



# Alberta Century Farm & Ranch Award

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**The Alberta Century Farm & Ranch Award** recognizes farm families that have continuously owned and actively operated the same land for 100 years or more.

Successful applicants will receive a custom made, cast bronze plaque to mark this significant milestone. The plaques are approximately 10" x 14" in size, and are suitable for mounting outside.

Support is available by calling Susan Lacombe, Program Administrator, at 780-968-6557 or emailing [susan.lacombe@gov.ab.ca](mailto:susan.lacombe@gov.ab.ca).

## Application Process:

- Review the eligibility criteria below. If you're unsure, please contact the Program Administrator to discuss your situation before applying.
- Fill out and submit the application form (next page).
- Staff will review the application, including obtaining and verifying supporting documentation (homestead documents, current land title, and corporate registry if the land is owned by a company). They may contact you to clarify certain information.
- Successful applicants will be provided a plaque design proof for their review and approval, and then the plaque will be ordered and delivered to you approximately 6-8 weeks later.

## Eligibility:

- Your family has continuously owned and actively operated the same land for 100 years or more.<sup>1</sup>
- A family member is still actively farming the land at the time of application.<sup>2</sup>
- The quarter section you are applying for has not been subdivided (limited exceptions below).<sup>3</sup>
- The quarter section you are applying for has not been cash rented to a non-family member during its 100 year history (limited exceptions below).<sup>4</sup>
- Supporting documentation is available for your application (homestead or another historical land establishment document).

## Notes on Eligibility:

1. The 100 years is based on the homestead entry date/land establishment date which can be a few years before the original title was granted.
2. If your family farmed for 100 years, but the land is now cash rented to a non-family member at the time of application, it is no longer eligible (the award is intended to recognize those families that are still actively farming).
3. The only cases where subdivisions are allowed is when it was done for a public interest reason like a road, railway, school etc.; natural geography like a lake; or to another family member.
4. The following are eligible: crop shares with financial risk to the owner (i.e. owner directly shares on input costs); cash rental to another family member; custom farming and hired hands; or rental during a time of war where the owner was deployed as a soldier.

## Contact Information:

Landowner's Name(S): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Land Details:

1. Legal land description of the quarter section you're applying for \_\_\_\_\_

2. Municipality for that land parcel and nearest community \_\_\_\_\_

2. Homestead entry or original land establishment date (often earlier than when title was granted) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Type of original land establishment (homestead, railway, soldier, purchased, other, unknown etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Family Ownership History	Name	Relationship to Previous Owner
Original Family Landowner		N/A
Landowner 2		
Landowner 3		
Landowner 4		

If the last name has changed from the original landowner, please explain why (e.g. marriage) \_\_\_\_\_

## Current Farming:

1. Type of Farm (grain & oilseed, cattle, mixed, other etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Current Total Size of Farming Operation (acres) \_\_\_\_\_

## Supporting Documentation:

Staff will obtain and verify homestead and current land titles on your behalf, and perform a corporate registry search if the land is owned by a company. For other types of land establishment (railway, purchased land etc.), they will work with you to help you find a supporting historical document.

## Statement of Certification

I certify that:

- The information provided in this application form is true to the best of my knowledge.
- I, or a member of my family, continue to own and actively farm the land described in this application, and have done so continually for 100 years or more.
- I have read and meet the program's eligibility criteria to the best of my knowledge.
- The Government of Alberta has the right to publish award information including the family's name, local community and municipality, and land establishment and award dates.

Landowner Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Send Completed Form to:

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