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:

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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
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. 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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