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Hoosier families honored at Statehouse **for their agricultural heritage**

INDIANAPOLIS (March 28, 2016) — Today at the Indiana Statehouse, [Lt. Governor Eric Holcomb](#) and [Indiana State Department of Agriculture \(ISDA\)](#) Director Ted McKinney presented 46 families with a [Hoosier Homestead Award](#) in recognition of their commitment to Indiana agriculture.

"There are close to 60,000 farming operations in Indiana, of which 98 percent are still family owned and operated," said Lt. Governor Holcomb, who also serves as Indiana Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "These families are a fundamental piece of the Indiana story, and I congratulate them on earning the Hoosier Homestead award and their unwavering commitment to both the past and future of Indiana agriculture."

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 award distinctions recognized are Centennial (100 years), Sesquicentennial (150 years) and Bicentennial (200 years). Notably, the Bicentennial Award was presented to one family during Monday's ceremony.

"Our state's legacy has been shaped by Indiana's farming families, who have passed down their traditions from generation to generation and contributed so much over the past 200 years – both economically and socially," Director McKinney said. "It was an honor to recognize nearly 50 of these great families at the Statehouse, and I commend all of them on their tremendous dedication to the industry and, especially, to Hoosiers."

The families honored today join more than 5,000 Hoosier Homestead farms. Administered by ISDA, semiannual recognition ceremonies are held in March at the Indiana Statehouse and in August at the Indiana State Fair.

Below is a list of today's Hoosier Homestead Award recipients:

Farm County	Award Name	Homestead Date	Type of Award
Bartholomew	Schulz	1865	Sesquicentennial

Benton	Sondgeroth	1895	Centennial
Blackford	Maddox	1902	Centennial
Carroll	Yerkes	1914	Centennial
Carroll	Carl R. Jones	1902	Centennial
Clark	Prall	1895	Centennial
Clay	Mace Family	1916	Centennial
Decatur	Fletcher	1914	Centennial
Decatur	Fischmer	1887	Centennial
Fayette	Francis M. & Hugh H. Scott	1861	Sesquicentennial
Gibson	Steiner	1904	Centennial
Grant	Kenneth & Bonnie Harrold	1864	Sesquicentennial
Greene	Wolf	1884	Centennial
Harrison	Roy & Denise Harmon	1900	Centennial
Harrison	Harold & Penny Fessel	1880	Centennial
Howard	Kring	1915	Centennial
Howard	Countryman	1908	Centennial
Jay	Floyd E. Cline	1907	Centennial
Jay	Cline Farms	1901	Centennial
Jay	The Hudson Family Farm	1863	Sesquicentennial
Jay	Bailey	1838	Sesquicentennial
Jay	Robert C. Lyons	1850	Sesquicentennial
Johnson	Long	1909	Centennial
LaGrange	Talmage	1837	Sesquicentennial
LaGrange	Talmage	1836	Sesquicentennial
Madison	Justice	1834	Sesquicentennial
Martin	Klinge-Doty	1888	Centennial
Montgomery	Harold & Debra Bowman	1899	Centennial
Morgan	Swinehart	1894	Centennial
Noble	Robinson-Miller Family	1865	Sesquicentennial
Orange	Farlow-Trimble-Haworth	1811	Sesquicentennial
Orange	Farlow-Trimble-Haworth	1811	Bicentennial
Parke	Floyd/Wrightsman	1865	Sesquicentennial
Pike	Risley	1865	Sesquicentennial
Pulaski	John S. Capper	1915	Centennial
Pulaski	Tiede	1877	Centennial
Putnam	Gene Clodfelter	1916	Centennial
Ripley	Narwold	1866	Sesquicentennial
Scott	Philip A. Murphy	1865	Sesquicentennial
Spencer	Kathryn Meyer	1908	Centennial
Switzerland	Pavy, Lewis, & Keith	1881	Centennial
Wabash	Dan Schuler	1911	Centennial
Wabash	Phillip Smith	1849	Sesquicentennial
Washington	Jack C. Morgan	1835	Sesquicentennial
Wells	Brannum/Sinclair	1886	Centennial
Wells	Maddox	1845	Sesquicentennial
White	Ronald D. Coonrod	1857	Sesquicentennial
White	Gurson Cosgray	1916	Centennial
Whitley	Beard	1912	Centennial

For more information about the Hoosier Homestead Awards, please visit www.isda.in.gov.

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ABOUT ISDA

The [Indiana State Department of Agriculture \(ISDA\)](http://www.isda.in.gov) 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 Eric Holcomb](#), 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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