. 1869, p. 85
- Gallaher/McInroe/Young Farm, est. 1869, p. 85
- The Lane Farm, est. 1889, p. 88
- The Leid/Hansen Farm, est. 1889, p. 97
- The Martin Farm, est. 1869, p. 86
- The McKinney Farm, est. 1864, p. 82
- The Cyrus Nelson Farm, est. 1877, p. 88
- The Reser Farm, est. 1862, p. 92
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- The Strahm/Mason Farm, est. 1874, p. 97



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## Southeast Washington

Continuity and stability are the hallmarks of Centennial Farms in the Southeast region. Almost all the responding farms in Asotin, Columbia and Garfield counties are still in the same family, and all are wheat growers, except one with all its cropland in CRP.

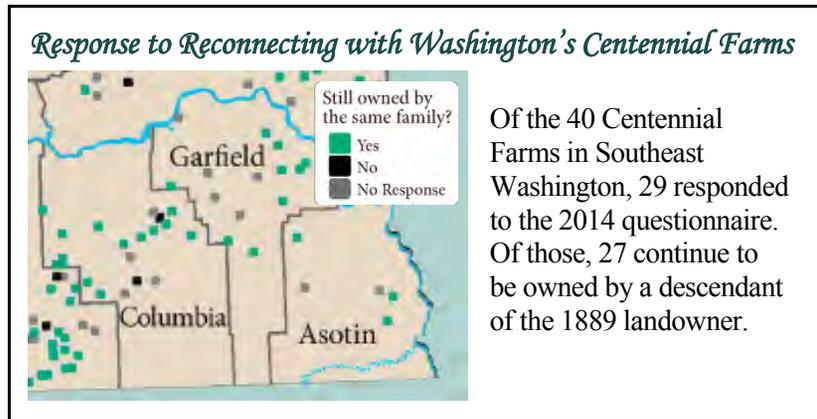
Like much of eastern Washington, this is dryland wheat country. In 1989, these three counties produced almost 10.2 million bushels of wheat; in 2014, production topped 12 million bushels. In the past 25 years, wheat farming operations in Washington have gotten larger, changed their mix of rotation crops, and adopted practices to reduce soil erosion and improve soil quality. These changes are illustrated by the Centennial Farms in Southeast Washington.

### Wheat operations expanding in size

Most Centennial Farms in this region reported their farm size was the same or larger in 2014 than in 1989, with some noting significant expansion. The Ingram Farm reported it doubled in size over the last 25 years and is now a 2,200-acre operation. The Abbey Farm more than



Bruce and Barbara Abbey are neighbors to other Centennial Farms in Columbia County.



doubled its operation by leasing the land of the neighboring Harris Family Farm, another Centennial Farm. About one-third of the Centennial Farms reported they lease their land, often to a neighbor. The Centennial Farms that are still in the same family averaged just over 2,000 acres in size.

### Changes in rotation crops

Wheat has always been the mainstay of these farms. In 1989, barley was the second crop on most Centennial Farms and grass seed was commonly grown. Almost half the farms raised cattle or other livestock. In 2014, these farms reported growing fewer and different crops in rotation with wheat. Only a handful reported growing barley, with garbanzo beans and peas now as likely to be grown. No grass seed was reported and only half as many farms had cattle on the farm. Another new “crop” has appeared on the local



*Three generations – Paul, Savannah and Dave Ruark – on the Thomas Ruark Farm, Garfield County*

landscape – wind turbines – with the Donohue Farm reporting it has wind towers on the property now.

### *Sustainability*

Several farms noted they had changed tillage practices over the past 25 years, especially to no-till or two-pass farming. Overall,

less acreage is being cropped in the region. Acres enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) in 2014 totaled 108,000 acres, double the acreage enrolled in 1989. More than 20 percent of the cropland in the three counties is enrolled in CRP.

### *Family continuity*

Dave Ruark, of the Thomas Ruark Farms in Garfield County, observes from his lifetime in agriculture that farm families are getting smaller, and the younger generation considers a broad range of vocations. At the same time, he says “I see a lot of the young people coming back to the farm when they can. There are better living conditions out on the farm.” For newcomers to agriculture, the cost of getting started is expensive. “If you aren’t born into it or marry into it, it’s not easy.”

Ruark says he is gently pinning some of his hopes on his granddaughter, now in high school and a seventh generation farmer, that she will choose a well-loved family path on the Thomas Ruark Farm.

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

- Of the 27 farms still in the family, nine are owned by the same owners as in 1989. Thirteen 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.
- Thirteen farms list the current owner or one of the owners as the day-to-day operator of the farm, five list a child or grandchild as the operator, two another relative and seven are operated by a non-relative.
- Eight farms have smaller operations than in 1989 and eight are larger, with the average size shrinking from 2,496 acres in 1989 to 2,052 acres in 2014. Farm sizes in 1989 ranged from 217 to 16,635 acres, and in 2014, from 30 to 12,000 acres.
- In 1989, both wheat and barley were grown on most farms, with cattle raised on almost half the farms. In 2014, wheat was still the top crop however, farms are about as likely to grow garbanzos or peas as barley. Only half as many farms reported raising cattle.
- In both cases where Centennial Farms left family ownership, the land is still farmed.



*Dick Ingram’s son Justin is now a partner in Ingram Farms, which has doubled in size over the last 25 years.*



## ASOTIN COUNTY

### *The Bolick Farm, est. 1879*

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**Current Owner:** Jack D. Bolick Trust and Family  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** widow and children  
**Current Operator:** Kenneth H. Weiss  
**Relationship to Owner:** one of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	1,760	2,480	1,760 in crops, 720 in pasture	Wheat, barley, dry peas, rapeseed	Wheat, canola, dry peas, livestock

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Jack Bolick died in October 1997 and the farm is held in trust for his widow Joanne Bolick.

### *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.

**Additional Information:** When Joanne dies, the property will be divided between daughters, Linda Swearingen and Barbara Bolick, and stepson, Kenneth H. Weiss. The 1895 barn was registered on the Washington Heritage Barn Register in November 2007.

**Contact:** R. Joanne Bolick, 3626 Riverside Dr., Clarkston, WA 99403

### *The Floch Farm, est. 1879*

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**Current Owner:** Floch Family Trust  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** widow  
**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
160	160	2,850	2,850	2,850	Wheat, barley, cattle, horses	Not provided

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** We've gone from owned and operated to leased farmland.

**Contact:** Heather Floch, 2609 Third Ave., Clarkston, WA 99403

### *The Rimmelspacher Farm, est. 1889*

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**Current Owner:** Rimmelspacher Trust (Ed and Della Rimmelspacher, trustees)  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** one of the owners  
**Current Operator:** Earl Fitzgerald  
**Relationship to Owner:** neighbor

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	1,700	1,717	1,717	Wheat, barley, alfalfa hay, cattle	Wheat, cattle

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** I'm 88 years old and it was too expensive to use new machinery, so we now have renters. There are new programs in farming.



**Additional Information:** Our daughters, Rose Shutte and Kathy Carlson, will inherit the farm.

Contact: Ed Rimmelpacher, 34282 Peola Rd., Pomeroy, WA 99347

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### *The Abbey Farm, est. 1869*

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**Current Owner:** Bruce Edward Abbey

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** son

**Current Operator:** Bruce E. Abbey

**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	720	720	1,500	Wheat, certified seed	Wheat, certified seed

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The third generation of the family has passed away and the fourth generation continues to actively farm on expanded acres. The original buildings are gone, but we re-used some of the wood in our current buildings.

**Additional Information:** Beyond continuing to grow wheat for seed and sold for seed, we have a value-added business, begun in late 1989, producing dry mixes using wheat grown on the farm. Bruce became owner in 2010.

Contact: Bruce and Barbara Abbey, 127 Lower Whetstone Rd., Waitsburg, WA 99361

### *The Blessinger Farm, est. 1881*

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**Current Owner:** Bill Blessinger

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** son

**Current Operator:** Bill Blessinger

**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	1,007	1,007	1,976	Small grains	Wheat

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Everything's bigger. We use wheel tractors instead of crawlers. There is no more livestock and not near as much tillage.

Contact: Bill Blessinger, 105 Bruce Rd., Dayton, WA 99328

### *The Cantonwine/Shaffer Farm, est. 1884*

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**Current Owner:** Monte G. Shaffer and Dorothy E. Shaffer Trust

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same

**Current Operator:** Christopher Shaffer

**Relationship to Owner:** son

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
636	636	16,635	3,690	8,500	Wheat, barley	Wheat, peas

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** 100% no-till production practices. The original farmhouse and horse barn are still in use.

Contact: Christopher Shaffer, 3640 Pranger Rd., Walla Walla, WA 99362

### *Donohue Farms, Inc., est. 1872*

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**Current Owner:** Nysoe Enterprises, Inc.

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** sons and grandsons

**Current Operator:** Archer Farms

**Relationship to Owner:** lessee

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	10,000	1,500	650	Wheat, barley, peas, hay, timber, apples, cattle, horses	Wheat, garbanzo beans, barley



**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The shops, pump house and cellar still stand. Some old buildings have fallen down. We grow different crops. We have wind towers on the property now.

Contact: Dain C. Nysoe, 216 S. First St., Dayton, WA 99328

***The Harris Family Farm, est. 1880***

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**Current Owner:** Donald G. Harris Testamentary Trust

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** trust of 1989 owner

**Current Operator:** Linda H. Stonecipher

**Relationship to Owner:** sole trustee, daughter of Donald

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	820	820	820	Wheat	Wheat, mostly seed

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The farm is now leased to Abbey Farms, Inc., also a Centennial Farm, which is adjacent to the Harris Family Farm. We remodeled the house, which is rented and nicely maintained.

**Additional Information:** Abbey Farms is on one side of us and the Neace Farm is on another. All are Centennial Farms, making this a very historic valley of the Lower Whetstone, Columbia County!

Contact: Linda Harris Stonecipher, 94 Stonecipher Rd., Waitsburg, WA 99361

***Hinchliff & Sons, Inc., est. 1872***

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**Current Owner:** Hinchliff & Sons, Inc.: Dick and Kay Hinchliff, Bertha Hinchliff

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** three of the owners

**Current Operator:** David Carlton, DOK Inc.

**Relationship to Owner:** neighbor

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	2,200	2,000	2,000	Wheat, barley, a few cattle	Wheat, peas

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** In the past 25 years, John raised game birds, including pheasants, bobwhites, chuckars, and turkeys. John and Bertha did the farming.

**Additional Information:** When Wilber incorporated the company in 1976, he had four sons who were owners with him. Beginning in 1980, two of his sons, John and Dick, and their wives, Bertha and Kay, were the farm's owners. John died in 1999, and ownership remains with his widow, brother and sister-in-law.

Contact: Bertha Hinchliff, 622 Harlem Rd., Dayton, WA 99328

***The Ingram Farms, est. 1889***

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**Current Owner:** Richard H. Ingram Jr.

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** one of the owners

**Current Operator:** Richard Ingram Jr.

**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
40	40	2,200	650	3,700	Wheat, barley, peas	Wheat, peas, barley, mustard

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The farm has doubled in size. My son, R. Justin Ingram, is now a partner.

**Additional Information:** The original 80-acre parcel of land that established this Centennial Farm in 1989 was acquired by James Henry Ingram in 1874. The parcel was sold after the death of W. Johns Ingram in 2005, subdivided, and homes have been built on it. The family has a record of the filing of the warranty deed, dated July 22, 1889, for a 40-acre parcel James Henry Ingram purchased from the Northern Pacific Railroad. Richard Ingram still owns and farms this land, maintaining the farm's connection to its Centennial Farm status.

Contact: Richard H. Ingram Jr., 610 Patit Rd., Dayton, WA 99328



**The McHargue Farm, est. 1883**

**Current Owner:** Robert D. McHargue  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same  
**Current Operator:** Robert D. McHargue  
**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	520	800	800	Grain, cattle, hogs	Wheat, cows with yearlings

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The original barn and sheds are still used. Part of the house has been rebuilt. Farming has stayed the same.  
**Contact:** Marilyn McKinley, 322 Sorghum Hollow, Dayton, WA 99328

**The Neace Farm, est. 1872**

**Current Owner:** Charlene Flanigan and Cathleen Williams  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** grandchildren of Charles Neace  
**Current Operator:** Jack Miller  
**Relationship to Owner:** none

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
80	80	2,500	1,100	1,100	Wheat, barley, grass seed, cattle	Wheat

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The farm has been divided.  
**Contact:** Charlene Flanigan, 126 Sierra Ln., Touchet, WA 99360

**M.L. Neace Trust, est. 1886**

**Current Owner:** M.L. Neace Estate descendants: James Neace, John Neace, Hal Neace, Larry Neace, Allen Neace, Nancy Startin, Joan Johnson, Pam Spencer, Linda Gonzales, Gail Provencal  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** Children of the four siblings: James and John are Merwin's sons; Hal, Larry and Allen are Lawrence's sons; Nancy and Joan are Margaret's daughters; Pam, Linda and Gail are Maxine's daughters  
**Current Operator:** James Neace  
**Relationship to Owner:** one of the owners

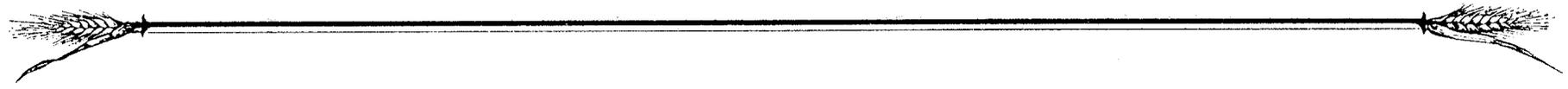
Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	890	900	1,200	Wheat, barley	Winter wheat, spring wheat, spring barley, yellow mustard, billy beans

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** We use much more no-till and two-pass farming methods. All original buildings are still standing and still in use.  
**Additional Information:** The farm has been handed down from three generations. Lots of farming practices have changed in that time but the farm is still strong.  
**Contact:** James Neace, 419 N. Third St., Dayton, WA 99328

**The Price/Bowman Farm, est. 1885**

**Current Owner:** Teresa Bowman and Linda Bowman Crawford  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** daughters  
**Current Operator:** Pat Barker  
**Relationship to Owner:** none

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
140	140	620	540	520	Wheat, grass seed	Wheat



**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** We are not rotating crops anymore, just growing wheat.

**Additional Information:** John Bowman passed away in 1994 and the farm was inherited by his three children: Linda, Jeffrey and Teresa. Jeffrey Bowman sold his one-third share to Teresa Bowman in December 2000.

**Contact:** Linda Crawford, 61382 King Solomon Ct., Bend, OR 97702

**Rainwater Ranch, est. 1874**

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This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the Rainwater family. The farm left family ownership in 2004 when it was divided and sold to three parties.

**Is the Land Still Farmed?** Yes, Roger Gibbons owns and farms the original Centennial Farm land. Rainwater Ranch was the owner until 1991. From 1991-2004 the ranch was owned by Lloyd Jr., and Dayle and Dean Rainwater. The farm was sold because no family member was interested in continuing to farm or ranch. Most of the land was bought by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

**Contact:** Faye Rainwater, 126 S. Touchet Rd., Dayton, WA 99328

**Rockhill Ranch, est. 1871**

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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 2001. Clay and Rachel Hutchens now own the farm.

**Contact:** Clay Hutchens, 327 Poulsen Rd., Dayton, WA 99328

**The Willis Thronson Farm, est. 1881**

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**Current Owner:** Jean Nelson, Linda Johnson, Don Thompson, Gailord Nelson, Mike Nelson, Carolyn Laib

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same owners, plus Gailord (Jean's husband)

**Current Operator:** Mike and Mary Nelson, John and Carolyn Laib

**Relationship to Owner:** two of the owners (cousins) and their spouses

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	4,000	2,800	2,800	Wheat, barley, rapeseed, cattle	Wheat, barley

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Some of the farming practices have changed. The farmhouse still stands.

**Additional Information:** The ownership is basically the same as 25 years ago. Marriage has changed some of the names.

**Contact:** Jean Nelson, 605 Bruce Rd., Dayton, WA 99328

**Top Wave Farms, est. 1881**

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**Current Owner:** Helen Hofer Wyrick, Patti Hofer Grant, Pam Cummings, Ken Hofer, John Hofer; Dan Grant, Matt Grant; John Turner, and Ginger Hofer

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** Helen is the widow of Paul and Glenn's cousin, Mike. Ginger is Glenn's widow. All other owners are cousins.

**Current Operator:** Dan Grant

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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	3,600	3,000	12,000	Wheat, barley, grass	Wheat, CRP/grass

**Additional Information:** The original house and barn still stand, though they are not in use. John Grant, who farmed the land for 35 years, passed away in October, 2014. His son and partner, Dan Grant, is the



farm's current operator. A small portion of Top Wave Farms is in the CRP program.

Contact: Patty Hofer Grant, 850 East Tietan St., Walla Walla, WA 99362

**The Winnett Farm, est. 1874**

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**Current Owner:** Andy and Denise Winnett, Lee and Lisa Winnett

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** sons and daughters-in-law

**Current Operator:** Lee and Andy Winnett, Gene Warren

**Relationship to Owner:** owners and lessee

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	217	217	217	Soft white wheat, alfalfa, sheep	Wheat, peas, garbanzos

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The farm ground is now leased to Bob Warren and Sons of Dayton. The house and bunkhouse still stand.

**Additional Information:** The next generation is working with the agricultural challenges of the next century.

Contact: W. Andy Winnett, 900 Caroline St., Waitsburg, WA 99361

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**The Blachly Farm, est. 1878**

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**Current Owner:** Lee W. and Guy E. Blachly

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** sons

**Current Operator:** Lee and Guy Blachly

**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	7,000	1,000+	1,000+	Wheat, barley, brome grass seed, cattle	Wheat, hay, cattle

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Transitioned to no-till or two-pass farming, removed strip cropping.

**Additional Information:** The original house, barn, garage and homesteader shack are still standing. Lee and Guy became owners of the farm in 1996.

Contact: Lee Blachly, 2564 Gould City Mayview Rd., Pomeroy, WA 99347

**The Fitzsimmons Farm, est. 1879**

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**Current Owner:** Marilyn Fitzsimmons Myers and Doug, Wayne and Larry Fitzsimmons (children of Wesley Fitzsimmons); Bob, Gary and Dwight Dorman and Ginny Dorman Ressel (children of Janice Fitzsimmons Dorman); Michelle Fitzsimmons Wolf (daughter of Marston Fitzsimmons); Mary Jane Bartlow Field, Gerald Bartlow, Debbie Bartlow (widow of Scott Bartlow), Jon and Jeff Bartlow (children of Ellsworth Bartlow); Jean Meissner Trump and Alan Meissner (children of Lucille Bartlow Meissner)

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** next generation heirs

**Current Operator:** Wayne Fitzsimmons

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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	1,200	1,200	1,200	Wheat, barley	Wheat, barley

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Wesley Fitzsimmons died in 1990. Wayne Fitzsimmons, fourth generation, has operated the farm since.

**Additional Information:** Wesley's children became owners in 1990, Janice's in 2005, Marston's and Ellsworth's in 2010, and Lucille's in 2013.

Contact: Wayne Fitzsimmons, 1566 Hwy. 12 E., Pomeroy, WA 99347



***The Kimble Farm, est. 1882***

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**Current Owner:** Edna Kimble Heirs: Lowell Kimble, Ringen Family Trust, Larry Kimble, Joyce Helfer, Judy Williams, Jeanne Hornsby, Cecilia Price, Helen Kimble, Irene Cline, Edna Downing, Bill Colyar, Claudia Schwarmann, Kathi Howard, Debra Waldher

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** sons and daughters

**Current Operator:** Nick Waldher

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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	1,367	1,367	1,367	Wheat, barley, cattle, pigs	Wheat, cattle

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Conventional tillage has been replaced by minimum tillage and no-till.

**Additional Information:** Kimble heirs continue to live on the homestead site. Kimble heirs operate and manage the Centennial Farm land.

**Contact:** Debra A. Waldher, 257 Dutch Flat Rd., Pomeroy, WA 99347

***The Malone Farm, est. 1888***

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**Current Owner:** Schweiter Family Enterprises LLC: William J. Schweiter and Richard E. Schweiter

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** grand-nephews

**Current Operator:** Ruark Century Farms, David and Paul Ruark

**Relationship to Owner:** distant relatives

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
70	70	294	300	300	Barley, wheat, bluegrass seed	Wheat, garbanzo beans

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Some no-till farming is being practiced.

**Additional Information:** The original Ed Malone house is across the road. Veva Miiller sold it to David and Nancy Ruark. Veva owned the farm until 1993, when it passed to her niece, Ruth E. Wallace Schweiter. In 2002 it passed to her sons William and Richard Schweiter.

**Contact:** William Schweiter, 912 E. Excelsior Rd., Spokane, WA 99224

***The Thomas Ruark Farm, est. 1887***

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**Current Owner:** David and Nancy Ruark

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same

**Current Operator:** Paul Ruark

**Relationship to Owner:** son

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
115	115	1,050	507	1,500	Wheat, barley, bluegrass seed, intermediate wheat grass seed, peas	Wheat, grass

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** No changes.

**Additional Information:** Paul is the oldest son of David and Nancy, and is now farming the land. He is the sixth generation and his daughter would be the seventh generation if she elects to farm after completing her formal education.

**Contact:** David Ruark, 274 Malone Hill Rd., Pomeroy, WA 99347

***The Thomas Ruark Farm, est. 1887***

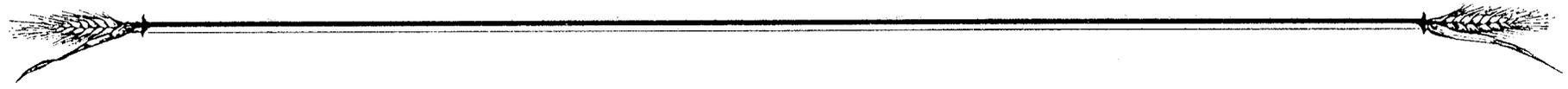
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**Current Owner:** Cynthia Monoian, Stephen and David Ruark

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** two of the owners (Stephen and David), and their sister

**Current Operator:** Paul Ruark

**Relationship to Owner:** David's son



Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
62	62	1,050	266	1,500	Wheat, barley, bluegrass seed, intermediate wheat grass seed, peas	Wheat, peas, garbanzos, barley

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** No changes. Cynthia rejoined her brothers as an owner in 2002.

**Contact:** David Ruark, 274 Malone Hill Rd., Pomeroy, WA 99347

### *The Scoggin Farm, est. 1877*

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**Current Owner:** Everett L. Scoggin

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same

**Current Operator:** Max and Brian Scoggin

**Relationship to Owner:** son and grandson

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
120	120	240	720	2,800	Wheat, barley, peas, cattle, hogs, chickens	Wheat, hogs

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** No more workhorses. The 1898 barn and 1901 house are both still used.

**Contact:** Max Scoggin, P.O. Box 32, Pomeroy, WA 99347

### *The Stallcop Farm, est. 1878*

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**Current Owner:** Wynn Stallcop

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** son

**Current Operator:** Pat McKeirnan

**Relationship to Owner:** neighbor

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	560	560	560	Wheat, barley, grass seed	Wheat, barley

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Wynn retired from farming in 2009 after 24 years.

**Additional Information:** The original barn and farm shop are still used for storage.

**Contact:** Wynn Stallcop, 957 Kirby-Mayview Rd., Pomeroy, WA 99347

### *The Travis Farm, est. 1876*

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**Current Owner:** Sandra Lynn Travis

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** daughter

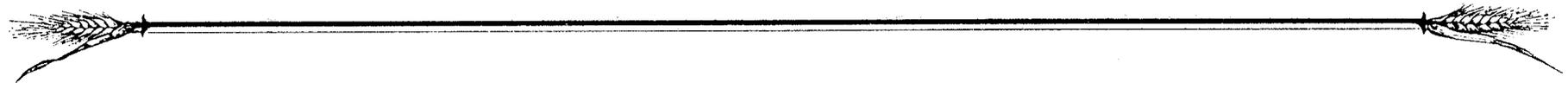
**Current Operator:** Sandra Travis

**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	2,100	160	30	Wheat, barley, cattle	CRP, timberland

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Most of the land is timberland. The few farmed acres have shifted to CRP.

**Contact:** Sandra L. Travis, 765 Clay St., Walla Walla, WA 99362



***The Wilson/Kimble Farm, est. 1879***

**Current Owner:** Doyle Kimble, Ilene Bushnell, and Jeremy Kimble

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** Doyle and Ilene were owners in 1989. Jeremy is the son of their brother, Erich.

**Current Operator:** Slaybaugh Bros: Rick, Dan, and Brian

**Relationship to Owner:** cousins

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	304	304	304	Wheat, barley, cattle	Wheat, cattle

**Additional Information:** The house, barn and shop, none in active use, are still standing.

**Contact:** Doyle Kimble, 1800 Evergreen St., #45, Walla Walla, WA 99362

***Non-Participating Farms***

The following 11 farms in the Southeast 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.

***Asotin County***

Ayers Ranch, est. 1878, p. 125

The Johnson Farm, est. 1880, p. 127

***Columbia County***

The Nowles Farm, est. 1872, p. 111

The Sterns Farm, est. 1882, p. 110

Turner Farms, est. 1884, p. 115

The Van Patten Farm, est. 1880, p. 112

***Garfield County***

The Crumpacker Family Farm, est. 1879, p. 122

The Hastings Farm, est. 1886, p. 119

L & M Ranch, Inc., est. 1877, p. 117

The Shawley Family Ltd. Partnership, est. 1873, p. 116

The Shelton Farm, est. 1885, p. 118

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## Whitman County

Whitman County is home to some of the most productive dryland wheat farms in the country and also to the greatest number of Washington's Centennial Farms. Settlers arriving in the 1870s and 1880s quickly discovered the productivity of the Palouse, and its reputation as a major wheat-producing region was soon established.

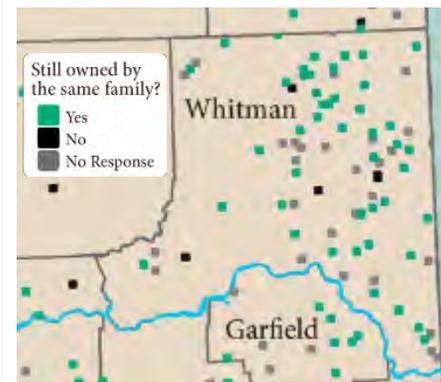
Whitman County has been the nation's top wheat producer every year since 1978, with production topping 30 million bushels in 2014, a relatively low-yielding year. Over the past 25 years, its wheat farms have gotten larger, changed their mix of crops, and adopted practices to reduce erosion and improve soil quality.



*Washington Association of Wheat Growers*

**The Turnbow/St. John Farm, west of Palouse, produced winter and spring wheat and barley, seed wheat, peas and alfalfa in 2014.**

### *Response to Reconnecting with Washington's Centennial Farms*



Of the 82 Centennial Farms in Whitman County, 52 responded to the 2014 questionnaire. Of those, 48 continue to be owned by a descendant of the 1889 landowner.

Whitman is home to 20 percent of the state's Centennial Farms.

### *Wheat acreage expands*

Wheat, and more wheat, is being grown in Whitman County. In 1989, wheat was harvested from 400,500 acres; in 2014, harvested acres topped 506,000, following recent record wheat prices. Meanwhile, barley production, with 44,000 acres harvested in 2014, is a quarter of its 1989 level. Overall, less acreage is being cropped: Enrollment in the Conservation Reserve Program in 2014 totaled 170,000 acres, or about 17 percent of the county's cropland, compared to 19,000 acres enrolled in 1989.

You find these facts reflected in the county's Centennial Farms. In 1989, both wheat and barley grew on every Centennial Farm. In 2014, less than half grow barley, and the favored pulse crops now includes garbanzo beans, also known as chickpeas, as well as dry peas



and lentils. Whitman County leads the nation in garbanzos, as consumers have developed a taste for hummus, a dip made from the mashed bean.

### *Farm size unchanged or larger*

Most Centennial Farms in the county reported their farm size was the same or larger in 2014 than in 1989. Of those that reported growth, most have more than doubled in size. The median size of the 48 farms is just over 1,050 acres.

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*Farm life is a wonderful way to live life and raise a family.*

*KAROLYN KAYE BAILEY, JAMES BAILEY, INC. (KELLY AND SHIELDS FARMS)*

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### *Sustainability efforts increase*

Following intensive cultivation for more than 100 years, concerns about erosion and soil degradation on the steep slopes of the Palouse hills were already spurring changes in farm practices in 1989. The emphasis on resource conservation and environmental protection has only increased during the last 25 years. Several Centennial Farms said they have moved to less tillage or no-till and direct seed on their operations.

Alex McGregor, one of the owners of McGregor Land & Livestock Ranch, observed that the last 25 years have seen the biggest gains in

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*Erosion has been greatly reduced, and in most cases eliminated, by leaving crop residue on top of the soil.*

*MARY ANN WIGEN, THE WHEALEN FARM*

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productivity and stewardship since pioneers broke out the prairie with horse-drawn walking plows. “Together we’ve increased production 250 percent, reduced water-borne soil erosion 85

percent, reduced dust six-fold, and reduced stubble burning – once done on every acre – 22-fold.”

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

- Of the 48 farms still in the family, 22 are owned by the same owners as in 1989. Eighteen have been passed on to a child, grandchild or cousin. Eight are owned by the 1989 owner and the next generation.
- Twenty-four farms list the current owner or one of the owners as the day-to-day operator of the farm, 13 list a child, grandchild or other family member, and 11 are operated by a neighbor, friend or other non-relative.
- Ten farms have smaller operations than in 1989 and eighteen are larger, with the average size growing from 1,924 acres in 1989 to 2,347 acres in 2014. Farm sizes in 1989 ranged from 120 to 34,000 acres, and in 2014, from 33 to 37,000 acres.
- About one-quarter of the Centennial Farms reported they lease their land. Several lease to the same neighbor or friend as in 1989.
- The median size of the farms operated by lessees is 360 acres; the median size for owner-operated farms is 1,271 acres.
- Virtually all of Whitman County’s Centennial Farms are still wheat farms, with one farm reporting its cropland is in CRP and another farm producing cattle and hay.
- In 1989, all 48 farms reported growing wheat and barley and 32 reported growing dry peas. In 2014, virtually all grow wheat – including seven that reported growing only wheat – but less than half grow barley and even fewer grow dry peas. A quarter of the farms grow garbanzo beans in 2014, a crop not mentioned in 1989.
- Almost one-third of the farms reported raising livestock, primarily cattle, in 1989. Only half as many do so in 2014.
- Only four of the responding Centennial Farms are no longer in the family. All are still farmed.

Comments from several Whitman County farms, including the John Jacob and Caroline Schlee Homestead, are featured in the *Overview* chapter.



***The Harriet Adams Farm, est. 1883***

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**Current Owner:** John and Mary K. Stelzer  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same  
**Current Operator:** John Stelzer  
**Relationship to Owner:** one of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
120	120	120	120	120	Wheat, barley	Wheat, barley

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Has not changed.  
**Contact:** Mary Kaye Stelzer, 42414 S. Texas Ferry Rd., Rosalia, WA 99170

***Alameda Farm, est. 1882***

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**Current Owner:** Jerry and Wilma Means  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same  
**Current Operator:** Jerry and Wilma Means  
**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	345	445	445	Wheat, barley	Wheat, barley

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** No change. The barn, granary and house are still standing.  
**Contact:** Jerry and Wilma Means, 15001 Pine City Malden Rd., St. John, WA 99171

***James Bailey, Inc. (Kelly Farm), est. 1888***

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**Current Owner:** Karolyn Bailey  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** one of the owners  
**Current Operator:** Mike and Jennifer Larson  
**Relationship to Owner:** niece and her husband

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
60	42	3,200	1,085	3,200	Wheat, barley	Wheat

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** James Bailey deceased 2008; son Bryan Bailey deceased 1992.  
**Additional Information:** Farm life is a wonderful way to live life and raise a family, so many treasured memories.  
**Contact:** Karolyn Kaye Bailey, 5671 Dewey Rd., Lamont, WA 99017

***James Bailey, Inc. (Shields Farm), est. 1883***

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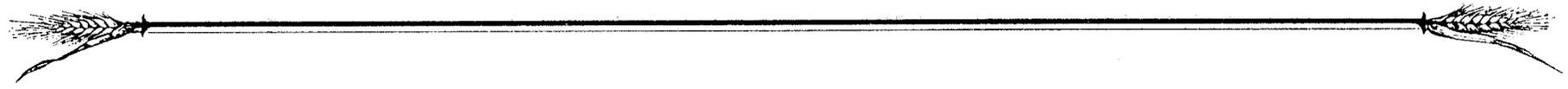
**Current Owner:** Karolyn Bailey  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** one of the owners  
**Current Operator:** Mike and Jennifer Larson  
**Relationship to Owner:** niece and her husband

***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.



Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
118	118	3,200	661	3,200	Wheat, barley	Wheat

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Land was leased to and farmed by Mike Larson since 2011 because of my husband James Bailey's death in 2008.  
**Contact:** Karolyn Kaye Bailey, 5671 Dewey Rd., Lamont, WA 99017

***The John Bishop Farm, est. 1878*** Page 132

**Current Owner:** John D. and Judy Bishop, Malcom Burnett  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same, husband of Regina Bishop Burnett  
**Current Operator:** Roger and Lyn Pennell  
**Relationship to Owner:** neighbor

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	390	390	390	Wheat, barley, peas, lentils	Wheat

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The homestead has been cleaned up and all undesirable trees removed. The second house that the homesteader John A. Bishop built in the late 1800s is still used periodically.  
**Contact:** John and Judy Bishop, 630 Valley Mall Pkwy., #156, East Wenatchee, WA 98802

***The Daniel Boone Farm, est. 1879*** Page 132

**Current Owner:** Dan and Nancy Boone  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same  
**Current Operator:** Daniel Michael Boone  
**Relationship to Owner:** son

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	1,800	about 2,000	4,000	Wheat, barley, peas, lentils, cattle	Wheat, garbanzos, peas, barley, cattle

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** We use different rotation crops and are more concerned about conservation of the soil.  
**Contact:** Dan Boone, 6202 Wawawai-Pullman Rd., Pullman, WA 99163

***John Chandler Estate, est. 1882*** Page 134

This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the family that owned it in 1989. The farm left family ownership in Aug. 8, 2014.  
**Is the Land Still Farmed?** Yes. Several of the family sold their shares of the farm in 2008 and 2009; the rest was sold in August 2014. Mr. C.F. Zimmer is the 2,240-acre farm's new owner and his son, Mike Zimmer, is the day-to-day operator, growing wheat.

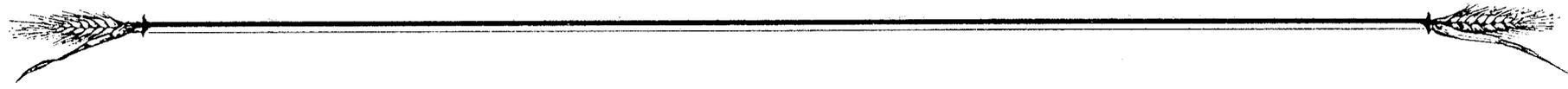
**Contact:** Bill Raker, 6520 135th Pl. S.W., Edmonds, WA 98026

***The Clark Place, est. 1889*** Page A-20

**Current Owner:** Clark Farms, Inc.  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same  
**Current Operator:** Asa, Girard, William, Mark and Gavin Clark  
**Relationship to Owner:** all are owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
about 300	about 300	6,200	4,918	6,943	Wheat, barley, dry peas, lentils	Wheat, chickpeas, canola, quinoa

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Slightly larger, less tillage, slightly more crop diversification.  
**Contact:** Asa W. Clark, 6093 Palouse-Albion Rd., Pullman, WA 99163



**The Comegys Farm, est. 1878**

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**Current Owner:** April Downing Eriksen and Robert Goldsworthy

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** Margaret Downing's daughter, Jean Goldsworthy's son

**Current Operator:** Kye Eriksen

**Relationship to Owner:** Tracy and April Eriksen's son

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
320	320	550	1,550	2,650	Wheat, oats, peas, and barley	Wheat, alfalfa, winter canola

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Moved from traditional cultivation to "no-till" cropping.

**Contact:** April Eriksen, 102 Eriksen Rd., St. John, WA 99171

**The Charlie P. Crow Farm, est. 1880**

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**Charlie P. Crow, Inc., est. 1882**

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**Current Owner:** Joanne Crow Sturm and Charlie David Crow

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** two of the owners

**Current Operator:** Brian Crow

**Relationship to Owner:** cousin

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
45 and 80	125	700	700	700	Wheat, peas, lentils, barley	Wheat

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Our parents have both passed away, mother at age 86 and father at 97 years of age; now sister and brother are equal owners. Both Charlie P. Crow Farms are now operated as one farm under Charlie P. Crow, Inc. The total acreage owned and operated for both farms is 700.

**Contact:** Joanne Crow Sturm, 10114 Natalie Ave., Cheney, WA 99004, or Charlie David Crow, 6138 S. 381st Way, Auburn, WA 98001

**The Robert A. Crow Farm, est. 1880**

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**Current Owner:** Brian Crow

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** grandson

**Current Operator:** Brian Crow

**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
60	60	586	2,724	6,265	Wheat, peas, lentils, and barley	Wheat, barley

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** No original buildings remain. The farm operation has expanded.

**Contact:** Brian M. Crow, P.O. Box 16, Oakesdale, WA 99158

**The Donahoe Farm, est. 1887**

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**Current Owner:** Leila M. VanDyke

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** cousin

**Current Operator:** Leila M. VanDyke

**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	640	160	160	Wheat, barley, peas, lentils, grass, hay, cattle	Wheat, barley, lentils, peas, grass, livestock

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** We built an additional second home. All of the original buildings are still standing and still in use.

**Contact:** Ron VanDyke, 801 W. Paradise Rd., Spokane, WA 99224



***The Fleener Farm, est. 1874***

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**Current Owner:** Fleener Enterprises: S. Frank Fleener  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** son  
**Current Operator:** S. Frank Fleener  
**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	1,400	1,000	5,000	Wheat, barley, lentils, peas	Wheat, lentils, peas

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** More acres farmed. The original barn was remodeled in 1980 and is still used today.

**Contact:** S. Frank Fleener, 4482 Estes Rd., Pullman, WA 99163

***Freels Heirs Farm, est. 1886***

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**Current Owner:** The Mary Freels Heirs: Larry Jerue; Kaye Clark; Judy Bonhof; Larry Mathison; Mark and Jan Tollett; Nancy, William, and Robert Peterson; M. Joanne Thorsell; Terry, Warren and Michael Jerue; Lynne Anderson  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** Larry Jerue, Kaye, Judy, Larry Mathison, and Mark and Jan were owners in 1989. Nancy, William, Robert and M. Joanne are Muriel Peterson’s children. Terry, Warren, Michael and Lynne are Joe Jerue’s children.  
**Current Operator:** Mark and Janice Tollett  
**Relationship to Owner:** two of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	542	558	558	Wheat, barley, peas	Winter wheat, spring wheat, spring barley

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Not changed.

**Additional Information:** Mary Lee Tollett passed away in 2010. Phil Mathison sold his share of the farm to Mark and Janice. The farm is

currently owned by grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Allison and Mary Freels.

**Contact:** Mark and Janice Tollett, 802 Jim Davis Rd., St. John, WA 99171

***The Goldsworthy Farm, est. 1880***

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**Current Owner:** Bob, Jill, Harry III and Jim Goldsworthy  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same and children  
**Current Operator:** Bob Goldsworthy  
**Relationship to Owner:** one of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	967	1,000	1,100	Wheat, barley	Wheat

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Not much. We're trying to preserve the land, buildings and our heritage, and we are really tied to the land. The original machine shop, bunkhouse and house (remodeled in 1952) still stand.

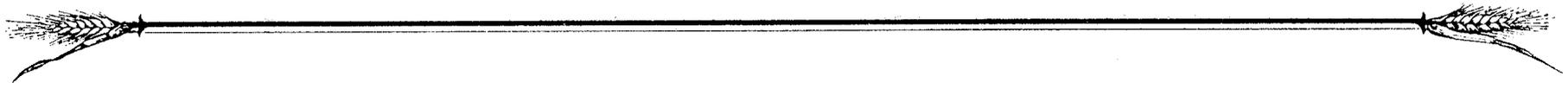
**Additional Information:** Harry Jr. is 100 years old and the last of the third generation. Land has been transferred to the fourth generation and it will stay in the family. Younger family members come back to the farm to help with the harvest and during the year to help with operations as they can. Bob is also an owner-operator of the Comegys Centennial Farm; his mother is a Comegys.

**Contact:** Eugenia Goldsworthy Jr., 5602 Ld Johnson Rd., Rosalia, WA 99170

***Grove Ranch, est. 1883***

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**Current Owner:** Vera Ruud, Roger Cox, Dianna Pewitt, Mary Lindsay, Jay Magnuson and Jack Lamberton  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** two of the owners, and Thelma and Evelyn’s children  
**Current Operator:** Chuck Jordan  
**Relationship to Owner:** friend



Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
20	20	760	760	760	Wheat, barley	Wheat, barley, oilseeds, garbanzos

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Consolidation of ownership. We have added raising oilseeds and garbanzos. More wildlife visits the farm and turkeys have been successfully introduced. One of the great, positive changes is the change in farming practices to direct seed. Direct seeding has reduced the soil loss from large amounts with significant water loss from the fields to negligible on both counts. Conrad (the original homesteader) would not recognize the farming methods used in direct seed. We have improved the variety of crops grown and have made the transition to direct seed with no loss in profitability.

**Additional Information:** Conrad "Coon" Schierman left Russia with approximately 200 Russian Germans because he was suffering religious persecution. He, his brothers and cousins were diligent Bible students and maintained an active religious life that centered around meditation, prayer and Bible study. The family maintains these family values today. In 2007, Jay Magnuson, Evelyn's son, became an owner. In 2011, Jack Lambertson, Thelma's son, became an owner. In 2012, Dianna Pewitt and Mary Lindsay, Evelyn's daughters, became owners.

Contact: Roger Cox, P.O. Box 237, Endicott, WA 99125

***Guske Family Limited Partnership, est. 1879*** Page 144

**Current Owner:** Guske Family LLC: Lester Guske Sr.

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same

**Current Operator:** Lester Guske Jr.

**Relationship to Owner:** son

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	840	1,091	1,600	Wheat, barley, alfalfa, cattle, hogs	Wheat, hay, cattle

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The original house and barn are still used. We've added acreage, some purchased, some leased, to the farm operation. The partnership changed to an LLC in 1997. A corporation was formed in 1996 to act as the farm operator, and it leases all the land.

Contact: Lester Guske Sr., P.O. Box 208, Lacrosse, WA 99143

***The Harter Farm, est. 1875***

**Current Owner:** Ed Harter Estate, Martin Marler

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** estate of an owner, Jennie Marler's son

**Current Operator:** Martin Marler

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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	1,100	about 1,200	1,300	Wheat, lentils, peas, barley, horses	Wheat, barley

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Not much. Only the original house still stands.

**Additional Information:** The portion of the Harter Farm owned by Janet Huber is farmed separately.

Contact: Martin Marler, P.O. Box 365, Colfax, WA 99111

***Hill Ranch, est. 1877***

This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the Hill family. The farm left family ownership in 1995.

**Is the Land Still Farmed?** Yes, we sold it to a farmer who leases it to another farmer. We sold it because the agriculture economy was in the pits and we couldn't get big.

Contact: Gordon Hill, 3051 Clear Creek Rd., Palouse, WA 99161



**The Hoffman Farm, est. 1882**

**Current Owner:** Janet Huber, Bill and Dale Ross, JoAnn Ross Cunningham

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** one of the owners, and children of Alice Ross

**Current Operator:** Mike and Don Nelson

**Relationship to Owner:** neighbors

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	154	600	600	600	Wheat, barley, peas	Wheat, lentils, garbanzos, peas, oats

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The land has not changed. Washington Water Power put power lines through. The farmhouse and outbuildings with six acres were sold.

**Additional Information:** Alice Hoffman Ross died on Sept. 26, 2014. Her three children now own what was her half of the farm.

**Contact:** JoAnn Ross Cunningham, P.O. Box 614, Haines, AK 99827

**The Horlacher/McCoy Farm, est. 1882**

**Current Owner:** Clifton Smith

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** one of the owners

**Current Operator:** Lessee

**Relationship to Owner:** no relation

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
140	129	140	360	360	Wheat, barley	Wheat

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Low wheat prices from 2000 to 2006 made me stop farming and lease out.

**Additional Information:** My uncle, who owned the farm with me in 1988, sold his share to me.

**Contact:** Clifton B. Smith, 1901 SR 274, Tekoa, WA 99033

**Howard Farms, Inc., est. 1882**

**Current Owner:** Howard Farms, Inc.: George H. Howard, Bruce P. Howard, Norma L. Howard, Sally J. Markley, Norman A. Howard, John W. Howard, Philip S. Howard, and Susan E. Emery

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** George is one of the 1989 owners. Bruce, Norma and Sally are James' children. Norman, John, Philip and Susan are Robert's children.

**Current Operator:** Lessee

**Relationship to Owner:** no relation

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
520	520	1,010	1,010	1,010	Wheat, barley, peas, some livestock	Wheat, barley, garbanzos, some cattle

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Farming methods (no-till, chemfallow), fertilizer and chemical usage, equipment capabilities and capacities, and significantly increased capital investment requirements. The original log house remains part of the long-time home which is used by members of the family when visiting.

**Additional Information:** The farming operation, under lease from Howard Farms, Inc., has been very effectively accomplished by the same operator for the past 30 years.

**Contact:** George H. Howard, 6358 S. 298th Pl., Auburn, WA 98001

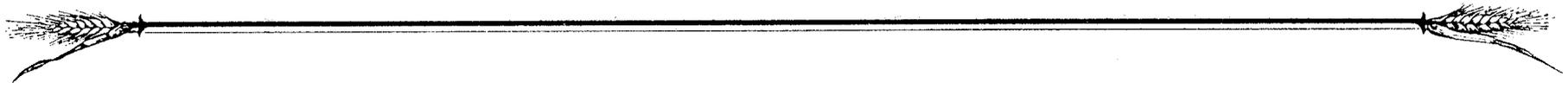
**The Huffman Farm, est. 1878**

**Current Owner:** Triple D Centennial Farms, LLC: Addie Mae Sienknecht and children

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same and children

**Current Operator:** Sons of Addie Mae Sienknecht

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



Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
100	100	853	750	750	Wheat, lentils, peas, barley	Wheat, lentils, peas, alfalfa

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The house is still standing and lived in. The farm is now part of an LLC. The fencing has changed and some of the outbuildings.

**Contact:** Doug and Wendy Sienknecht, 430 W. Bridge St., Tekoa, WA 99033

***The Hughes Farm, est. 1878***

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**Current Owner:** Joel and Ann Heck  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** one of the owners  
**Current Operator:** Dave Curtis and Henning Farms  
**Relationship to Owner:** no relation

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
66	66	350	66	66	Wheat, barley, peas	Wheat, barley

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** It hasn't changed, but the main house has been restored.

**Additional Information:** The farmland is leased to two parties: Dave Curtis of St. John and Henning Farms of Thornton.

**Contact:** Ann J. Heck, 192 Sen. Eugene Prince Rd., Thornton, WA 99176

***The Huntley Farm, est. 1887***

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**Current Owner:** Necia Huntley  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same  
**Current Operator:** Wayne and Steve Henning  
**Relationship to Owner:** friends of family

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
80	80	887	800	800	Wheat, barley, peas, lentils, Whiteface cattle	Wheat, barley

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The flats, which had been pastureland, have been tilled. No more cattle and sheep. A brick cellar connected to the original house is used for storage. The windmill still stands.

**Additional Information:** Elmer Huntley passed away in 1994. His share of the farm was willed to Washington State University, which sold it to Wayne Henning. The remaining land belongs to Necia, who retains control of the farm until her death, when her half will go to WSU for the Elmer & Necia Huntley Scholarship Fund, which is already established.

**Contact:** Necia Huntley, 1910 Evergreen Park Dr., Apt. 801, Olympia, WA 98502

***The Adam Kile Farm, est. 1881***

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**Current Owner:** Kile Farm Trust  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** Lester Kile requested the farm go to the Kile Farm Trust when he passed away.  
**Current Operator:** Jeannie Kile  
**Relationship to Owner:** trustee

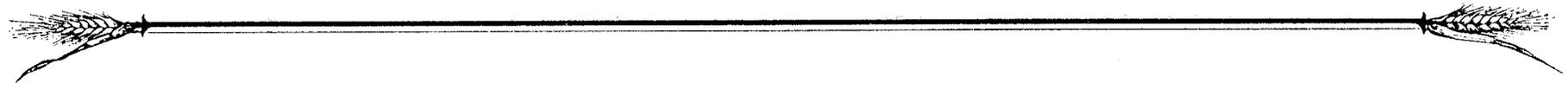
Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	1,650	1,650	1,650	Wheat, barley, peas	Barley, wheat

**Contact:** Jeannie Kile, 9719 W. Masters Ln., Cheney, WA 99004

***The John Thomas Kile Farm, est. 1881***

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**Current Owner:** Mr. and Mrs. Ronald John Kile  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same  
**Current Operator:** Ronald J. Kile  
**Relationship to Owner:** same



Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
166	166	1,050	1,021	1,271	Soft white wheat, barley, peas	Soft white wheat, barley, occasional pulse crops

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Practicing mulch-till, direct seed farming.

**Contact:** Ronald Kile, 401 Squires Rd., Rosalia, WA 99170

***The Laird/Hamilton Farm, est. 1887*** Page 155

**Current Owner:** Clarence Hamilton and Vivian Harder  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** son and daughter  
**Current Operator:** Clarence Hamilton  
**Relationship to Owner:** one of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
80	80	387	387	387	Wheat, barley	CRP

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** From growing wheat and barley to CRP. Clarence's son, Steve, and daughter, Jodie Young, built homes and live on this farm.

**Additional Information:** Edward passed away in 1997, so the farm was split between his children Vivian and Clarence.

**Contact:** Clarence Hamilton, 22851 Endicott Rd., Colfax, WA 99111

***The Lemon Farm, est. 1880*** Page 155

**Current Owner:** Jim Lemon and Lolita Lemon Sutton  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** two of the owners  
**Current Operator:** Alfred and Larry Schroetlin  
**Relationship to Owner:** not related

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
91	35	252	35	33	Wheat, barley	Wheat, barley, lentils

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Most outbuildings and the house were removed due to age. All but 35 acres have been sold. We still have original homestead where the house once sat, and the original shop and storage building are still in use.

**Additional Information:** We sold 228 acres in 2007 to longtime lessees. We kept 35 acres with the original homestead property and maintain it for family use today.

**Contact:** Jim Lemon, 914 S. Meadow St., Colfax, WA 99111

***The Love Farm, est. 1881*** Page 156

**Current Owner:** Wendell Love and Marilyn Cunningham  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same  
**Current Operator:** Warren Neal  
**Relationship to Owner:** friend

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	160	160	160	Wheat, peas, lentils, barley	Peas, wheat

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Type of farming has changed to reduced tillage. The original house and shed still stand.

**Contact:** Warren Neal, 304 Lange Rd., Garfield, WA 99130

***The Lyle Farm, est. 1879*** Page 157

**Current Owner:** Scott J. and Robert J. Lyle  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** grandsons  
**Current Operator:** Scott and Robert Lyle  
**Relationship to Owner:** same



Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	584	160	160	Cattle, wheat, barley, peas	Hay, cattle

**Additional Information:** Robert L. Lyle passed in 1989. His son James R. still lives on the farm, and was owner from 1989 to 2013. The farm is now owned by two of James' sons: Scott, who lives on the farm with his wife and one son, and Robert, who is building a house on the farm for himself and his wife.

Contact: Scott Lyle, 14972 SR 194, Pullman, WA 99163

### *McGregor Land & Livestock Ranch, est. 1883* Page A-22

**Current Owner:** McGregor Land and Livestock Company: Alex, Ian, Alyson, Robin, Katherine, Mary, Andrew, John Robert, Ethan, and Leah McGregor.

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** Alex was one of the three company owners in 1989. He, Mary, and Andrew are third generation descendants of one of the four founding McGregor brothers; Alyson, Robin, John Robert, Katherine and Ian are fourth generation descendants of another; as are Ethan and Leah, fifth generation.

**Current Operator:** Dave Hannas and Alex McGregor

**Relationship to Owner:** general manager and one of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	34,000	30,360	37,000	Wheat, barley, cattle	Wheat, barley, alfalfa, cattle

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Like other farm families, we've made big gains in productivity and stewardship, producing several 80-plus bushel crops in a 13-inch rainfall zone where 45 bushels was once an outstanding yield, while reducing tillage and making major gains in preservation of the topsoil. We've reseeded rangeland to boost long-term productivity. We've acquired some alfalfa and wheat ground from neighbors retiring from farming.

**Additional Information:** Three-quarters of the ranch is rangeland in the rugged canyons of the Channeled Scablands – wild, remote country where it takes as many as 40 acres to nourish each cow/calf pair. The remainder is wheat land and, in the Palouse River valley, a small area is devoted to raising irrigated alfalfa. Many of the buildings in the village of Hooper, which is part of the ranch, date back to pioneer days. In the last decade we have restored the historic brick general store and the ranch boarding house and upgraded several homes. We're slowly renovating harvest cook shacks and sheep herder wagons and other heritage items. Being active on issues of importance to all of us in agriculture is a major priority of ours, as it is with many farm families. We devote a lot of energy to telling the story of production agriculture and the thousands of farm families who contribute to its success. Our business was recognized a few years ago by the Secretary of State as a "Centennial Company," one of the oldest incorporated enterprises in the state.

Contact: Alex McGregor, The McGregor Company, P.O. Box 740, Colfax, WA 99111

### *The McGuire Farm, est. 1883* Page 157

**Current Owner:** McGuire 1883 LLC: Lee and Linda McGuire, Lee R. McGuire Jr. (Rusty), Tina Coe, Robert McGuire

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same

**Current Operator:** Rusty McGuire

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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
320	120	2,050	120	120	Wheat, barley, peas, lentils	Wheat, barley

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The 1883 barn remains and is used. The farm itself is smaller.

Contact: Rusty McGuire, P.O. Box 1187, Davenport, WA 99122



**The Miller/Powers Farm, est. 1875**

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**Current Owner:** Cory, Marla, and Sharon Aeschliman; Robert, Alison, Jennifer, Ryan, Christopher, Mark, and Melissa Powers

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** Sharon Aeschliman, whose children are Cory and Marla, is the niece of Thelma Miller and the daughter of Thelma and Violet's sister Wilma Hodge. Robert Powers (Alison and Jennifer are his daughters) and Chris Powers (Mark and Melissa are two of his children) are Violet Power's sons.

**Current Operator:** Cory Aeschliman

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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
93	93	777	303	303	Wheat, barley, some fruit, deer, pheasants	Hard red wheat, dark northern spring wheat, garbanzos, soft winter wheat

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Original structures still standing include the house, which is now lived in, a wall from the original homestead house, and an outbuilding. The farm is more productive.

**Contact:** Cory Aeschliman, 4004 Wilcox Rd., Colfax, WA 99111

**The Moys Farm, est. 1877**

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**Current Owner:** Georgie Leinweber

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** one of the owners

**Current Operator:** Todd Strader

**Relationship to Owner:** son-in-law

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	640	1,284	1,284	Grain, peas, barley	Wheat, garbanzos

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** New farm technology, GPS and no-till farming are occurring at the farm.

**Additional Information:** The Moys Farm is now farming as Box 4 Ranch and Moys 1877 LLC. The house was built in 1878, lower barn in 1893, and upper barn in 1924 (and will be torn down soon). Georgie's daughter and son-in-law and two grandchildren (seventh generation) are living on the farm and farming the land.

**Contact:** Georgie Leinweber, 520 W. Orchard, Colfax, WA 99111

**Mraz Farms, est. 1877**

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**Current Owner:** James and Gerald Mraz

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same

**Current Operator:** James and Gerald Mraz

**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	655	280	280	Wheat, barley, dry peas	Wheat, barley, peas

**Additional Information:** James lives in the house built in 1889. The now 134-year-old barn was restored in 2012 and is still in use.

**Contact:** James and Gerald Mraz, c/o Mraz Farms, 2552 Wawawai Rd., Colton, WA 99113

**The Nelson Century Farm, est. 1872**

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This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the Nelson family. The farm left family ownership in 2012.

**Is the Land Still Farmed?** Yes, a corporation from Coeur d'Alene now owns the land. It is farmed by local farmers. Gene Huntley Nelson, the last family member to own and farm the land, sold the farm in 2012 and passed away May 7, 2014, at the age of 71.

**Contact:** Betty Nelson Gill, 7326 Huckleberry Rd. N.W., Olympia, WA 98502



***The O'Neil Farm, est. 1884***

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This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the family that owned it in 1989. Otto L. Eggers acquired the land in 1989 and bequeathed it to his son, Otto L. Eggers II, in 2009.

**Is the Land Still Farmed?** Yes, by Steve and Kevin Mader

**Contact:** Otto L. Eggers II, 5678 N. Pinegrove Dr., Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815

***The Prince Farm, est. 1880***

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**Current Owner:** Ray and Arlene (Prince) Beale  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** daughter and son-in-law  
**Current Operator:** Loren Beale  
**Relationship to Owner:** son

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
97	97	3,800	1,235	1,235	Wheat, barley	Wheat, barley, peas, mustard

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The farm was operated by a nephew of Burdett Prince for 20 years. He retired and my son, Loren Beale, and my grandsons, Greg and Sean Beale, are farming it now. The house where I was born has been destroyed so the shop and storage sheds are all that's left.

**Contact:** Arlene Beale, P.O. Box 7, Pomeroy, WA 99347

***The John Jacob and Caroline Schlee Homestead, est. 1876***

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**Current Owner:** Carol Druffel  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** one of the owners  
**Current Operator:** Leroy Druffel  
**Relationship to Owner:** son

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	2,000	1,000	5,000	Wheat, barley, peas, a few cattle	Small grains

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Now under sustainable no-till management for crop production. Food Alliance Certified Sustainable.  
**Additional Information:** John Jacob and Caroline Schlee's great-great-grandson, Allen J. Druffel, is in the process of taking over the farm's management.

**Contact:** Leroy "Lee" Druffel, 802 Bald Butte Rd., Colton, WA 99113

***The Shoemaker Farm, est. 1879***

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**Current Owner:** Stephen P. Shoemaker and Margaret (Shoemaker) Collier  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** son and daughter  
**Current Operator:** John and Cindy Arland  
**Relationship to Owner:** lessees

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
149	149	220	220	220	Wheat, peas, barley, lentils	Wheat, lentils, garbanzo beans

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** An original garage is still standing and used for storage. The dairy barn roof has fallen in.  
**Additional Information:** After Stephen B. Shoemaker died, his widow Vida owned the farm until her death in 2014 at the age of 92. There have been four Stephen Shoemakers who have owned the land over the last 135 years: Stephen Bell, Stephen William, Stephen Bishop and now Stephen Patton Shoemaker.

**Contact:** Margaret L. (Shoemaker) Collier, 1672 Olson Rd., Palouse, WA 99161



***The Siegel Farm, est. 1877***

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**Current Owner:** John H. Siegel  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** son  
**Current Operator:** Corde Siegel  
**Relationship to Owner:** son

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
80	80	3,000	1,700	4,000	Wheat, barley, peas, hay, pasture, cattle	Wheat, peas, cattle, hay

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Farming practices are different, more minimum till over field, change in fertilizer practice.

**Contact:** John Siegel, 1291 Texas Ferry Rd., Rosalia, WA 99170

***The James Madison Small Farm, est. 1877***

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**Current Owner:** Rodger Small  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** son  
**Current Operator:** Cris and Pam Kincaid  
**Relationship to Owner:** lessee

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
320	320	320	320	320	Wheat, peas, barley	Wheat, garbanzos

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The original barn still stands and is in use. We have built a new house.

**Contact:** Rodger Small, 3695 Nicklaus Dr., Clarkston, WA 99403

***The Squires Farm, est. 1883***

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**Current Owner:** David St. John  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** son of Shirley St. John  
**Current Operator:** David St. John  
**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
156	154	184	154	About 1,200	Wheat, barley, peas, lentils	Wheat, peas, barley

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The original house and barn still stand.

**Additional Information:** John Siegel is a cousin of the 1989 owners.

**Contact:** John Siegel or David St. John, 1291 Texas Ferry Rd., Rosalia, WA 98170

***The Stratton Farm, est. 1877***

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**Current Owner:** John F. Stratton and Virginia M. Colvig  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** children  
**Current Operator:** John F. Stratton  
**Relationship to Owner:** one of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
80	80	990	400	560	Wheat, peas, barley	Wheat, garbanzo beans

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** No major changes.

**Contact:** John F. Stratton, 1653 Old Moscow Rd., Pullman, WA 99163

***The Swannack Farm, est. 1888***

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**Current Owner:** William C. Swannack Jr.  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** son  
**Current Operator:** Bill and Tom Swannack  
**Relationship to Owner:** same and son



Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	7,000	7,000	7,000	Wheat, barley, cattle	Wheat, cattle, hay (grass, alfalfa, barley, triticale)

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Bill Swannack has owned the farm since 2001. Steep ground has been planted to grass. The last historic barn was removed in 2008.

Contact: Bill Swannack, 33002 SR 23, Lamont, WA 99017

***The Turnbow/St. John Farm, est. 1880*** Page 170

**Current Owner:** Ben and Janet Barstow, Donna St. John  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** granddaughters and grandson-in-law  
**Current Operator:** Ben Barstow  
**Relationship to Owner:** one of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	254	774	1,098	Wheat, barley, peas, hay, sheep	Winter and spring wheat, winter and spring barley, seed wheat, peas, alfalfa

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Don St. John owned the farm from 1991 to 2001. His wife Alene St. John was the owner from 2002 to 2005. Since then, their daughters, Janet Barstow and Donna St. John, along with Janet's husband Ben Barstow, are owners.

**Additional Information:** The 1898 farmhouse and 1908 barn are still in use.

Contact: Ben and Janet Barstow, 13201 SR 272, Palouse, WA 99161

***The Van Tine Farm, est. 1883*** Page 170

**Current Owner:** Neil B. VanTine, Mildred E. Sarver  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same  
**Current Operator:** Don VanTine  
**Relationship to Owner:** Neil's son, Mildred's nephew

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
120	120	1,179	1,420	2,016	Wheat, barley, peas, hogs, timber	Wheat, barley, garbanzos, peas, hogs

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Grown in acres, more hogs, incorporated this past year. Neil retired and his grandson, Mark VanTine (sixth generation), is now farming with his father Don VanTine.

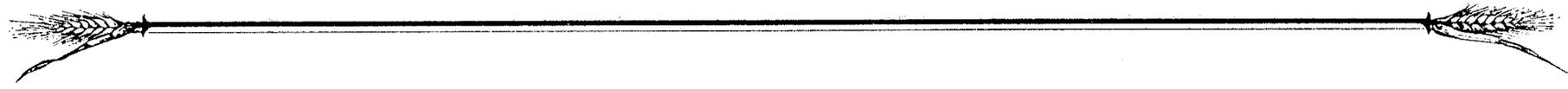
**Additional Information:** Farm owner Neil VanTine passed away Oct. 23, 2014. His half-share of the original land will belong to his children, Don and Craig VanTine and Debbie Duncan.

Contact: Don VanTine, 2001 VanTine Rd., Garfield, WA 99130

***The Weber Farm, est. 1875*** Page 171

**Current Owner:** Yvonne Weber and Weber Homestead LLC  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** one of the owners and her children  
**Current Operator:** David Weber  
**Relationship to Owner:** one of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	925	1,145	1,145	Wheat, barley, hay, cattle	Wheat, canola



**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Purchased adjoining farmland over the last 10 years to increase acreage. The original house has been remodeled. The barn, shop and granary still stand.

**Additional Information:** Charles Weber passed away in summer, 2002. His sister, Lorraine Payne, passed away in 2003. Yvonne, Charles' widow, still lives on the farm, which is operated by her son, David Weber, with assistance from his brothers, Mark and Vernon Weber.

**Contact:** David Weber, 3501 Parvin Rd., Colfax, WA 99111

***The Whealen Farm, est. 1869***

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**Current Owner:** Mary Ann Kissler Wigen, Jo Anne Kissler, Stacy Black, Erin Black, Peter and Brandy Wigen

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** Mary Ann and JoAnne are Loretta Kissler's daughters. Stacy and Erin are Doris Caldwell's granddaughters. Peter and Brandy are Mary Ann's son and daughter-in-law.

**Current Operator:** Peter Wigen

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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	2,159	2,159	2,159	Wheat, barley, and cattle	Wheat, barley, alfalfa, cattle

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Cropping practices have changed from tilling the soil and rod-weeding summer fallow to direct seeding, along with use of GPS to reduce overlaps and inputs. Erosion has been greatly reduced, and in most cases eliminated, by leaving crop residue on top of soil.

**Additional Information:** Ownership of the farm passed to the current owners in 2011.

**Contact:** Mary Ann Wigen, 501 N. Hauser Ave., Colfax, WA 99111

***The Wittman Farm, est. 1888***

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**Current Owner:** William and Juanita Kinzer

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same

**Current Operator:** Jeff and Roy Kinzer

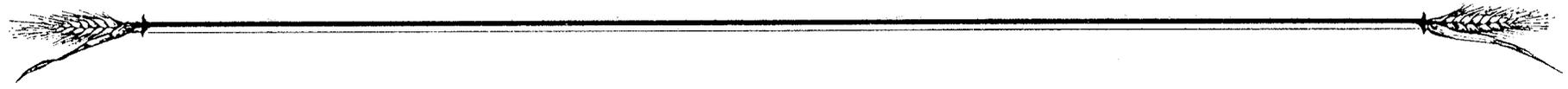
**Relationship to Owner:** sons

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
250	250	250	1,590	1,390	Wheat, barley, dry peas, green peas, lentils, hay	Wheat, peas, garbanzos

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The original chicken house, smokehouse, barn and the home still stand. The house has been remodeled.

**Additional Information:** Mary Wittman's son, Ed Wittman, and his wife Ange farmed the land from 1947 to 1960. William and Juanita Kinzer began farming it in 1961 and purchased it from Mary, his grandmother, in 1986.

**Contact:** William and Juanita Kinzer, 2802 SR 195, Uniontown, WA 99179



## *Non-Participating Farms*

The following 30 farms in Whitman County did not participate in the 2014 project to reconnect with Washington's Centennial Farms. This list notes the page the farm appears in the 1989 Centennial Farms book.

Belsby Farms Co., est. 1888, p. 131  
The Old Blank Homestead, est. 1885, p. 133  
The Brown Farm, est. 1876, p. 134  
The O.M. Collins Farm, est. 1884, p. 135  
The Crumbaker Farm, est. 1877, p. 137  
The DeLong Farm, est. 1869, p. 138  
The Draper Farm, est. 1873, p. 139  
The Drew Farm, est. 1881, p. 139  
The Feenan Farm, est. 1877, p. 140  
The Folsom Farm, est. 1881, p. 153  
The Gates/Brownell Farm, est. 1878, p. 141  
The Gordon Farm, est. 1885, p. 142  
The Gragg Farm, est. 1878, p. 143  
The Harlan Farm, est. 1877, p. 145  
Hatley Ranch, est. 1877, p. 146  
The Hehl Farm, est. 1878, p. 146  
The Hofer Farm, est. 1877, p. 147  
The Holbrook Farm, est. 1881, p. 148  
The Jeremiah Kelly Farm, est. 1888, p. 152  
The Logan Farm, est. 1877, p. 156  
The Valentine Mayer Farm, est. 1887, p. 158  
McNeilly Ranch, Inc., est. 1870, p. 158  
The Nathan Myers Centennial Farm, est. 1878, p. 161  
The Richardson Ranch, est. 1880, p. 163  
The Schweiter Farm, est. 1886, p. 164  
The Sever Farm, est. 1882, p. 165  
The Shields Farm, est. 1883, p. 166  
The Swift Farm, est. 1869, p. 169  
The Westacott Farm, est. 1877, p. 171  
The Enoch White Farm, est. 1882, p. 173

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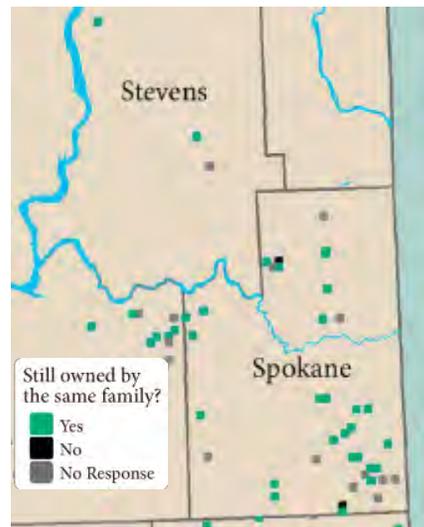


## Northeast Washington

Centennial Farms in Northeast Washington have some of the closest ties to each other. Of the 29 farms that participated in the 2014 project, all but two are still owned by the same family. And the two that have left family ownership are owned or operated by other Centennial Farms.

### *Response to Reconnecting with Washington's Centennial Farms*

Of the 41 Centennial Farms in Northeast Washington, 29 responded to the 2014 questionnaire. Of those, 27 continue to be owned by a descendant of the 1889 landowner.



The farms are north, south and west of the city of Spokane, with the greatest concentration in southeast Spokane County, at the north end of the productive lands of the Palouse.

### *Wheat dominates the region's farms*

Though cattle and hay, as well as specialty crops like Kentucky bluegrass seed and canola, are produced on many of the region's Centennial Farms, wheat is still the dominant crop. In 2014, Spokane County contributed 8.3 million bushels to the state's 108 million bushel harvest.



**Joe Schmitz, his grandson Brian Montgomery and son Dan Schmitz grow grains, peas, lentils and garbanzos on the Schmitz Farm in Spokane County.**

As in other wheat-growing areas of the state, several farms report they have adopted direct-seeding, no-till or minimum-till practices over the past 25 years. In contrast, relatively few acres in this region are enrolled in the federal Conservation Reserve Program. Many said that equipment has been upgraded. Paul Dashiell, an owner and the operator of Dashiell, Inc., in Valleyford, said there's lots of direct seeding done and efficient machinery equipped with GPS so there's no overlap when fertilizer and chemicals are applied to fields. Marci and Lonnie Green of Elden Felgenhauer Farms in Fairfield, noted



they now have electronic moisture instruments on the combine that monitor the grain as it is harvested.

### *Farm operations are larger today*

Like most Centennial Farms in this region, the Schmitz Farm is a larger operation today than it was in 1989, as investments in equipment are undertaken and conservation practices are adopted. “It takes more land to remain viable these days,” said Jeanne Schmitz. She is happy to report that her son and his family are close neighbors and partners in the farm operation.

### *Farming is a family affair*

Many farms highlighted the family aspect of their family farms. Chris Holt, of the Adams/Holt Farm south of Fairfield, said his father Gerald was active on the family farm through his last harvest time in 2013 until his passing early the next year. Holt, who heads up the USDA-Farm Service Agency office in Ritzville, and his brother, Kevin, a Tri Cities attorney, both return seasonally and at harvest to work with their brother, Randall, on the farm.

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*Like all farmers, our parents worked very hard through hard times, trying to make a living in something they loved doing.*  
*DUANE DAVEY, THE DAVEY FARM*

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Julie Pittman and her sister Janice (who married brothers) carry on the farm work with their cousin, and with Julie’s son and husband. More than 200 friends and relatives attended a 2004 family and neighborhood reunion at the Painter Farm, which served to point out the important role of longtime farm families. “Those great-grandparents served their country in many ways – by feeding others through their crops and livestock, by serving on school and church boards, as township assessors and as teachers,” she said.

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

- Of the 27 farms still in the family, 13 are owned by the same owners as in 1989. Ten have been passed on to a child or grandchild. Two are owned by the 1989 owner and the next generation, and two are owned by a niece or nephew.
- Twelve farms list a current owner as the day-to-day operator of the farm, four list a child or grandchild as the operator, two a cousin, with two listing shared responsibilities between the owner and a son or a neighbor. Seven are operated by a non-relative, often another Centennial Farm.
- More so than other regions, farm size has increased. Though nine farms are smaller than in 1989, almost half of the farms are operating more land than they did in 1989. The average size grew, from 1,069 acres in 1989 to 1,372 acres in 2014. Farm sizes in 1989 ranged from 30 to 6,000 acres, and in 2014, from 14 to 5,342 acres.
- The top crops in 1989 on these farms across the region were wheat, barley, and bluegrass seed. In 2014 the top crops were wheat, hay and peas, with half as many growing barley and bluegrass as in 1989. Four farms grew canola and three grew garbanzos, neither of which were listed as crops in 1989.
- Two responding farms are no longer owned by the same family, but, both are still farmed and have strong Centennial Farm ties. Family members still live on the John Muhs Farm, and the land is farmed by a neighboring Centennial Farm; The Kirk/Hudson Farm was sold to the owners of the Schmitz Centennial Farm who are related to an earlier owner of the land.



**Dan and Carissa Schmitz are restoring the original barn at the Kirk/Hudson Farm in Spokane County.**

*Note: There were no Centennial Farms in Ferry or Pend Oreille counties.*

## SPOKANE COUNTY

### *The Adams/Holt Farm, est. 1881*

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**Current Owner:** Holt Land and Livestock LLC

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** family farmland holding entity

**Current Operator:** Rock Creek Land Co.; Randall S. Holt, managing partner

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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	670	980	1,100	Wheat, dry peas, lentils, alfalfa, cattle	Wheat, barley, dry peas, lentils, hay, Angus-Hereford beef cattle

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Little has changed; the equipment, while newer in model, is still 'old,' the cows still love to test the design limits of a well-built fence, and the land, as well as the farm family atop it, endures.

**Additional Information:** Gerald Holt actively farmed into his 80s with his son, Randall, and with seasonal help from sons, Kevin, a Tri-Cities attorney, and Chris, a county executive director for the USDA Farm Service Agency. He fed cattle daily, drove the tractor and "supervised" his last harvest in 2013 prior to passing in early 2014.

**Corrections to the 1989 Book:** From 1881-1922, Herman H. Adams (deceased 1922) was owner. His son-in-law, Arne Holt (deceased 1923), was an owner 1922-1923. His daughter, Herminia "Minnie" Adams Holt (deceased 1967), was an owner 1922-1967. Minnie's son, Daniel Moore Holt (deceased 1985), was an owner 1932-1985. Daniel's son, Gerald Dan Holt (deceased 2014), was owner 1985-2013. Gerald's sons, Kevin L., Chris G., and Randall S. Holt, and granddaughter, Angelique K. Holt, were owners m 2013-2014. In 2014, ownership went to Holt Land and Livestock LLC.

**Contact:** Chris G. Holt, 713 W. Main Ave., Ritzville, WA 99169

### *The Babb Farm, est. 1878*

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**Current Owner:** David J. and Kathleen D. Babb

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

**Current Operator:** David J. Babb and Robin Babb Bruce

**Relationship to Owner:** same and sister

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	2,700	1,600	2,200	Wheat, barley, oats, peas, lentils, alfalfa, triticale, beef cattle	Grain crops, cattle, hay

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The farm was actively farmed by the family and now it is leased out and managed by the family. The barn is original and is in daily use.

**Contact:** David J. Babb, 34902 S. Nealey Springs Rd., Cheney, WA 99004

### *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 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 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.



**The Henry Beck Farm, est. 1888**

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**Current Owner:** David and Kristi Beck  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** son and daughter-in-law  
**Current Operator:** David Beck  
**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
80	65	95	65	65	Hay, grain, pasture, livestock, dairy	Cows, cherries, apples, prunes, pears, grapes, weeds, chickens

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The house, hay shed, barn, root cellar, machine shed and shop are still standing.

**Contact:** David and Kristi Beck, 8126 E. Ballard Rd., Colbert, WA 99005

**The Cameron Farm, est. 1883**

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**Current Owner:** Steve, Stewart "Bruce", and Rick DeFord; Kris Berry; Karen Fisher; Kay Flanagan; Kathy Beyer; Karla Either; and Kim Park  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** children  
**Current Operator:** Dave Cornwall  
**Relationship to Owner:** no relation

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	320	320	320	Wheat, barley, bluegrass seed	Wheat, peas

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The farm is no longer operated by the family, but Robert "Bob" Deford, who lives in Lewiston, goes home to the farm on weekends to work with the current farm operators.

**Additional Information:** Robert's wife, Donna, passed away in 2000. In 2001 he formed an LLC and the farm is now owned by his children.

**Contact:** Stewart "Bruce" DeFord, 12112 E. Cameron Rd., Fairfield, WA 99012

**The Carstens Farm, est. 1879**

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**Current Owner:** Marvin and Colleen Carstens  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same  
**Current Operator:** Kurt D. and Terri Carstens  
**Relationship to Owner:** son and daughter-in-law

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
162	162	2,640	not provided	3,000	Wheat, barley	Wheat, canola, alfalfa, barley, hay, cattle

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** No-till farming methods. Kurt and Terri's oldest child, Kyle, joined the farming operation in 2013, becoming the sixth generation of Carstens to farm the homestead.

**Additional Information:** Randy (one of Marvin's sons) left farming; Kurt continues the farming operation.

**Contact:** Kurt Carstens, 6209 N. Coulee Hite Rd., Reardan, WA 99029

**Dashiell, Inc., est. 1888**

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**Current Owner:** Dashiell, Inc.  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same  
**Current Operator:** Paul T. Dashiell  
**Relationship to Owner:** one of the owners, son of Thomas and Ardis

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	1,150	1,840	4,567	Wheat, peas, Kentucky bluegrass seed, barley, cattle	Wheat, bluegrass for seed, canola, radish for seed

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Change in crop rotations due to state-imposed no-burn regulations (bluegrass stubble). Lots of direct seeding done, efficient machinery equipped with GPS so fertilizer and chemicals are not overlapped.



**Additional Information:** Thomas is now 95, and Ardis is 90. Their daughter, Emma Garcia, is no longer part of Dashiell, Inc.

**Contact:** Paul Dashiell, 21311 S. Arnold Rd., Fairfield, WA 99012

***The Davey Farm, est. 1883***

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**Current Owner:** Duane Davey, Dwight Davey, Shirley Dunsmore, and David Banks

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** Duane, Dwight and Shirley are Gordon Davey's children; David is Lillian Litzenberger's son.

**Current Operator:** Duane Davey

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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
145	145	848	848	513	Bluegrass, wheat, peas, barley, oats, hay	Wheat, barley, peas, hay

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** It was farmed with crawler tractors, mechanical equipment, flatbed trucks and now with large-wheel tractors, hydraulic equipment and semi-trucks. Rather than being farmed by our dad, we have it leased out. My parents always had cattle, which we kept until after our mother passed away. Now we raise a few cattle for ourselves.

**Additional Information:** We are the fourth generation to own the farm. Our father passed in 1995; our mother in 2001. Like all farmers, our parents worked very hard through hard times, trying to make a living in something they loved doing. My daughter, her husband and family live in our parents' farmhouse now.

**Contact:** Duane Davey, 17310 E. Washington Rd., Valleyford, WA 99036

***The Doak Farm, est. 1880***

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**Current Owner:** Erik E. Highberg

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** grandson

**Current Operator:** Shawn Morrissey

**Relationship to Owner:** lessee

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
30	30	30	30	14	Cherries, wheat, hay	Soft white wheat

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The present house was significantly remodeled and added to since 1989. No original buildings remain, but a small portion of the basement of the original house is incorporated into the present house.

**Contact:** Walter K. Highberg, 6405 E. Summit Rd., Spokane, WA 99217

***The Emtman Farm, est. 1880***

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**Current Owner:** Russell J. Emtman

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** great-nephew

**Current Operator:** Russell Emtman

**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	400	565	3,565	Wheat, barley, hay	Black Angus cattle, grass and alfalfa hay, oat hay, wheat, peas

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** It has changed from wheat as the main crop to cattle.

**Additional Information:** Part of the first house and a barn built in 1901 are still standing.

**Contact:** Russell J. Emtman, 12405 S. Emtman Rd., Valleyford, WA 99036



***Elden Felgenhauer Farms, est. 1889***

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**Current Owner:** Elden Felgenhauer Farms LLC

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same

**Current Operator:** Green View Farms, Inc.: Marci and Lonnie Green

**Relationship to Owner:** Karl and Ione Felgenhauer's daughter and son-in-law

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	2,143	3,050	5,342	Bluegrass seed, wheat, barley, peas, lentils	Wheat, lentils, dry peas, canola, garbanzo beans, barley, Kentucky Bluegrass seed

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The size of operation has doubled, direct seeding has replaced conventional farming, GPS guidance systems are used extensively, electronic moisture instruments monitor grain from the combine.

**Additional Information:** In 1977, Elden formed Elden Felgenhauer Farms, a family limited partnership to include Elden, Elizabeth, and their three sons, Karl, Donald and Neil, and their spouses. At that time the limited partnership became a landlord only, and was converted to an LLC in 2012. Marci Green, sixth generation descendant of Rufus and Cordelia Kegley, and her husband Lonnie are operators of our farm. Their two sons, Jordan and Derek, plan to join the operation after they finish school.

**Contact:** Marci and Lonnie Green, 12111 E. Rattlers Run Rd., Fairfield, WA 99012

***The Jack Felgenhauer Farm, est. 1878***

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**Current Owner:** Felgenhauer Farms LLC: Sally Felgenhauer Baird, Jessica Rogers, Emily Piper, Susan Felgenhauer Anderberg Estate, Megan Jones and Aaron Anderberg

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** Susan and Sally are Jack's daughters. Sally's children are Jessica and Emily. Susan's children are Megan and Aaron.

**Current Operator:** Al Anderberg

**Relationship to Owner:** Susan's husband, Megan's and Aaron's father

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	1,800	1,950	2,500	Wheat, barley, lentils, peas, Kentucky Bluegrass seed	Wheat, lentils, Kentucky Bluegrass seed

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** GPS auto guidance, no-till. More drainage, less runoff. All of the original buildings still stand.

**Additional Information:** Jack Felgenhauer passed away in 2013 and Susan Felgenhauer Anderberg passed away in 2014.

**Contact:** Al Anderberg, 14028 E. 39th Ln., Veradale, WA 99037

***The Hazard Farm, est. 1884***

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**Current Owner:** George Hazard

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same

**Current Operator:** Dusty Eckhart

**Relationship to Owner:** family friend/neighbor

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	120	280	120	120	Alfalfa, wheat, oats, barley	Hard red wheat

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Wagon shed and hay barn blew down, Dad retired and leased the land to Dusty. I am in the process of purchasing the farm buildings and 20 acres from my dad.

**Contact:** Eric Hazard, 24512 N. Spotted Rd., Deer Park, WA 99006

***The Hecht Farm, est. 1877***

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**Current Owner:** Vernon Hecht, Kelly and Sherri Rhoads, Linda and Terry Anderson, and Darlene Claassen

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same (Vernon), Sherri is Hughena House's daughter and Linda and Darlene are Lois Claassen's daughters.

**Current Operator:** Ed and Pauline Larson

**Relationship to Owner:** lessees



Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	320	300	200	Wheat, lentils, barley, peas	Wheat, lentils, barley

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Hughena House died March 26, 2012, and Lois Claassen died July 7, 2014. The farm, which totals just under 300 acres, is now divided as follows: Vernon Hecht, 100 acres; Kelly & Sherri Rhoads, 100 acres; Linda & Terry Anderson, 50 acres; Darlene Claassen, 50 acres. The house and barn are still standing but not in use.  
**Contact:** Sherri and Kelly Rhoads, 1743 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Ave., Spokane, WA 99204

***The Hyslop Farm, est. 1880***

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**Current Owner:** Thomas and Catherine Hyslop Family Limited Partnership: Thomas Hyslop Trust, Catherine Hyslop, Mary Ann Hyslop McClure, Thomas Hyslop Jr., Robert C. Hyslop, William D. Hyslop, and seven grandchildren

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** widow, children, grandchildren

**Current Operator:** Kurt Carstens

**Relationship to Owner:** lessee

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	1,135	1,135	1,135	Wheat, barley, hay, grass seed	Wheat, barley

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Farming is much more automated, and all is minimum-till; other than that, not much change. The big barn is on the Washington State Heritage Barn Register, and is still used. The original farmhouse and sheep barn are still used.

**Additional Information:** Our parents have instilled in their children a wonderful legacy in terms of the importance of agriculture. We are doing our best to instill that in our children.

**Contact:** Thomas Hyslop Jr., P.O. Box 13322, Spokane Valley, WA 99213

***The Hans Johnson Farm, est. 1883***

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**Current Owner:** Georgia Cross

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** niece

**Current Operator:** Mahn Farms: Michael and Teresa Mahn

**Relationship to Owner:** renters

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	120	80	494	444	Grass seed, wheat, chickens	Wheat, peas, hay, bluegrass

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Great renter! Good farmer as before, as were the renters before this!

**Additional Information:** I have the homestead paper issued to Grandfather and signed by President Harrison.

**Contact:** Georgia Cross, 15909 S. Marsh Rd., Rockford, WA 99030

***The Keevy Farm, est. 1880***

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**Current Owner:** Thomas R. and Merry B. Keevy

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same

**Current Operator:** Bruce Keevy

**Relationship to Owner:** son

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
74	74	1,400	1,500	1,900	Wheat, peas, barley, hay, lentils, bluegrass seed	Wheat, barley, peas, hay

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** More modern equipment, same crops being raised. Two of the original barns are still in use.

**Contact:** Thomas Keevy, 24409 S. Cahill Rd., Spangle, WA 99031



***The Kirk/Hudson Farm, est. 1888***

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This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the Hudson family. The farm left family ownership in 2005.

**Is the Land Still Farmed?** Yes, Don Hudson passed away and neighbors Joe and Jeanne Schmitz purchased the homestead from Don's son. The barn in its restored state is a lasting visible monument to the past history of the area and a tribute to Don Hudson who was immensely proud of it. The Schneiders, whom the Kirks bought the farm from in 1888, were blood relatives to the current owners, so the farm in one sense has come full circle back into the Schmitz family.

Contact: Jeanne Schmitz, 9020 E. Irving Rd., Rosalia, WA 99170

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	160	160	160	Alfalfa, barley, beef cattle, goats	Alfalfa, cattle, dairy goats

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The milk barn, granary, shop and house are still standing. Since 1989, we've added a new hay shed.

**Additional Information:** The current owners are fourth generation and Robert's daughters are the fifth generation to live on this farm.

Contact: Tammi Richards, 3905 W. Wild Rose Rd., Deer Park, WA 99006

***The Lynch/Rattray Farm, est. 1880***

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**Current Owner:** Lorraine E. Rattray

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** co-owner, widow

**Current Operator:** Larry Rattray

**Relationship to Owner:** son

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	800	880	880	Grain, cattle	CRP, cattle grazing

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Clarence passed in February 2000. Some land is leased for pasture and some is enrolled in CRP program.

**Additional Information:** Lorraine is 93 years old and her driving force is to remain on the homestead and in her house.

Contact: Larry D. Rattray, 49168 Lake Mary Ronan Rd., Proctor, MT 59929

***The John Muhs Farm, est. 1889***

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This Centennial Farm left family ownership in 2009.

**Is the Land Still Farmed?** Yes. Tony Pizelo owns the farm and Lee Eickmeyer, a neighbor, farms wheat and alfalfa on the land. Mr. Pizelo has built a home on the farm and my daughter lives in one corner of the land. My sister still lives on the other 80 acres and her daughter lives in the house we grew up in. Not much on the farm has changed, but I have. I'm 95 years old, so have a lot of memories.

Contact: Betty Barnes, 5725 Upriver Dr., Spokane, WA 99217

***Olson Farms, Ltd., est. 1877***

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**Current Owner:** David and Barbara Olson

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** two of the owners

**Current Operator:** Joe Schmitz

**Relationship to Owner:** second cousin

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
154	154	1,230	480	3,000	Grass seed, wheat, barley, oats, lentils, peas	Garbanzo beans

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Olson Farms Ltd. owned 790 acres, plus another 480 acres owned by the operators when the corporation disbanded in 2000. The land was divided three ways between the 1989

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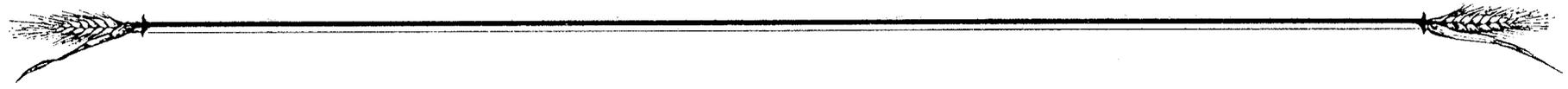
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**Current Owner:** Tammi Richards and Robert Losh

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** children

**Current Operator:** Tammi Richards and Robert Losh

**Relationship to Owner:** same



owners Raymond Olson, David and Barbara Olson, and Laura Olson France. David and Barbara retained the Centennial Farm's original acreage.

**Additional Information:** Barb and Dave Olson live in the house rebuilt in the late 1800's after the first house burnt. The original barn is now used for storage.

**Contact:** Barbara Olson, 35127 S. Chapman Rd., Fairfield, WA 99012

**The Ostheller Farm, est. 1889**

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**Current Owner:** James Ostheller and Ethel Spielman Estate

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same

**Current Operator:** James and Neil Ostheller

**Relationship to Owner:** one of the owners and his brother

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	320	640	1,500	Wheat, barley, bluegrass, lentils	Wheat, barley, peas, lentils, bluegrass

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The house is updated. The barn was painted, and given a new roof.

**Additional Information:** Jim still lives in the house on the farm and actively uses it. The original barn is still used for hay storage and beef cattle.

**Contact:** Roberta Peters, 2012 N. Laura Rd., Spokane Valley, WA 99212

**The Painter Farm, est. 1882**

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**Current Owner:** Painter Ranch LLC (Julie, Charles and Justin Pittman), Janice Pittmann, Molly Painter Franz

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** Janice and Julie are daughters of James and Jeanne Painter. Charles is Julie's husband and Justin their son. Molly is Clarence Painter's daughter.

**Current Operator:** Charles and Julie Pittmann Family, and Janice Pittmann

**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	2000+	2,000	2,000	Wheat, cows, barley, peas, lentils, hay	Wheat, barley, alfalfa

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** It hasn't changed much and the family is very proud of that fact. Farming equipment is getting larger, so the fences and gates have been enlarged or removed. A family and neighborhood reunion was held at the farm in 2004, with more than 200 attending. We dedicated a painting, by Dr. Nona Hengen, of the Painter family arriving here in 1882. Our farm was the subject of a Washington Wheat Growers Association video, and the barn was placed on the Heritage Barn Register in 2008.

**Additional Information:** At the 1989 Spokane County Centennial Farms celebration, our son, Justin Pittman, age 12, accepted the certificate with me. I remarked he would be the fifth generation we hoped would farm the Centennial ground. That hope became real after his college graduation and he returned to the farm, where he now lives and farms with us. Jeanne Painter passed away in 2004. Clarence Painter passed away in 1996.

**Contact:** Julie and Charles Pittmann, 1462 Waterman Rd., Rosalia, WA 99170



**The Schmitz Farm, est. 1888**

**Current Owner:** Joe and Jeanne Schmitz  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** one of the owners and wife  
**Current Operator:** Joe and Dan Schmitz  
**Relationship to Owner:** same and son

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	273	not provided	not provided	Grains	Grains, peas, lentils, garbanzos

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The farm is a larger entity now than in 1989. Farm practices are more consolidated and refined and equipment has become bigger and more efficient. Joe and Dan have worked to ensure the sustainability of the farm and are being good stewards of the land. The farm utilizes conservation practices and strives to keep abreast of current cropping techniques and varieties. The farmhouse is currently undergoing restoration for use by another generation of family.

**Additional Information:** We are proud of the history of our farm and of each generation which has lovingly nurtured it. The legacy of caring for the Schmitz land continues to this day in son, Dan, who is fifth generation strong and likely will continue in grandson Brian, who at 16 has never wavered from his desire to join the farm. We now also own all of the 160 original acres of the Kirk/Hudson Centennial Farm ground except for the five acres that our son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Carissa, own. They possess a house and the original barn.

**Contact:** Joe and Jeanne Schmitz, 9020 E. Irving Rd., Rosalia, WA 99170

**The Schoedel Farm, est. 1884**

**Current Owner:** Gordon and Anne Schoedel  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same  
**Current Operator:** Emtman Farms  
**Relationship to Owner:** neighbor

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
70	70	1,200	400	400	Wheat, barley, lentils, grass seed	Canola, hay

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The owners have retired and lease out the land. The barn, built in 1903, was converted to a home and art studio.

**Additional Information:** The farm was purchased by my grandfather in 1883. Although it will not be farmed by the Schoedel family in the future, it will be owned by the Schoedel family.

**Contact:** Gordon Schoedel, 17275 N. White Tank Vista, Surprise, AZ 85374

**The Samuel Showalter Farm, est. 1881**

**Current Owner:** Thomas Showalter  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** one of the owners  
**Current Operator:** Ron McKinley  
**Relationship to Owner:** cousin

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	6,000	1,200	1,200	Grain, cattle	Wheat, barley, hay, cattle

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The 1989 Centennial Farm profile included both the 1,200 acres I own and the approximately 4,800 acres owned by my Aunt Ida's side of the family. This acreage was split up even more on her death in 2004, with the land going to her children. I still own the original quarter-section homesteaded by Samuel Showalter.

**Contact:** Tom Showalter, 10825 Jensen Rd., Cheney, WA 99004



**The Tucker Farm, est. 1881**

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**Current Owner:** Daniel and Robbin Moriarty, and Patricia Borden

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same

**Current Operator:** Daniel Moriarty

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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
151	151	400	400	405	Wheat, barley, alfalfa	Grain, hay, Appaloosa horses

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The circa 1900 barn still stands. We built an indoor horse arena in 1992.

**Contact:** Daniel Moriarty, 26728 W. Tucker Prairie Rd., Cheney, WA 99004

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**The Carter Farm, est. 1889**

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**Current Owner:** Barbara Carter Loven Scott

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same

**Current Operator:** Barbara Carter Loven Scott

**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
100	100	300	About 400	About 400	Hay, pasture land	Alfalfa, livestock pasturage

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The house, garage, shop, cellar and milk house still stand. The farm is still in crops and cattle land, timberland.

**Additional Information:** The same family descendants have owned this land since it was homesteaded in the 1880s.

**Contact:** Barbara Scott, 1745 E. Ivy Ave., Colville, WA 99114

**The Waitt Farm, est. 1873**

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**Current Owner:** Robert K., Maurice G., and Robert P. Waitt

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** Robert K. and Maurice G. are sons of Charles K. and Willa Waitt; Robert P. is the son of Robert W. Waitt

**Current Operator:** Gary Skok and Robert K. Waitt

**Relationship to Owner:** Gary is a neighbor and member of the Skok family, whose relationship with the Waitt family goes back over 100 years. Robert is one of the owners.

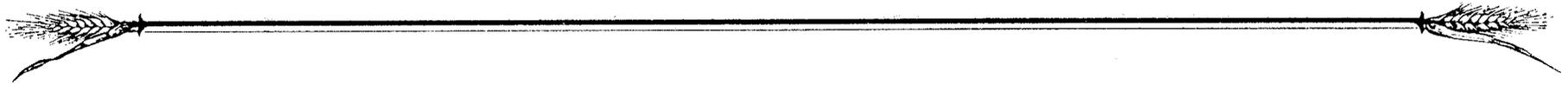
Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
120	120	160	161	121	Hay, grain	Grains, cattle

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Thankfully, not one bit! We keep the home, outbuildings, and property in good condition.

**Additional Information:** Willa E. Waitt gifted and transferred her half-interest in the farm to her sons, Maurice G. and Robert K., in 1991. Robert P. Waitt inherited his father's (Robert W.) half-interest in the farm in 2005. Robert K. Waitt wrote a book, *In the moccasin tracks of... The Waitt Family of Valley, Washington...1768-2008, Chronicles of the Life, Times, Memories, History and Assorted Yarns, as I Knew it*. He printed it in 2008 and gave it to family members, the Chewelah Historical Museum, Colville Historical Society and Valley Historical Society. According to historical records, Centennial Farm founder George Waitt built a cabin in 1860 on the land that he eventually received under the Homestead Act. In his original water rights claim, Centennial Farm founder George Waitt stated he had been irrigating land since 1867 from the outlet creek from Waitts Lake.

**Correction to 1989 Book:** Charles Waitt owned the farm 1898-1952; his widow Anna owned it 1952-1965. Their son, Charles K. Waitt, was an owner 1965-1971 and Charles' widow Willa was an owner 1971-1991.

**Contact:** Robert K. Waitt, 3815 E. Lake Sammamish Shore Ln. SE, Sammamish, WA 98075



## *Non-Participating Farms*

The following 12 farms in the Northeast 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.

### *Spokane County*

- The Bliesner Farm, est. 1887, p. 181
- The Brischle Farm, est. 1881, p. 196
- The Claus Carstens Farm, est. 1884, p. 192
- The Eickmeyer Farm, est. 1884, p. 194
- The Jarvis Farm, est. 1886, p. 189
- The Judkins Farm, est. 1880, p. 180
- The Leitz Farm, est. 1889, p. 182
- The Muehle/Coldsnow Farm, est. 1888, p. 197
- The Peterson/Ostby Farm, est. 1883, p. 197
- The Smallwood/Keno Farm, est. 1879, p. 180
- The Suksdorf Farm, est. 1881, p. 185

### *Stevens County*

- The Hidden Meadows, est. 1889, p. 176



## 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 Cowlitz Creek in Yakima County.



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.

### *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.

Region / Counties	Number of...		
	Centennial Farms	Farms responding	Still in the same family
<b>Central Washington</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>24</b>
<i>Okanogan</i>	4	3	3
<i>Chelan</i>	4	3	0
<i>Kittitas</i>	15	8	7
<i>Yakima</i>	6	5	4
<i>Klickitat</i>	14	10	9
<i>Benton</i>	1	1	1

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.

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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



Boxes of apples await transport at Rowe Farms in Yakima County.

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*

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**Current Owner:** Wayne H. Smith

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same

**Current Operator:** Robert M. Hamilton

**Relationship to Owner:** renter

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
158	158	3,500	3,510	3,510	Enrolled in Conservation Reserve Program	Wheat

**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

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### *The Bart Brender Farm, est. 1881*

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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*

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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*

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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*

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**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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
116	116	500	1,077	685	Hay, grain, corn	Timothy hay, alfalfa, Sudan grass, wheat seed

**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*

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**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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	244	244	244	Timothy and alfalfa hay, grain, sweet corn, silage corn, hogs, cow/calf operation	Timothy hay, barley, wheat, cow/calf operation, hogs

**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 Frederick Farm, est. 1875*

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**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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	910	240	240	Hay, grain, sweet corn, cattle	Hay, Sudan grass

**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 Edward Haga Farm, est. 1889***

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**Current Owner:** Elisabeth, Lars, Ole, and Allen Sullivan

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** children

**Current Operator:** Allen Sullivan

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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
6	6	6	6	6	Hay, fruit, cattle	Hay, fruit, cattle

**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***

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**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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	625	640	640	Soft white winter wheat, garden, chickens	Hay, bison

**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.

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***

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**Current Owner:** Reta M. Hutchinson

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same, widow

**Current Operator:** Reta and Dusty Hutchinson

**Relationship to Owner:** same and grandson

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
140	140	200	200	200	Grain, hay, cattle, sheep	Timothy hay

**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

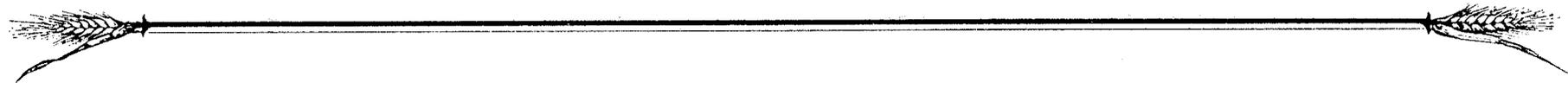
***The Prater Farm, est. 1879***

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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



***The Spurling Farm, est. 1881***

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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	1989	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
40	18	100	18	12	Holstein cattle, dairy farming	Hay

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Sold 80 acres in 1998. The old hay barn still stands.

**Additional Information:** L. Gene Spurling died Oct. 19, 2003.

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

**KLICKITAT COUNTY**

***The Brokaw Farm, est. 1877***

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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

***Doubletree Ranch aka Niels Brown Ranch, est. 1878*** Page 219

**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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	1989	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	1,597	3,100	3,800	Simmental-cross beef, wheat, triticale, barley	Wheat

**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

***The Eshelman Farm, est. 1880***

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**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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	1989	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
80	80	320	3,200	3,200	Wheat	Wheat, alfalfa, cows

**Additional Information:** The farm was owned from 1990 to 1995 by C. Alvin and Virginia Eshelman's nephew, Merwyn Eshelman. His cousins, Charles and Robert, became owners in 1995.

**Correction to the 1989 Book:** C. Alvin Eshelman died in 1988.

**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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
320	320	600	600	3,000	Wheat, barley, alfalfa hay	Wheat, Haybet barley, alfalfa, grass-fed Angus beef

**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:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	7,000	6,123	7,260	Wheat, barley, cattle, sheep, horses	Cattle

**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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	1,720	800	800	Cattle, wheat, barley, alfalfa hay	Alfalfa-grass mix, cattle

**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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	7,100	8,000	8,400	Wheat, barley	Wheat, alfalfa, Haybet barley, cattle



**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Bigger equipment and less manpower. No-till farming practices. Incorporated in 1992 with Bob and Sandra Powers, and Lance and Susan Powers. In 2012, Lance and Susan became the owners of Powers Ranches Inc.

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

***The Richardson Farm, est. 1875***

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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
40	40	1,200	980	980	Pasture	Cattle, alfalfa hay

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

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

***The Sarsfield Farm, est. 1886***

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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	3,450	3,085	3,565	Wheat, alfalfa, cattle, sheep	Beef calves, wheat, alfalfa

**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

***Sky Mountain Ranch, est. 1889***

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**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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
320	320	1,440	1,080	1,080	Wheat, barley, garden, orchards, horses, cattle	Timber, livestock

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

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

**OKANOGAN COUNTY**

***The Davis Ranch, est. 1888***

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**Current Owner:** Charlie and Marlenia 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.  
**Current Operator:** Georgene and Charlie Fitzgerald, Deb and Joe Poulin.  
**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
75	75	1,390	495	495	Apples, cattle pasture	Alfalfa, vegetables, apples, cattle

**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.



**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

***The Lenton Place, est. 1884***

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**Current Owner:** Hazel Lenton Dezellem and Family

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same

**Current Operator:** Lessees

**Relationship to Owner:** no relation

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	1,600	1,600	1,600	Cattle	Lease pasture grass to two people

**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

***The Thurlow Farm, est. 1886***

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**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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
80	80	2,400	3,058	3,058	Alfalfa, cattle	Alfalfa hay, beef cattle

**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

**YAKIMA COUNTY**

***The Alderson Farm, est. 1887***

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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



***The Dunn Farm, est. 1876***

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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
26	1	28	162	230	Apples	Black Angus cattle, alfalfa hay, corn

**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***

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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
36	4	36	4	1.5	Pears	Pears

**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***

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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
71	71	620	825	530	Sweet cherries, Red and Golden Delicious apples	Apples, cherries, pears

**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

**Current Owner:** Eugene and Kathy Stevenson

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same

**Current Operator:** Gail Thornton

**Relationship to Owner:** renter, friend

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
57	54	748	107	107	Alfalfa, grass hay, pasture	Alfalfa, grass hay, cattle

**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

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## *East Central Washington*

About 60 percent of the state's wheat acreage is an area where precipitation averages less than 12 inches a year. The Centennial Farms in the East Central region are representative of the dryland farms in this area. They operate in sharp contrast to the farms of the region's Columbia Basin Project where, starting in the 1950s, irrigation water transformed half a million acres of desert plateau into highly productive farmland, with Grant, Adams and Franklin counties now among the top agricultural counties in the state.

As a group, these 37 farms are the youngest of the state's Centennial Farms, with all but one established in the 1880s as settlers and the railroad moved into the area. Just over half are in Lincoln County.

They are also the largest of the state's Centennial Farms. Many of the region's farms have expanded in size over the last 25 years and most of these have more than doubled.



**Ron Jirava collaborates with Washington State University's crop and soil scientists, with a research site on his Adams County farm since 1996.**

More so than with other wheat-growing Centennial Farms, the farms in this region are operated by their owners, and it's often a family affair to get the seasonal work done. Robert Mielke, an owner-operator of the 14,000-acre Mielke Brothers, Inc., in



**Max Mielke of Mielke Brothers, Inc., takes a break from swathing triticale on the family's Lincoln County farm.**

Lincoln County, said his four children return to the farm regularly to help with harvest, haying, branding and gathering cattle.

### *Dryland Farming's Unique Challenges*

These five counties accounted for 36 percent of the state's wheat production in 2014, harvesting 39.1 million bushels of wheat. Lincoln County produced almost 40 percent of the region's wheat.

In this driest of the state's dryland farming regions, the land is susceptible to both water and wind erosion. Wheat production is never a sure thing, prices are subject to global forces and equipment is a major investment. To make the most of the little precipitation the land receives and to better conserve the soil, some, like the Gaffney Farm in Lincoln County, have changed to direct-seeding



and a crop rotation system. Jerry Sheffels, an owner of the Sheffels Farm in Lincoln County, said his farm changed its system twice since 1989, and now uses no-till direct seed.

Most of the Centennial farms also reported growing fewer types of crops in 2014 than 1989. All but one of the Centennial Farms in Adams and Douglas counties reported only wheat or cattle as the crop or livestock produced in 2014. Most Lincoln County farms

reported both wheat and barley, with many mixed crop and livestock operations.

Three Centennial Farms reported all their cropland was enrolled in the federal Conservation Reserve Program, which has played a major role in the region. Since CRP's inception in 1986, Douglas and Adams counties have accounted for the greatest number of enrolled acres in the state. In 2014, 718,000 enrolled acres – just over half of the state's total – were in this five-county region.

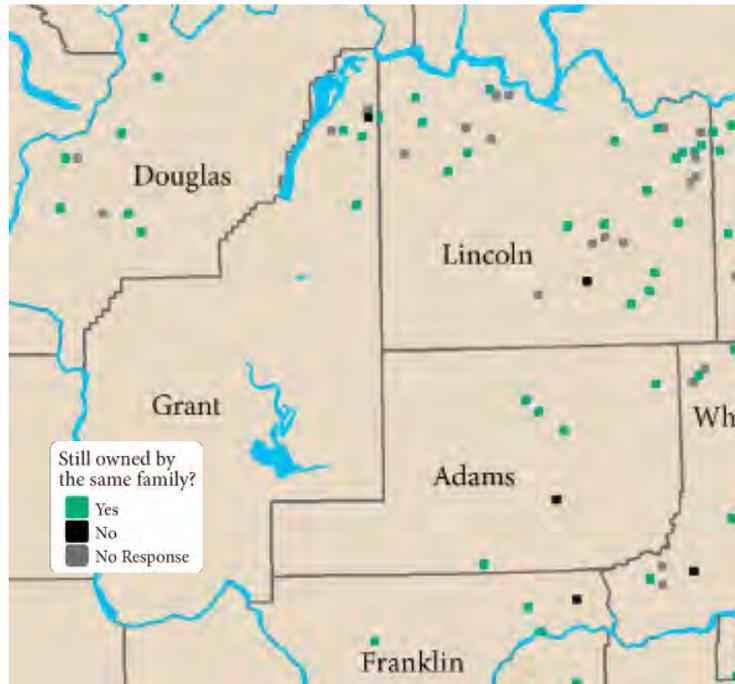


**Cattle on Mielke Brothers, Inc.**

Centennial Farmers also report increased use of modern equipment with GPS, self-steering tractors and combines. The cost of such equipment is high, leading to larger farm operations to gain economies of scale.

*Response to Reconnecting with Washington's Centennial Farms*

Of the 60 Centennial Farms in East Central Washington, 42 responded to the 2014 questionnaire. Of those, 37 continue to be owned by a descendant of the 1889 landowner.



*Centennial Farms by the numbers: 1989 vs 2014*

- Of the 37 farms still in the family, 15 are owned by the same owners as in 1989, 17 have been passed on to a child or grandchild, and five are owned by the 1989 owner and the next generation.
- Twenty-seven farms list the current owner as the day-to-day operator of the farm, two list a child or grandchild as the operator, three a cousin and five are operated by a non-relative.
- The general trend in farm size is larger, with the average number of acres operated almost doubling, from 2,594 acres in 1989 to 4,941 acres in 2014.
- The size of farm operations in 1989 ranged from 160 to 10,000 acres, and in 2014, from 320 to 80,000 acres.
- As in 1989, the top crops in 2014 are wheat, barley and beef cattle, though fewer farms listed barley and cattle.
- Five farms are no longer owned by their Centennial Farm families with one sold to another Centennial Farm. All are still in agriculture.

## ADAMS COUNTY

### *The Bauer Farm, est. 1884*

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**Current Owner:** Janet Girton Walthew, Michael Henry Girton, Ann Morrison Rayment

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** children

**Current Operator:** Mark Schoesler

**Relationship to Owner:** not related, though our families were on the same wagon train in 1882

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	1,000	1,000	1,000	Wheat	Wheat

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The large horse barn and Model T garage are still standing, as is a former one-room schoolhouse where my Grandmother Florence T. Bauer taught. The schoolhouse has been converted to a garage.

**Additional Information:** With the death of Fern Bauer Morrison in April 2009, ownership went to her three children.

**Contact:** Janet Walthew, 3019 211 St. S.W., Lynnwood, WA 98036

### *Figure 3 Ranch, est. 1889*

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**Current Owner:** Ed and Bill Victor, Gerry Victor Estate

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same

**Current Operator:** Ed Victor

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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
640	640	7,600	7,600	7,600	Cattle	Cattle

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Mary Edna Dooley Victor died in 1997 and her son Gerry died in 2014.

**Additional Information:** The original barn, machine shed, and spring house were built in 1908 and cement added when the house was

remodeled and electricity added in the early 1950s. Along with an artesian well there is an older bunkhouse and a pole building horse shed. The buildings are made with coast lumber, tongue and groove, and can't be insured for anywhere near their true value.

**Contact:** Ed Victor, P.O. Box 348, Sprague, WA 99032

### *Heinemann Family Farm, est. 1888*

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**Current Owner:** Gary Heinemann and Beverly Scherr, Russell Heinemann, Dorothy Schoesler Disclaimer Trust

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** Gary and Beverly are Wilmerd and Helen's children; Russell is Edward and Arlene's son. Dorothy was an owner in 1989.

**Current Operator:** Mark Schoesler

**Relationship to Owner:** Dorothy Schoesler's son

### *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.



Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
240	240	1,360	1,360	1,360	Wheat, barley, rapeseed	Wheat

**Additional Information:** The 100+ year-old home, barn and outbuilding are still in use.

**Contact:** Brent Heinemann, 938 Maple Valley Rd. S.W., Olympia, WA 98512

***The Jirava Farm, est. 1883***

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**Current Owner:** Ron Jirava

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** one of the owners

**Current Operator:** Ron Jirava

**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	980	950	1,110	Wheat, rapeseed	Wheat

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** We've added two new machine storage sheds. Original buildings still standing include a windmill tower and house, which is still in use.

**Additional Information:** There has been a Washington State University research site on 20 acres since 1996.

**Contact:** Ron Jirava, 1551 N. Dewald Rd., Ritzville, WA 99169

***The Kelsey Farm, est. 1889***

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**Current Owner:** Janice Kelsey

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** widow of Dennis Kelsey

**Current Operator:** Travis Schuh

**Relationship to Owner:** no relation

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	6,700	1,520	1,520	Small grains	Wheat

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** In 1989, the homestead was farmed by Dennis and Craig Kelsey, sons of Arlyne Kelsey, and consisted of 1,520 acres. In 2006, Craig and his son started doing most of the farming. After Dennis died in 2008, the land was divided between Craig and his family, and Janice, Dennis's widow. Janice's property includes the original parcel.

***R.P. Smith Homestead, est. 1887***

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This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the Smith family. The farm left family ownership with the sale of two parcels in 1994 and 1999.

**Is the Land Still Farmed?** Yes. When W. Alex Smith II died in 1994, his son, Warren Alex Smith III, and daughter, Janet Smith Greenwalt, inherited the farm. Janet said her dad Alex always said "If anything happens and the farm needs new owners, find someone who's small and help them get a start." That is what Warren and Janet did. Warren sold his half of the estate to Mike Gust in 1994. In 1999, Janet sold him her half.

**Contact:** Mike Gust, 50 N. Thiel Rd., Ritzville, WA 99169

**DOUGLAS COUNTY**

***The Augst Farm, est. 1888***

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**Current Owner:** KSL Woodside Farms, LLC: siblings Kathryn, Scott and Lori Woodside; JnM LLC: Mary Jacobsen and husband Bill McKeague

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** The Woodsides are children of Loren Woodside. Mary Jacobsen is a daughter of Adelbert (Del) Jacobsen who farmed the Augst farm 1987-2008, and is not a family member.

**Current Operator:** Scott Woodside & Mary Jacobsen

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



Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
159	159	636	621	621	Wheat	Wheat

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The homestead house was rehabilitated in 2010. The house, chicken coop, grainery, machine shed, shop and barn are all still standing and all but the chicken coop are still in use. The barn was listed in the Washington State Heritage Barn Register on Oct. 24, 2013.

**Additional Information:** Viola Painter died in 2001, leaving her third of the farm to her daughter Eileen Parten, who, in 2005, sold her share to the Jacobson family. Loren Woodside died in 2012, leaving his two-thirds of the farm to his children, Kathryn, Scott and Lori Woodside.

**Contact:** Scott Woodside, 6802 W. Arrowhead Ave., Kennewick, WA 99336

### *The Hensel Farm, est. 1887*

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**Current Owner:** James F. and Chase Hensel

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** sons

**Current Operator:** Lynn and Gary Polson

**Relationship to Owner:** no relation

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	560	400	400	Wheat, barley	Wheat

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The farm has not changed at all. The original house is still occupied. The granary and shop are still standing.

**Additional Information:** The Hensel farm ownership passed to brothers James and Chase in 1995. The farm has been operated by the Polson family since 1960 and is currently farmed by brothers Lynn and Gary Polson.

**Contact:** James F. and Chase Hensel, 2911 Orchard Hill Pl., Lake Oswego, OR 97035

### *John and Augusta Johnson Farm, est. 1889*

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**Current Owner:** Gloria Tober Bourton

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** one of the owners

**Current Operator:** Hubert Bourton

**Relationship to Owner:** cousin

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	2,000	160	640	Wheat, oats, barley	Wheat

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Crops have improved.

**Additional Information:** Around 1982, Gloria and Joe Bourton bought the Rice and Cronin shares of the farm.

**Contact:** Gloria Bourton, 15 Goldy Ln., Orondo, WA 98843

### *The McLean Ranch, est. 1887*

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**Current Owner:** Alex and Bonita McLean

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same

**Current Operator:** Alex and Bonita McLean

**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
80	80	4,500	5,000	5,600	Wheat, cattle	Cattle, hay

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Went into CRP. The pasture is leased for cattle in the summer and the hay ground is harvested.

**Additional Information:** None of the original buildings survive. Several from the late 1930s are still in use.

**Contact:** Alex McLean, 30 Pershing St., Wenatchee, WA 98801



***The Prange/Eggers Farm, est. 1889***

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**Current Owner:** Lawrence Eggers  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same  
**Current Operator:** Lawrence Eggers  
**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	1,713	500	1,200	CRP	CRP

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The original house burned and was replaced. The original barn, granary, shop, garage, and combine shed still stand.

**Additional Information:** Home was replaced with new manufactured home. Acreage is now under CRP program.

**Contact:** Laurence and Lyle Eggers, P.O. Box 636, Waterville, WA 98858

***The Rigg Farm, est. 1889***

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**Current Owner:** Ralph Rigg  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same  
**Current Operator:** Ralph Rigg  
**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	2,700	1,100	1,100	Wheat	Wheat

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** New equipment. The original shop and pumphouse still stand.

**Additional Information:** I am very proud of being able to keep this farm going.

**Contact:** Ralph Rigg, P.O. Box 828, Brewster, WA 98812

***The Ruud Farm, est. 1883***

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**Current Owner:** Jim Ruud  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same  
**Current Operator:** Jim Ruud  
**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	802	2,200	2,200	Wheat, cattle	Wheat, cows

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Not much change, a portion in CRP, and my brother now runs the livestock operation. Two of the original buildings are still standing. The house is the only original building still in use.

**Additional Information:** This farm has been owned and operated by our family since 1883.

**Contact:** Jim Ruud, P.O. Box 442, Waterville, WA 98858

**FRANKLIN COUNTY**

***Ray Bailie Farm, est. 1888***

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**Current Owner:** Manton and Patricia Bailie  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** son and daughter-in-law  
**Current Operator:** Manton Bailie  
**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
100	100	1,600	3,833	3,833	Irrigated pasture for cattle	Wheat, field corn, potatoes, sweet corn, sugar beet seed

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** My mother died in 2003 and father died in 2008. We updated irrigation systems, added a potato storage building, no longer have cattle and have acquired a dryland wheat farm in east



Franklin County. I'm still farming every day!

**Additional Information:** My parents were great role models as farmers, land stewards, visionaries, and I hope to pass that on to my four sons and two daughters. All of our kids have jobs but they come back to the farm to help with harvest and other farm-related jobs. They know how important and interesting the history of this family is and I hope they will continue this way of life for the next generations.

**Correction to 1989 Book:** One hundred acres of the original parcel were retained in 1989.

**Contact:** Manton or Patricia Bailie, P.O. Box 267, Mesa, WA 99343

***The Harder Farm, est. 1883***

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**Current Owner:** Wm. Geo., Vivian, William Jr., Eric Max, Nicole and T.J. Harder

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** Wm. Geo, his wife Vivian, their son, William Jr., and grandson, Eric Max (son of Eric), were owners in 1989. Nicole and T.J. are Eric Max's siblings.

**Current Operator:** Wm. Geo. Harder

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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
all	all	10,000	50,000	80,000	Cattle, wheat, barley, alfalfa, peas, buckwheat, bluegrass seed	Wheat, cattle

**Contact:** William Harder Jr., P.O. Box 99, Kahlotus, WA 99335

***Jaussaud Ranches, est. 1884***

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This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the Jaussaud family. The farm left family ownership in about 2008.

**Is the Land Still Farmed?** Yes. Family illness caused us to sell to William Harder, our neighbor and friend. The house, horse barn, sheep barn and bunkhouse still stand.

**Contact:** Leontine Jaussaud Winn, 775 Village Way, Walla Walla, WA 99362

**GRANT COUNTY**

***The Drinkard Farm, est. 1887***

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**Current Owner:** Michael Zimbelman

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** son

**Current Operator:** Mike Zimbelman

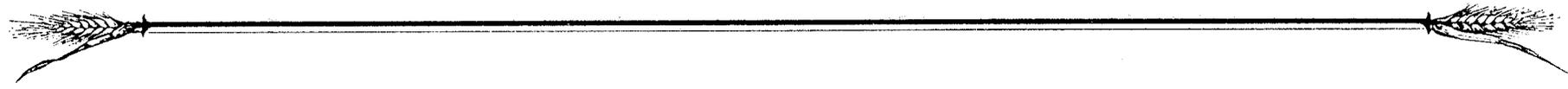
**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	640	2,400	2,500	Wheat	Cattle, farm ground in CRP

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** New well, house, and wireless facilities, new address for 911 and new shop. I purchased more land in Lincoln County.

**Additional Information:** My mother, who passed away a couple of years ago, was a granddaughter of John Q. Drinkard. My mother and her husband Leo Zimbelman farmed from the late 1950s until my father passed in 1987. I have been operating since then. I'm the first male heir to own this land.

**Contact:** Mike Zimbelman, 46968 Road V N.E., Almira, WA 99103



***The O'Neil Farm, est. 1883***

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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 2008.

***The Schrock Farm, est. 1884***

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**Current Owner:** Willis Schrock

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** one of the owners

**Current Operator:** Dan McKay

**Relationship to Owner:** lessee

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	5,500	500	500	Wheat, barley, cattle, sheep, pigs, horses	Wheat, pigs

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** No change. All the old buildings except the log house are still standing and still in use.

**Contact:** Nellie Schrock, 321 Range St., Hartline, WA 99135

***The Utt Farm, est. 1888***

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**Current Owner:** Cathy Schrock Short and Mary Ethel Schrock

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same

**Current Operator:** Terry Poe

**Relationship to Owner:** second cousin

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
172	172	192	172	172	Wheat	Dryland wheat

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** It is the same, however we are now farming with GPS self-steering tractors and combines.

**Additional Information:** This Centennial Farm land is one of four parcels, comprising all 662 acres of Section 4 of Township 24 North, Range 30 East, that were acquired by Katie Utt, her husband James

Harris and her sisters, Nora and Abbie, around the time of statehood through the public land laws. All the land is still owned by family and all is currently operated by Terry Poe, his nephew Ryan and stepson Dean Thompson, under the name Poe Farms Joint Venture. Terry is a great-grandson of Katie Utt and James Harris.

**Contact:** Ryan Poe, 36477 Rd. V N.E., Hartline, WA 99135

**LINCOLN COUNTY**

***Bahr Ranches, Inc., est. 1883***

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**Current Owner:** Bahr Ranches and Cougar Ridge Inc.

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same

**Current Operator:** C. Daryll Bahr

**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	4,200	1,683	1,683	Wheat, barley, cattle	Wheat, barley

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Brothers C. Daryll Bahr and Robert D. Bahr split the ranch property into two entities for estate purposes. Legally, it is two entities, but they farm it as one farm. C. Daryll's portion contains the original 1883 parcel, and he lives in the original home.

**Contact:** C. Daryll Bahr, P.O. Box 592, Wilbur, WA 99185

***Bodeau Bros. Farms, est. 1881***

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**Current Owner:** Dean and Don Bodeau

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same

**Current Operator:** Dean, Don, Brian, Todd and Bradley Bodeau, Todd Luiten

**Relationship to Owner:** owners, sons and son-in law



Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	3,800	5,950	7,612	Wheat, barley, cattle	Wheat, barley

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The farming operation has grown: we have bought some land and leased more land. Dean's sons and Don's son-in-law are now farming.

**Additional Information:** 1964 Northwest Lincoln County Soil Conservation Farm. 2006 Washington State Small Business of the Year. 2006 Wilbur Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year. A video about wheat farming featuring Bodeau Bros. Farm was produced in 2013 for the Washington Grain Commission.

Contact: Dean Bodeau, 36408 Bodeau Rd. N., Wilbur, WA 99185

***The Chilton/Linstrum Farm, est. 1885*** Page 232

**Current Owner:** Jim and Donna Linstrum, Jeanetta Monfort  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** Joseph Linstrum's children  
**Current Operator:** Jim and Darci Linstrum  
**Relationship to Owner:** one of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	139	2,000	1,600	1,600	Wheat, barley	Barley, CRP/hay

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** CRP, transitioning back to cereal grains beginning in 2013. All of the farm will be back in production beginning in 2017.

**Additional Information:** Cousin Bradley Chilton Poole sold his one-quarter of the land to Jim Linstrum in 2007. Jim owns much of the ground and shares an undivided interest in a portion with his sisters, Jeanetta and Donna.

Contact: Jim Linstrum, 19030 Linstrum Rd. N., Davenport, WA 99122

***The Dueber Farm, est. 1886*** Page 237

***The Mann Farm, est. 1889*** Page 237

**Current Owner:** Jim, John, Lyle and Tim Mann  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** sons  
**Current Operator:** Jim Mann  
**Relationship to Owner:** one of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
158 and 280	158 and 280	1,300	1,300	1,300	Grain, livestock	Wheat, barley

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** We got rid of the cows.

**Additional Information:** The Dueber and Mann farms are part of one farm operation. Anna Dueber, who became an owner of the Dueber Farm in 1932, married J.H. Mann, who owned the Mann Farm from 1921 to 1983. Their son, Jack Mann, and his wife Karene became owners of the Dueber Farm in 1966 and of the Mann Farm in 1983. Now the farms are owned by their sons.

Contact: Jim D. Mann, P.O. Box 15, Reardan, WA 99029

***The Florin/Heldstab Farm, est. 1882*** Page 233

**Current Owner:** Joyce Nonnemacher, Casey and Trea Nonnemacher, Chris Nonnemacher  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same, son and daughter-in-law, daughter  
**Current Operator:** Casey Nonnemacher  
**Relationship to Owner:** one of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
320	320	1,285	1,305	4,500	Wheat, barley	Wheat, barley, pigs

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Increased in size. Almost all the original buildings are still in use.

**Additional Information:** Frank passed away in 2013. Joyce and Chris



are still an active part of the farm. Casey, Trea, and their five children live in the Heldstab house, built in 1906, and still farm the original homestead.

Contact: Casey Nonnemacher, 24399 Janett Rd. N., Davenport, WA 99122

***The Gaffney Farm, est. 1880***

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This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the Gaffney family. The farm left family ownership in about 1997.

**Is the Land Still Farmed?** Yes. The farm was sold to Andy and John Rustemeyer, who still farm the land but do not live on the original farm property in the homestead parcel. The farm was sold because no one in the family was able to continue operating the family farm.

Contact: Kevin Gaffney, P.O. Box 96, Cheney, WA 99004

***The Gaffney Farm, est. 1880***

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**Current Owner:** Gaffco Farms, Inc.: Tim, Kevin, R.T. and Brian Gaffney

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** four of Leonard Gaffney's sons

**Current Operator:** Kevin Gaffney

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

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
80	80	1,960	1,616	1,616	Wheat, barley	Wheat, barley, canola, triticale, alfalfa

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Was all in CRP, now about 25% CRP. Thousands of trees and shrubs have been planted. Farming is done using grass strips and divided slope and a three-year rotation system. We are also now direct-seeding.

Contact: Kevin Gaffney, P.O. Box 96, Cheney, WA 99004

***The Garber Farm, est. 1880***

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**Current Owner:** Marie Wyborney and Jay and Diane Garber

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** one of the owners, Jay is Harry Garber's son, Diane is Jay's wife.

**Current Operator:** Jason Gray

**Relationship to Owner:** friend

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	1,835	1,100	1,100	Wheat, barley, hay, feeder steers	Wheat, barley

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The land is leased to a young farmer. Farm activity has changed due to new ways of operation in farming.

Contact: Jay A. Garber, 30810 SR 231 N., Reardan, WA 99029

***The Hanlon Ranch, est. 1884***

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**Current Owner:** John F. Hanlon Jr. and Meredith L. Hanlon

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

**Current Operator:** John and Meredith Hanlon

**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	320	320	320	Wheat, barley	CRP

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Farm went into CRP about 1999. John F. Hanlon Sr. passed away in 2002 and ownership passed to his wife Mildred. When she passed away in 2008, ownership passed to their son, John, and his wife.

Contact: John F. Hanlon Jr., 3455 Pacific Dr., Naples, FL 34119



***The Jack Harding Farm, est. 1872***

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**Current Owner:** Tom, Doug, Don and Joe Harding  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** Robert Harding's sons  
**Current Operator:** Terry Harding and Kent Korthuis  
**Relationship to Owner:** Tom's son and son-in-law

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	160	2,666	10,696	Wheat, hay, livestock	Wheat, barley, canola, alfalfa, cattle

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Equipment, technology, farming practices have changed.

**Additional Information:** We are in a good place. The biggest threat is the government. The farm is owned by four brothers, and the eldest, Tom, has remained there to operate it. His son, Terry, is now the fifth generation of Harding men to farm the land.

**Contact:** Tom Harding, 39770 Harding Rd. E., Sprague, WA 99032

***The Kintschi Farm, est. 1885***

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**Current Owner:** M. James Kintschi, Tim Kintschi  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same, son  
**Current Operator:** Tim Kintschi  
**Relationship to Owner:** one of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
154	154	7,300	3,400	5,300	Beef cattle, wheat, barley	Wheat, barley, cattle, hay

**Additional Information:** We currently have more emphasis on farmland and less livestock and pasture. The fifth generation is working on the farm. The original home is still in use.

**Contact:** Tim Kintschi, 11801 Reiha Rd. N., Edwall, WA 99008

***The John P. Martin Farm, est. 1888***

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**Current Owner:** Scott P. Jensen  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** grandson of Amanda B. Jensen  
**Current Operator:** Scott P. Jensen  
**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
80	80	996	not provided	not provided	Wheat, malting barley, millet	Wheat

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** None until land ownership changes in 2013.

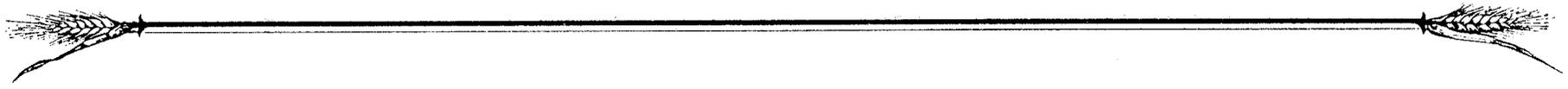
**Additional Information:** The undivided one-third shares of siblings Paul Martin, Amanda Jensen and Bertha Heikkinen's land were divided in early 2014. As a result, Scott P. Jensen owns the 80-acre original parcel of the Centennial Farm. Paul's sons, Larry and Randy Martin, continue to farm their father's share of the land, which they own with their sister, Paulette Korn. They also farm the land owned by 99-year-old Chester Heikkinen, whose wife Bertha died in 2002. All three of the farming descendants of John P. Martin consider themselves deeply connected to the family farming heritage.

**Contact:** Randall D. Martin, 2088 Halverson Canyon Rd. E., Creston, WA 99117

***Mielke Brothers, Inc., est. 1883***

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**Current Owner:** Mielke Brothers, Inc.  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same  
**Current Operator:** Robert E. Mielke and Douglas C. Mielke  
**Relationship to Owner:** same



Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
640	640	8,500	8,900	14,000	Wheat, barley, rapeseed, hay, cattle, horses	Wheat, barley, alfalfa and grass hay, cattle

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Carl and George Mielke passed away. Carl's sons, Robert and Douglas, operate the farm. We run 450 head of Angus-cross cattle.

**Additional Information:** Over the last 25 years, Robert's wife Kristy and their children, Mallory, Mariah, Miranda and Maxwell, have helped keep the farm operating, as well as Douglas's wife Debbie and their children, Nathan, Andrea, Karissa and Jeff. Carl's wife Dorothy, and George's wife Edwina, still live on the farm.

**Contact:** Robert E. Mielke, 30596 Mielke Rd. E., Davenport, WA 99122

***The Peterson Farm, est. 1883***

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**Current Owner:** Carol and Christine Peterson

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** daughters

**Current Operator:** Paul and Tamara Walker

**Relationship to Owner:** cousin

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
146	146	2,769	466	6,960	Wheat, barley	Wheat, sheep, horses, chickens, etc.

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Ownership passed from Lawrence and Betty Peterson to their daughters in 2000. All 1989 buildings are still in use. The circa 1890 barn is listed on the Washington State Historic Barn Register and is still in use for livestock. The four-room house, built in 1887, was incorporated into a newer home, built in 1982. The crib granary, built in 1941 by Lawrence and Norman, has been converted into a residence where Christi and her husband Dan Churchill live and operate a hobby farm.

**Additional Information:** Lawrence retired in 1990. His brother, Norman

Peterson, operated the farm for one year, then retired. Norman's son, Bryan Peterson operated the farm until 1999. Lawrence and Norman's sister's son, Paul C. Walker and his wife Tamara are the fourth generation to farm this land, now part of a 6,960-acre operation. Their two sons are now fifth generation in the operation.

**Contact:** Christi Peterson-Churchill, 37515 Peterson Rd. N., Almira, WA 99103

***The Robertson Farm, est. 1883***

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**Current Owner:** Becki A. Krause

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** daughter

**Current Operator:** Robert B. Krause

**Relationship to Owner:** husband

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	1,970	not provided	not provided	Wheat, barley, beef cattle	Wheat, barley, winter peas

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** Cattle are no longer on the operation. GPS is now the norm. The fifth generation is now farming.

**Additional Information:** C. Jack Robertson passed away in August 2009.

**Contact:** Robert Krause, 20299 Robertson Rd. E., Creston, WA 99117

***The Sheffels Farm, est. 1889***

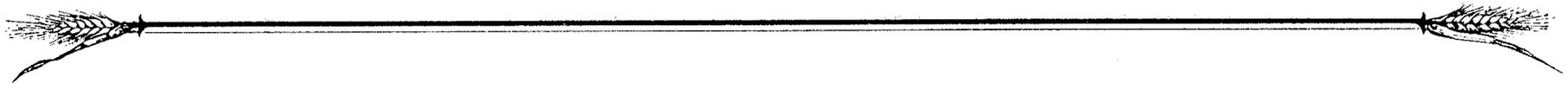
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**Current Owner:** Corbett Draw Farms: L. Jerald Sheffels, Susan Hegneu, Cathy Inouye, David Sheffels, Roger Sheffels Trust

**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same

**Current Operator:** Jerry Sheffels

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



Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	6,800	2,300	1,500	Wheat, barley, peas	Wheat, barley

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** We have changed the farming system twice, and now farm no-till direct seed.

*Contact:* Jerry Sheffels, 9523 Douglas Rd. E., Wilbur, WA 99185

***The Smith Farm, est. 1887***

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**Current Owner:** William A. Reinbold  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** son  
**Current Operator:** William A. Reinbold  
**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	4,100	6,000	6,000	Wheat, barley	Wheat, hay

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The son of the current owner/operator joined the farming operation. One barn and blacksmith shop are still standing, but are not in use.

*Contact:* William Reinbold, 34301 Sunset Rd. E., Davenport, WA 99122

***The Teel Farm, est. 1885***

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**Current Owner:** Richard and Barbara Teel, Rawleigh and Katy Fisk  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same, daughter and son-in-law  
**Current Operator:** Rawleigh and Katy Fisk  
**Relationship to Owner:** two of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	1,100	1,100	1,100	Wheat, cattle, hay, grass seed	Wheat, barley, hay, horses

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The Fisks have taken over day-to-day operations, with Richard and Barbara still very active in all farming decisions and operations.

**Additional Information:** Richard and Barbara expanded considerably in the '80s and '90s by purchasing and irrigating additional land. The Teels are still active and are working to develop and sell land. The homestead is intact and will remain so. The Fisks have purchased and are leasing the home piece and surrounding land. They have built a home on the original 160 acres. A county road where Richard and Barbara live has been renamed Teel Hill Road.

*Contact:* Katie and Rawleigh Fisk, 38700 Phar Rd. E., Davenport, WA 99122

***The Unbewust Farm, est. 1883***

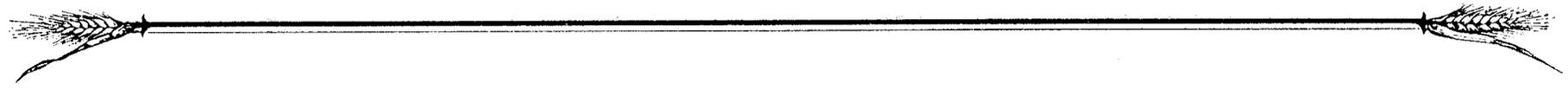
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This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the Unbewust family. The farm left family ownership in three transactions between 1988 and 1993. **Is the Land Still Farmed?** Yes. Current owners, Wilson and Wilson Farms, Inc., actively manage and direct farming of 780 acres. The other current owners, Gordon and Billie Herron, live on the homestead 20 acres, which have been in CRP the last three years. The Herrons had leased and farmed the Unbewust Farm from 1982 until it was sold in November 1989.

**Additional Information:** George and Anne Unbewust retired from farming in the 1960s and leased the farm to Alvin and Elsie Ottmar who operated it until the Herrons took over in 1982.

In 2003, the Herrons hosted a 100th birthday party for the farmhouse that was built in 1903, inviting anyone who ever lived on the farm, descendants, and neighbors. It was a gala affair, complete with a birthday cake that had a picture of the original farmhouse before it was remodeled. The original house was “mail ordered” from Sears and materials shipped by train to the site.

*Contact:* Gordon and Billie Herron, P.O. Box 362, Harrington, WA 99134



***The Wagner Farm, est. 1884***

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**Current Owner:** Dan and Rusanne Wagner  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** son and daughter-in-law  
**Current Operator:** Dan Wagner  
**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
80	80	1,663	1,300	3,100	Alfalfa, cattle	Cattle, pigs, some wheat

**Changes in the Past 25 Years:** The farm has been pretty much the same for the past 45 years. The original log house has been remodeled and is still used.

**Additional Information:** Dan D. and Rusanne Wagner have owned the farm since 1996.

**Contact:** Dan Wagner, 28251 State Rte. 21 N., Wilbur, WA 99185

***Zwainz Farms, Inc., est. 1887***

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**Current Owner:** Zwainz Farms, Inc.  
**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same  
**Current Operator:** Thomas G. Zwainz  
**Relationship to Owner:** one-quarter owner of family corporation

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	1,440	1,440	1,440	Wheat, barley, rapeseed, grass hay	Wheat

**Additional Information:** Robert Zwainz passed away in 2000.

**Contact:** Thomas G. Zwainz, 30879 Zwainz Rd. N., Reardan, WA 99029

***Non-Participating Centennial Farms***

The following 18 farms in the East 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 or its addendum.

***Douglas County***

The Smith/Long Farm, est. 1887, p. 253  
 The Viebrock Farm, est. 1889, p. 253

***Grant County***

The Jelinek Farm, est. 1883, p. 250  
 The Kelley Brothers Farm, est. 1883, p. 249

***Lincoln County***

The Beck Farm, est. 1883, p. 229  
 The Haak/Brommer Farm, est. 1880, p. 235  
 The Hammersmith Farm, est. 1884, p. 229  
 The J.M. Jones Farm, est. 1883, p. 242  
 The Landreth Farm, est. 1880, p. A-8  
 The Lyse/Lauritzen Farm, est. 1883, p. 240  
 The Mahrt Farm, est. 1887, p. 236  
 The McClure Farm, est. 1880, p. 234  
 The McKay Farm, est. 1881, p. 238  
 Plaster Farms, Inc., est. 1881, p. 235  
 The Scott Farm, est. 1882, p. 230  
 George Simons Heirs, est. 1887, p. 243  
 The Vincent Farm, est. 1883, p. A-10  
 The Warwick Farm, est. 1883, p. 230