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Families Honored at Statehouse for their Agricultural Heritage

INDIANAPOLIS – Today at the Indiana Statehouse, Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann and Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director Ted McKinney presented 63 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 \$1,000 in agricultural products per year. The award distinctions are Centennial, Sesquicentennial and Bicentennial. One family was honored with the Bicentennial Award.

“The Hoosier Homestead Awards provide the opportunity to salute Indiana’s rich agricultural heritage by honoring those Hoosiers whose farms have contributed to Indiana’s economy and local communities for over 100 years,” said Lt. Governor Ellspermann. “We are proud to celebrate both the farms and the families that have continued to make Indiana a leader in agriculture.”

“The families celebrated here today remind us of what makes Indiana agriculture great,” Director McKinney said. “The Hoosier Homestead Award not only celebrates dedicated families working in Indiana agriculture, but also about preserving a way of life that values hard work, integrity and community.”

The 63 families honored at today’s ceremony join more than 5,000 Hoosier Homestead farms.

Administered by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, the semiannual Hoosier Homestead ceremonies are held in March during National Agriculture Month at the Indiana Statehouse and in August at the Indiana State Fair.

March 2015 Hoosier Homestead Award Recipients			
Farm County	Award Name	Date	Type
Adams	Lawrence Fuelling	1871	Centennial
Allen	Michael and Madonna Gross	1914	Centennial
Allen	Werling	1903	Centennial
Bartholomew	J. William Fear	1913	Centennial
Benton	Coats	1906	Centennial
Benton	Tewksbury	1894	Centennial
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Boone	Richardson-Neese	1913	Centennial
Boone	Henry- Jaques	1866	Centennial
Boone	Woody, Owens, Dale	1914	Centennial
Brown	Snyder	1894	Centennial
Cass	Vera Hubenthal Pickens	1873	Centennial
Clinton	Hal & Sue Brown	1864	Sesquicentennial
Clinton	Shannon	1865	Sesquicentennial
Dearborn	Bloom	1903	Centennial
Dekalb	Forrest	1863	Sesquicentennial

Dekalb	Shilling Farms	1836	Sesquicentennial
Dekalb	Brechbill	1915	Centennial
Delaware	Kenneth W. & Carol J. Harden	1830	Sesquicentennial
Dubois	Kemper	1858	Sesquicentennial
Dubois	Ketzner	1864	Sesquicentennial
Dubois	Weyer	1852	Sesquicentennial
Elkhart	Hilbish	1893	Centennial
Franklin	Kreuzman	1884	Centennial
Gibson	Gudgel	1814	Bicentennial
Hamilton	Hensley	1913	Centennial
Hancock	Black	1863	Sesquicentennial
Hancock	Smith-Elliott-Sells-Couch	1909	Centennial
Harrison	Hauswald	1912	Centennial
Henry	Ice	1849	Sesquicentennial
Jasper	Groet	1889	Centennial
Jay	Carl & Marilyn Walker	1865	Sesquicentennial
Jay	Wellman	1911	Centennial
Jay	Kwis-Bowen	1891	Centennial
Kosciusko	Ring - Maple Shade Farms LLC	1911	Centennial
Kosciusko	Arthur Gilbert	1886	Centennial
Lake	Don Bailey	1863	Sesquicentennial
LaPorte	Foltz Farm	1915	Centennial
Madison	Janice Ellen Dickey	1900	Centennial
Madison	Chapel	1914	Centennial
Marion	Mendenhall-Barnett- Gaston	1831	Sesquicentennial
Miami	See	1869	Centennial
Montgomery	McBee	1873	Centennial
Morgan	Richard A. Abraham	1847	Sesquicentennial
Morgan	Hanna	1906	Centennial
Morgan	Hanna	1908	Centennial
Morgan	Albert J. Voyles Farm	1828	Sesquicentennial
Newton	Bridgeman Farm	1874	Centennial
Parke	Robert E. Pollard	1908	Centennial
Perry	Casey	1867	Centennial
Porter	Smith	1915	Centennial
Pulaski	Kruger	1913	Centennial
Ripley	Glover	1863	Sesquicentennial
Ripley	Toops	1910	Centennial
Steuben	Thompson	1864	Sesquicentennial

Tippecanoe	Dunk	1912	Centennial
Tipton	Velma Viola Findling Ploughe	1894	Centennial
Warren	William E. & Elizabeth Bowman	1913	Centennial
Warren	Goodwine-Clark- Dick- Blind- Glover	1827	Sesquicentennial
Warren	Goodwine-Clark-Dick-Ford- Glover	1829	Sesquicentennial
Warren	Clark- Dick- Ford- Glover	1851	Sesquicentennial
Warren	Hubert J. Shackleton	1862	Sesquicentennial
Washington	Spurgeon	1864	Sesquicentennial
Washington	Charles Michael Boling	1906	Centennial
Wells	Wenger	1907	Centennial
Whitley	Smith/Ferrell	1852	Sesquicentennial
Whitley	Hasty	1902	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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