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## **Hoosier families honored for their agricultural heritage**

**INDIANAPOLIS (April 7, 2017)** — At the Indiana Statehouse today, [Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch](#) and [Indiana State Department of Agriculture \(ISDA\)](#) Director Ted McKinney presented 39 families with a [Hoosier Homestead Award](#) in recognition of their commitment to Indiana agriculture.

“Agriculture contributes \$31 billion to our state’s economy, largely due to the hard work, dedication, and innovation of Indiana’s farming families,” said Lt. Governor Crouch. “I congratulate each family on earning the Hoosier Homestead Award and thank them for their commitment to continuing Indiana’s legacy as an agricultural leader.”

To be named a Hoosier Homestead, farms must be owned by the same family for more than 100 consecutive years, and consist of more than 20 acres or produce more than \$1000 of agricultural products per year. Based on the number of years, farms were eligible to receive the Centennial Award for 100 years of ownership, the Sesquicentennial Award for 150 years of ownership and the Bicentennial Award for 200 years of ownership. Notably, the Bicentennial Award was presented to one family during Friday’s ceremony.

Since the program’s inception in 1976, more than 5,000 families have received the Hoosier Homestead Award.

“Generation after generation of Indiana’s farming families have dedicated their lives to feeding their neighbors, the state and the world,” Director McKinney said. “They have contributed so much to our state’s legacy, both economically and socially, and are the engine that drives our industry forward. It was an honor to recognize all of these great families at the Statehouse.”

Below is a list of the Hoosier Homestead Award recipients honored during the spring 2017 ceremony:

<b>Farm County</b>	<b>Award Name</b>	<b>Homestead Date</b>	<b>Type of Award</b>
Adams	Daniel Roth	1866	Sesquicentennial
Bartholomew	Glenn & Nellie Glick	1846	Sesquicentennial
Bartholomew	Original Speaker Lane Farm	1908	Centennial
Clark	Clifton Eve/Elizabeth Weidner Family Farm	1915	Centennial
Clark	Dreyer	1865	Sesquicentennial
Decatur	Deniston	1866	Sesquicentennial
Decatur	Evans	1834	Sesquicentennial
Dubois	Balsmeyer Family Farm	1853	Centennial
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Dubois	Egler	1841	Centennial
Dubois	Egler	1841	Sesquicentennial
Dubois	Leo C. Welp	1916	Centennial
Floyd	Sperzel	1915	Centennial
Floyd	Collins - Taylor - Jacobi	1816	Bicentennial

Fountain	Alford	1907	Centennial
Franklin	Beneker	1887	Centennial
Harrison	Hausz	1903	Centennial
Henry	Lacy Homestead Farm	1864	Sesquicentennial
Howard	Fleming	1857	Sesquicentennial
Jackson	Wischmeier/Wehmiller	1866	Sesquicentennial
Jay	Bricher	1863	Centennial
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Jay	Journay Homestead, Wanda Lou & Merle Stewart	1887	Centennial
Jay	Charles Muhlenkamp	1915	Centennial
Jay	Young	1863	Sesquicentennial
Jefferson	Owens	1916	Centennial
Knox	Otten	1859	Sesquicentennial
Marshall	Mishler	1860	Sesquicentennial
Monroe	Pafford	1866	Sesquicentennial
Noble	The Coats Family Farm	1849	Sesquicentennial
Perry	Casey	1867	Sesquicentennial
Putnam	Hurst	1886	Centennial
Ripley	Jesse Donald Meinders	1878	Centennial
Ripley	Schneider	1898	Centennial
Rush	Cole	1882	Centennial
Rush	Cole	1895	Centennial
Spencer	Kirby Baum	1860	Centennial
Spencer	Kirby Baum	1860	Sesquicentennial
Spencer	Schaaf/Hay	1892	Centennial
Starke	Luedtke Dairy Farm	1896	Centennial
Tipton	Gall	1916	Centennial
Tipton	Kirkendall Family Farm	1894	Centennial
Wabash	Orville & Phyllis Brodt	1879	Centennial
White	Godlove	1863	Sesquicentennial

For more information about the Hoosier Homestead Awards, please visit [www.isda.in.gov](http://www.isda.in.gov). Photos from today's ceremony will be posted to ISDA's [Flickr page](#) by Wednesday, April 12, 2017.

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## 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 Suzanne Crouch](#), who also serves as Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. 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.



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