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Family farms receive Hoosier Homestead Award

INDIANAPOLIS (March 23, 2018) — At the Indiana Statehouse, [Lt. Governor](#) Suzanne Crouch and [Indiana State Department of Agriculture](#) (ISDA) Director Bruce Kettler presented 65 families with a [Hoosier Homestead Award](#) in recognition of their commitment to Indiana agriculture.

“Indiana agriculture keeps our economy thriving, and each year we are reminded of how rich our history is by the long list of award recipients,” Crouch said. “Because we have such a thriving farming community, Indiana is at the top of the nation for production and these long-standing farms keep us moving forward.”

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. Indiana farms may qualify for three honors: Centennial Award for 100 years of ownership, Sesquicentennial Award for 150 years of ownership and the Bicentennial Award for 200 years of ownership.

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

“For more than a century, these farming families have been providing Hoosiers and Americans with the food, fuel and fiber they need for their everyday lives,” Kettler said. “Each generation has learned to adapt and evaluate how to keep their farm successful with changing times and technology. It was an honor to celebrate them at the Statehouse.”

Below is a list of the Hoosier Homestead Award recipients honored during the spring 2018 ceremony:

Farm County	Award Name	Homestead	Type of Award
		Date	
Allen	Van Horn	1911	Centennial
Carroll	Mills	1861	Sesquicentennial
Carroll	Reiff	1918	Centennial
Clinton	Bradburn-Strain-Ceo	1895	Centennial
Daviess	Ryan	1867	Sesquicentennial
Decatur	William S. Emly	1837	Sesquicentennial
Decatur	The Oesterling Homestead	1909	Centennial
Dekalb	Hook	1848	Centennial & Sesquicentennial

Dubois	Merkel	1885	Centennial
Dubois	Schroeder	1845	Centennial & Sesquicentennial
Elkhart	Cobb Family Farm	1909	Centennial
Fountain	Thomas	1918	Centennial
Franklin	Rosfeld	1855	Centennial & Sesquicentennial
Franklin	Meyer Family Farm	1867	Centennial & Sesquicentennial
Franklin	Kolb	1917	Centennial
Fulton	Hendrickson	1900	Centennial
Fulton	Walters-Duffey	1904	Centennial
Gibson	Kennedy Hill Farm	1865	Centennial & Sesquicentennial
Grant	King	1878	Centennial
Hamilton	Marion E. House Farms, Inc.	1917	Centennial
Howard	Schafer/Gingerich	1865	Centennial & Sesquicentennial
Howard	Hollingsworth	1853	Sesquicentennial
Huntington	Hosler	1906	Centennial
Huntington	Killen	1918	Centennial
Jackson	Tape Family	1863	Centennial
Jay	Hutchens	1861	Sesquicentennial
Jennings	Funke	1867	Sesquicentennial
Kosciusko	Waldbeser	1906	Centennial
Lake	Huseman	1883	Centennial
LaPorte	Brooks - Bartmess	1860	Sesquicentennial
LaPorte	Lloyd & Helen Steinke	1855	Sesquicentennial
Madison	Wright	1917	Centennial
Marshall	Motz Family Farm	1915	Centennial
Marshall	John Gibson	1851	Centennial & Sesquicentennial
Miami	Kendall	1862	Centennial & Sesquicentennial
Montgomery	Oppy	1898	Centennial
Parke	Wilkey	1872	Centennial
Pulaski	Christensen	1867	Sesquicentennial
Pulaski	Westphal	1915	Centennial
Putnam	Kenneth Wayne Mason	1882	Centennial
Randolph	Hobson	1917	Centennial
Randolph	The Huffman Family Farm	1918	Centennial
Ripley	Timke	1888	Centennial
Ripley	Crum	1868	Sesquicentennial
Ripley	Kohlman	1867	Sesquicentennial
Ripley	Huber	1867	Centennial & Sesquicentennial
Rush	Francis Graham Farms Inc.	1846	Sesquicentennial
Shelby	Linville	1911	Centennial
Shelby	Dake	1918	Centennial
Spencer	Lee	1855	Centennial & Sesquicentennial
Spencer	Singer/Scott	1918	Centennial
Steuben	Sugar Grove Farm	1913	Centennial
Switzerland	Crandell	1908	Centennial
Switzerland	Romerill	1917	Centennial
Tippecanoe	Claude, Harold, & Ruth Boesch	1917	Centennial

Tipton	Leisure	1907	Centennial
Union	Gavin-Beck Family Homestead	1823	Centennial & Sesquicentennial
Wabash	Swihart Long	1907	Centennial
Wabash	Walters-Duffey	1888	Centennial
Wabash	Walters-Duffey	1915	Centennial
Wabash	Merrick	1835	Centennial & Sesquicentennial
Warren	Andrews	1907	Centennial
Warren	Inez F. McDermond	1904	Centennial
Wells	Laymon	1918	Centennial
Whitley	Kerch	1853	Centennial & Sesquicentennia

For more information about the Hoosier Homestead Award program, please visit www.isda.in.gov. Photos from today's ceremony will be posted to ISDA's [Flickr page](#) by Wednesday, March 28, 2018.

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The [Indiana State Department of Agriculture](#) (ISDA) was established as a separate state agency by the Legislature in 2005. 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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