

## Farm families honoured at Lloydminster Colonial Days

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Ten pioneering Alberta families, who have farmed and ranched the same land for 100 years or more, are being recognized by the Government of Alberta with Century Farm and Ranch Awards.

“Alberta’s farmers and ranchers are the backbone of our great province. For more than a century, their pioneering spirit and hard work have paved the way for a thriving agriculture sector and a vibrant rural Alberta. I congratulate all of the families who are receiving awards this year and thank them for their continued dedication to agriculture in our province.”

- Verlyn Olson, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development

“This award is one of my family’s greatest accomplishments. It’s an achievement that not many have done, and it means a lot to me and my family. As fourth generation farmers, we are proud to be continuing the work of our forefathers.”

- Jack McCluskey of Chauvin, award recipient

Recipients of the Century Farm and Ranch Award are presented with a bronze plaque to commemorate their significant achievement. A total of 65 families are being recognized across the province this year. This includes 10 families who were recognized in Lloydminster on July 9.

Since the Century Farm and Ranch Awards began in 1993, more than 1,400 families have received plaques. A full list of the Century Farm and Ranch Family award recipients can be found on the Agriculture and Rural Development [website](#).

Today, agriculture continues to be the province’s largest renewable industry, with more than 43,000 farms totalling 50.5 million acres.

Under the [Building Alberta Plan](#), our government is investing in families and communities, living within our means, and opening new markets for Alberta's resources to ensure we're able to fund the services Albertans told us matter most to them. We will continue to deliver the responsible change Albertans voted for.

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## **Backgrounder – Century Farm and Ranch Award recipients available for interviews**

Brown Family of Vermillion

Deaville Family of Paradise Valley

Dorey Family of Clandonald

Lawrence Family of Provost

McCluskey Family of Chauvin

Steele Family of Vermillion

Tondu and Rae Families of Edgerton