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## Families Honored at Statehouse for their Agricultural Heritage

INDIANAPOLIS – Lt. Gov. Sue Ellspermann and Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director Ted McKinney presented 31 families with a Hoosier Homestead Award in recognition of their commitment to Indiana agriculture.

“There’s no doubt in our minds that agriculture plays a vital role in Indiana’s economy, but we also need to be reminded of the men and women behind the industry,” Lt. Gov. Sue Ellspermann said. “The families honored today have persevered through trial and bounty to steward the earth and produce food for our state, nation and world.”

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. The Hoosier Homestead program is administered by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture.

“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 31 families honored at Thursday’s ceremony join more than 5000 Hoosier Homestead farms. Annual recognition ceremonies are held in March during National Agriculture Month at the Indiana Statehouse and in August at the Indiana State Fair.

## Hoosier Homestead Recipients | March 2014

<b>Award Name</b>	<b>Farm County</b>	<b>Homestead Date</b>	<b>Award</b>
Catherine Joan and Richard Pence	Blackford	1887	Centennial
Ping	Brown	1857	Sesquicentennial
Chittick	Carroll	1871	Centennial
John F. Thackery	Decatur	1886	Centennial
Williams	Decatur	1912	Centennial
Rothert	Dubois	1907	Centennial
Mishler	Elkhart	1913	Centennial
Caldwell	Fayette	1813	Bicentennial
Ackerman-Eckert-McKnight	Floyd	1846	Sesquicentennial
Grimes/Vollmer	Fountain	1913	Centennial
Denney	Hancock	1862	Sesquicentennial
Windell	Harrison	1840	Sesquicentennial
Huff	Henry	1869	Centennial
Kruse	Jackson	1913	Centennial
Tape Family Farm	Jackson	1863	Sesquicentennial
Phillips	Jefferson	1889	Centennial
Scherschel	Lawrence	1903	Centennial
Larrison	Miami	1869	Centennial
Larrison	Miami	1863	Sesquicentennial
Arthur L. Troyer	Noble	1910	Centennial
Arvin and Anna Droege	Posey	1850	Sesquicentennial
Pfister/Scarafia	Posey	1854	Sesquicentennial
Hicks	Ripley	1901	Centennial
Dorrel	Ripley	1834	Sesquicentennial
Miller	Rush	1834	Sesquicentennial
Kuntz	Shelby	1912	Centennial
Boehm	Spencer	1882	Centennial
Schaaf	Spencer	1859	Sesquicentennial
Waninger	Spencer	1852	Sesquicentennial
Smith	Steuben	1913	Centennial
Mathew	White	1913	Centennial

### **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.*

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