

NEW BOOK FEATURES THE HISTORY OF OKLAHOMA CENTENNIAL FARMS & RANCH FAMILIES

Last Chance to Be Part of Our Book Celebrating Oklahoma Farming!

Dear Oklahoma Farm & Ranch Families:

In commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of the Oklahoma Centennial Farm & Ranch program, the Oklahoma Historical Society is sponsoring a new book, *Oklahoma Centennial Farms & Ranches*, celebrating our award-winning Centennial Farms.

This exciting book will also feature a special section showcasing our state's award-winning farms and ranches, and we would like to feature your farm in this upcoming publication. This feature will include a historical profile of your farm or ranch and one photograph, both offered at no cost to you.

We thank the hundreds of farm families who have already participated in this historic project. For those of you who have yet to submit your free farm profile, ***Good News - You Still Have Time!***

In this era of constant change, maintaining a family farm for 100 years or more is unique and to be celebrated and documented for future generations to enjoy. *There has never been anything like this published in Oklahoma, and it will truly be a monumental project.* This book will be a permanent record of our agricultural heritage — sure to be handed down for generations.

In addition, all Centennial Farm and Ranch owners will have the first opportunity to purchase *Oklahoma Centennial Farms & Ranches* before it is offered to the public. These books will sell out quickly, so if you want one for yourself, or as gifts for others, or know someone who might desire one, reserve your copies by the May 15th deadline.

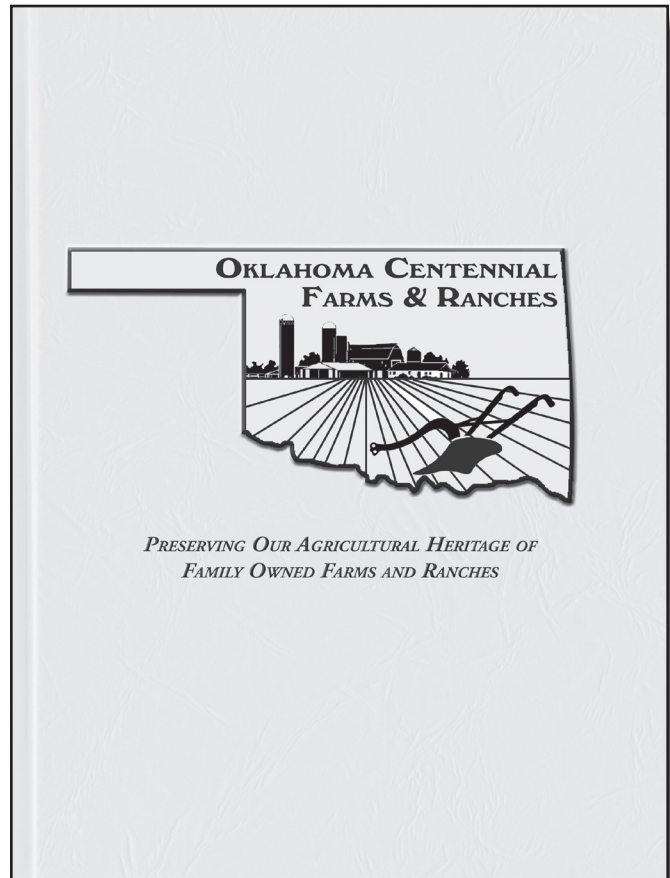
Please take advantage of this special opportunity, and help us document the rich legacy of our Oklahoma Centennial Farms & Ranches!

Sincerely yours,

Shea J. Otley, Coordinator
Oklahoma Centennial Farm & Ranch Program



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Pictured above is a sample cover for the book - Oklahoma Historic Farms & Ranches. The actual cover will be bound in a rich leatherette cover with gold embossing.



Local children sell soda pop in the farm marketing stand at P.W. Store, Muskogee, July 1939. Lee Russell photo courtesy of the Library of Congress.

FINAL DEADLINE: MAY 15, 2019

SEND YOUR *CENTENNIAL FARM OR RANCH* PROFILE. BE INCLUDED IN OUR COMMEMORATIVE BOOK AT NO COST!

SAMPLE FARM PROFILE

FUKSA – The John and Mary Fuksa Farm was established Dec. 29, 1916 in southern Garfield County. The farm is now in its fourth generation of ownership and operation by Mark Fuksa, great-grandson of the founding family, and Mark’s wife Daria.



In 2016 the farm was recognized by the Oklahoma Historical Society as an Oklahoma Centennial Farm. The farm is also recognized in the National Register of Historic Places for its early 20th century farm architecture, and because the historic Chisholm Trail traverses a pasture on the property.

The most prominent structure on the farm is a two-story gambrel roof barn with a hay loft occupying the entire upper level, accessible by a narrow wooden staircase. The lower level contains seven double cow milking stalls complete with feed bunks and continuous wooden hay mangers running nearly the entire length of the of both sides of the barn. The mangers can be filled with hay through openings in the loft floor directly above the first-floor mangers.

For over the past 100 years the family farmed the land; raising wheat, barley, and oats – and, grass and alfalfa hay to feed their livestock. More recently, the farm has produced canola and sorghum. The family raised many species of livestock, including registered purebred Hereford cattle, milk and beef cattle, horses, hogs, goats, chickens, ducks, turkeys, peacocks, and pigeons. The farm also boasted a large vegetable garden and numerous apricot and cherry trees. The bounty from this self-sustaining farm kept the family fed and provided income – during the difficult times of the 1930s dust bowl era – to purchase machinery and other necessities they could not produce on the farm. Several pieces of machinery from the 1930s and earlier are still owned by the family – reminding the current generation of their predecessors’ daily life.

A fifth generation of Fuksas, siblings John and Michelle, are patiently awaiting their turn to take over the reins when the time comes.

What to send: 1) Completed form below or written story (300 words or less will be included for free; stories over the first 300 words will be charged 15¢/ ea. extra word). 2) One photograph of your family or farm, historic or recent, included for free. (Additional photos may be included for \$15 per extra photo). **NOTE: All materials will be returned to you after publication.** You don’t have to order a book to be included. If you do not wish to write your farm’s story, simply fill out the form below and an editor will compose it so you will be included in this historic book at no charge. *Use additional paper as needed.*

PERSONAL DATA (contact information will not be included in the book)

Your Name	Name of Current Farm or Ranch Owner	
Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone (Home)	(Work/Cell)	Email
Date You Acquired Your Centennial Farm or Ranch		

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CENTENNIAL FARM OR RANCH

Name of Original Settler or Farm Owner	Date Acquired
Number of Acres of Original Farm/Ranch	
Location of Farm/Ranch (County, Township, Section, Range, etc.)	
Original crops, livestock, etc. raised on the farm/ranch	
List previous farm/ranch owners, beginning with the originator to the present owner, including relationship (lineage) from owner to owner	
List number of acres still retained	
Describe crops/livestock/products raised today	
Discuss historic buildings/structures on the farm/ranch	
List any unusual characteristics, uses or stories the farm is known for, and awards received	

GENERAL INFORMATION

Marital Status	Spouse’s Name
No. of Children/Names	
No. of Grandchildren/Names	
Date Retired/Retirement Activities (<i>if applicable</i>)	

OKLAHOMA CENTENNIAL FARMS & RANCHES

A QUALITY PUBLICATION!

The family farm is the very root of agriculture and its proud heritage. All of the farms included in this volume will be officially certified and documented for inclusion in this book. *Never has anything comparable to this been published!*

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- History of the Centennial Farm & Ranch Program.
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