



SOUTH CAROLINA CENTURY FARMS PROGRAM

HONORING GENERATIONS OF SOUTH CAROLINA FARMERS

The Century Farms Program was designed to honor pioneer farm families in South Carolina. It was inaugurated in the Tri-County Pendleton District (Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens Counties) in 1974. The South Carolina General Assembly approved legislation to expand it into a state-wide program in 1976 and charged the Pendleton District Commission to administer the program.

The Century Farms Program honors those families whose property has been in the same family's ownership for 100 years or more. The original tract of land does not have to be intact. In most cases, the entire acreage has not remained in the family over the years, but a portion of the original farm property has. If this remaining portion of the original farm has stayed in the same family's ownership for at least 100 years, then the application can be considered. Although the line of ownership must be unbroken (qualifying property must not have been sold outside the family and then repurchased later), any direct family connection will suffice, such as buying or inheriting from an uncle or cousin. Supporting documentation, including copies of deeds, wills, or family charts should be included with the application.

Approved Century Farms applicants will receive a yard plaque and a certificate designating their property as a "Century Farm in Historic South Carolina."

All papers relating to the program are housed at Hunter's Store, the Pendleton District Commission's headquarters in Pendleton, South Carolina.

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