



Application for Recognition as a CENTURY FARM/RANCH

Return applications by mail only

Deadline to apply: August 1, 2025

Eligibility Requirements:

- The same family has owned at least 80 acres of the original farmland consecutively for 100+ years
- The present owner is related to the original owner
- Include some form of documentation of Date of Original Purchase by this family

Certificate Name:

{Please PRINT the name you would like listed on the certificate you'll receive from the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources}

The Present Owner

Name of Present Owner: _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

The Farm / Ranch

Address of Farm/Ranch (if different than Present Owner):

County: _____ Township: _____

Legal Description: *{e.g. SW 1/4, Sec 3, Township 115N, R 69 W}*

Quarter _____ Section _____ Township _____ Range _____ Latitude _____ Longitude _____

Date of Original Purchase by this Family: _____ *{Remember to attach documentation}*

Number of Acres in this Farm at Present Time: _____ *{Must be at least 80 acres to qualify}*

Past Owners

{Name}

{Relationship to Present Owner}

1. **First Owner:** _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Additional Information

Where was the Original Owner born? _____

Where did he/she live prior to moving to this farm/ranch? _____

From whom did the Original Owner purchase the land? _____

Was this a Homestead? _____ How many acres were in the original parcel? _____

How much did the land cost at the time of original purchase? _____ / *per acre*

Does the family still live on the original farm/ranch site? _____

Is the original house or any other buildings still standing? _____

The Present Owner represents the _____ (*number*) generation to own this land.

Does the Present Owner farm/ranch this land? _____

Does the Present Owner have family members involved in the farm/ranch operation? If so, list names & what generation they represent: _____

What ag products does the farm/ranch presently raise? _____

The Awards Presentation

*** The Century and 125-year farm families will be recognized during a special program during the State Fair. The SDFB office will send more details once your applications has been approved.**

*** Century Farms will receive a Certificate from the SD Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and 1 decorative metal sign from SDFB. Additional Century Farm signs are available for purchase the day of the program.**

*** If you are unable to attend the program at the Fair, your awards can be mailed to you.**

I (we), _____, the Present Owners of this Century Farm, sign here to state that the information on this form is correct to the best of our knowledge. In addition, I (we) give permission to South Dakota Farm Bureau to take photos and/or video and use these, and any written materials supplied on this form, for use in websites, displays, presentations, and publications to promote the Century Farms program. I (we) waive our right to approve the final products in which these appear.

Signature _____ Date _____

Return the completed form to: South Dakota Farm Bureau, Post Office Box 1426, Huron SD 57350. Remember to attach documentation of the Original Date of Purchase. If you have any questions regarding this form or the Century Farms program, contact Julie Fritzsche at SDFB (Julie@sdfbf.org or 605-353-8050). Thank you!