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Georgia's Newest Centennial Farms Honored at Georgia National Fair

Perry, Ga. (October 10, 2024) – Eighteen family farms were honored this week during the annual Georgia Centennial Farm Awards Ceremony in Perry. The annual awards ceremony recognized qualified farms from the 2024 application year.

Farm owners and their historic properties were recognized in an event at the 2024 Georgia National Fair. The event was hosted by the Historic Preservation Division of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, Georgia Farm Bureau, Georgia Department of Agriculture, Georgia EMC, University of Georgia Cooperative Extension, and Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter.

Farms hold a central role in preserving the heritage of our state, having formed the economic, cultural, and family foundation for generations of Georgians. All farms earning recognition have continuously operated for 100 years or more.

More than 630 farms have been recognized through the Georgia Centennial Farm Program since its inception in 1993.

Recognition is given to farm owners through one of three distinguished awards: the **Centennial Heritage Farm Award** honors farms owned by members of the same family for 100 years or more and listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The **Centennial Farm Award** does not require continual family ownership, but farms must be at least 100 years old and listed in the National Register. The **Centennial Family Farm Award** recognizes farms owned by members of the same family for 100 years or more that are not listed in the National Register.

Below are the 2024 Centennial Farm award recipients.

2024 Centennial Heritage Farm Awards

- Rose Cottage Farm, Bartow County
- Valley View Farm, Bartow County

2024 Centennial Family Farm Awards

- Vaughn Farm, Dodge County
- F & M Farms, Franklin County
- Crow Hill Farm, Habersham County
- Rogers Family Farm, Heard County
- J & J Farms, Jackson County
- The Seaborn Thomas Bracewell Family Farm, Laurens County
- Carter Farms, Lowndes County
- Crosby-Hatcher Farms, Mitchell County
- Freeman Family Farm, LLC, Monroe County
- Morgan Tree, Morgan County
- Silas Osteen Family Farm, Pierce County
- Simon Smith Estate, Tattnall County
- Mountain Scene Farms, Towns County
- Turkey Creek Farm, Twiggs County
- Aylesbury Acres Inc, Washington County
- Fountain Family Farm, Wilkinson County

To nominate a farm for recognition, visit <https://www.dca.ga.gov/georgia-historic-preservation-division/historic-resources/centennial-farms> to download an application or contact outreach@dca.ga.gov. The postmark deadline for applications is May 1 of each year.

About the Historic Preservation Division

The Historic Preservation Division (HPD) of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) serves as Georgia's state historic preservation office. Their mission is to promote the preservation and use of historic places for a better Georgia. HPD's programs include archaeology protection and education, environmental review, grants, historic resource surveys, tax incentives, the National Register of Historic Places, community planning, and technical assistance.

About the Department of Community Affairs

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) partners with communities to build strong and vibrant neighborhoods, commercial and industrial areas through community and economic development, local government assistance, and safe and affordable housing. Using state and federal resources, DCA helps communities spur private job creation, implement planning, develop downtowns, generate affordable housing solutions, and promote volunteerism. DCA also helps qualified Georgians with low and moderate incomes buy homes, rental housing and prevent foreclosure and homelessness. For more information, visit www.dca.ga.gov.