



# Application for Recognition as a SESQUICENTENNIAL 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

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4. \_\_\_\_\_

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5. \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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, 125-year and 150-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](mailto:Julie@sdfbf.org) or 605-353-8050). Thank you!*