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Families Honored at State Fair for their Agricultural Heritage

INDIANAPOLIS – Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann and Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director Ted McKinney today presented 55 families with a Hoosier Homestead Award in recognition of their commitment to Indiana agriculture.

To be named a Hoosier Homestead, farms must be owned by the same family for at least 100 consecutive years and consist of more than 20 acres or produce more than \$1000 of agricultural products per year. The award distinctions recognized are Centennial, Sesquicentennial, and Bicentennial. This ceremony had two families receiving the Bicentennial Award.

"This program was established in 1976 to recognize the heritage of farming in Indiana and how Hoosier family farms have been passed down from generation to generation," Lt. Governor Ellspermann said.

"I salute our Hoosier farmers today for being part of both our state's legacy – but more importantly, a vital part of our state's future,"

"The families celebrated here today remind us of what makes Indiana agriculture great," Director McKinney said. "Agriculture is not solely about producing food, fiber and fuel for a growing population. It is also about preserving a way of life that values hard-work, integrity and community. The Hoosier Homestead Award Program celebrates just that and ISDA is proud to oversee this awards program."

The 55 families honored at Tuesday's ceremony join more than 5000 Hoosier Homestead farms. Administered by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, semiannual recognition ceremonies are held in March during National Agriculture Month at the Indiana Statehouse and in August at the Indiana State Fair.

ABOUT ISDA

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) was established as a separate state agency by the Legislature in 2005. The Director is appointed by the Governor and is a member of the Governor's Cabinet. Administratively, ISDA reports to Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann, who also serves as Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture. Major responsibilities include advocacy for Indiana agriculture at the local, state and federal level, managing soil conservation programs, promoting economic development and agricultural

innovation, serving as a regulatory ombudsman for agricultural businesses, and licensing grain firms throughout the state.

Hoosier Homestead Recipients | August 2014

Farm County	Award Name	Homestead Date	Award
Allen	Esther Bleke Salomon	1862	Sesquicentennial
Allen	Fuelling/Kern	1910	Centennial
Bartholomew	Hendrickson-Klipsch-Capper-Kalkwarf	1851	Sesquicentennial
Bartholomew	Wichman	1896	Centennial
Bartholomew	Mark Zigler	1894	Centennial
Brown	Charles E. Roush	1849	Sesquicentennial
Carroll	White	1891	Centennial
Carroll	White	1834	Sesquicentennial
Carroll	Beard - Swartz - Hiatt	1864	Sesquicentennial
Cass	Barrett	1864	Sesquicentennial
Clark	Munk	1877	Centennial
Clark	Graves	1813	Bicentennial
Clay	Romas	1883	Centennial
Clinton	Warren K. Crawford	1888	Centennial
Crawford	Newton	1908	Centennial
Dearborn	Stephen and Rebecca Utter Chipman	1907	Centennial
Dearborn	Wuestefeld	1914	Centennial
Dearborn	Randy and Linda Ickenroth	1913	Centennial
Decatur	Roderick and Mary Lousie Bailey	1840	Sesquicentennial
Delaware	McWilliams	1908	Centennial
Dubois	Knies	1907	Centennial
Fountain	James R. Coffing	1844	Sesquicentennial
Franklin	Oehlmann	1908	Centennial
Franklin	Meyer	1896	Centennial
Franklin	Wissel	1914	Centennial
Gibson	Emerson/Bratton Farm LLC	1811	Bicentennial
Hamilton	Robert, Phyllis & Sid Davis	1914	Centennial
Henry	McDonnell	1896	Centennial
Jasper	Katherine DeWees	1914	Centennial
Jasper	DeHaan/Boezeman	1914	Centennial
Jay	Robert and Barbara R. Gordon	1868	Centennial
Jefferson	Jeff and Yonna Heath	1863	Sesquicentennial
Jefferson	George/Phillips	1879	Centennial
Johnson	Owens and McAlpin	1830	Sesquicentennial
Kosciusko	Kerry Goshert	1878	Centennial

Kosciusko	Vandermark, Summy, and Rose	1864	Sesquicentennial
Kosciusko	Norris	1902	Centennial
Lagrange	F.B.I. Farms, Inc./Burger	1881	Centennial
LaPorte	Maple Grove Farm, Founder: Swan Johnson	1871	Centennial
Lawrence	Hunter	1850	Sesquicentennial
Miami	John E. and Kathryn Gaerte	1848	Sesquicentennial
Morgan	Dow	1911	Centennial
Morgan	Egbert, Adams, Hamm, and Garard	1903	Centennial
Noble	Renkenberger	1877	Centennial
Owen/Monroe	Childers	1834	Sesquicentennial
Posey	Rueger-Naab-McNamara	1887	Centennial
Posey	Hasting	1864	Sesquicentennial
Randolph	Stanley L. Mote	1913	Centennial
Shelby	Deiwert	1834	Sesquicentennial
Spencer	Pund	1870	Centennial
Starke	Scholz	1901	Centennial
Tippecanoe	Young Family Corporation	1895	Centennial
Wabash	Watson Farms Holdings, LLC	1847	Sesquicentennial
Warren	Frazier-Taylor	1912	Centennial
White	Kelley	1903	Centennial

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