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CENTURY FARMS

In Conjunction with Iowa Farm Bureau Federation

Bill Northey
SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

Century Farm Application

Must be postmarked no later than June 1st of year applying

Please Print or Type

* Information submitted on this application is considered public information.

Have you or any family member applied for the Century Farm Award for this farm in the past? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Name of contact person Keith Bilyeu

Address of contact person 504 Westfield Rd, Ames, IA 50014
Street address City State Zip

Phone No. (515) 520-7434 E-mail Keith.bilyeu@yahoo.com

Name(s) of All Present Farm Owner(s) Adelle Bilyeu, Steve Bilyeu, Keith Bilyeu
Jeffery Bilyeu, Joel Bilyeu and Angela Bennett.

911 address of Century Farm (if none, names of roads surrounding farm, include city) _____

Woden IA 50484

Township Grant Century Farm County Winnebago

You will be awarded a certificate at the Iowa State Fair in August. What name(s) would you like on this certificate?

Bilyeu Farm

How would you like your farm announced at the ceremony if different than owners names listed? _____

Please give pronunciation of name(s) "Bil you"

Number of acres in the farm: Originally 108 Currently 240

Date your ancestors first purchased this land 7/2/1918

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract or tax statement) or attach copy
NEX4 of Section 34, Township 98 North Range 26 West
of the 5th P.M.

Lorenz, Becky

From: Keith Bilyeu <keith.bilyeu@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 2:46 PM
To: Lorenz, Becky
Subject: Re: Century Farm Application

The century farm is the northeast quarter(NE 1/4) of section 34, Township 98 North, Range 26, West of the 5th P.M. There is no 911 address that I know of. The farm is 2.5 miles north and 1 mile east of Woden ,IA 50484
I hope this helps. If you need more information the abstract is in a safety deposit box an the Manufactures Bank in Forest City,IA
Please let me know if you need more information. We are planning a Family Reunion around this event at the State Fair.

Sent from my iPad

On Feb 14, 2018, at 10:35 AM, Lorenz, Becky <Becky.Lorenz@iowaagriculture.gov> wrote:

Hi Keith,

In reviewing your Century Farm Application, I am missing two pieces of information that I need you to supply.

First, I need the legal description of the farm.

Second, I need the 911 address or if there isn't one, the names of the roads surrounding the farm, including the nearest town.

Thank you,

Becky Lorenz

Becky Lorenz
Century/Heritage Farms Coordinator
Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
515-281-3645

List all previous ancestors who owned this land, beginning with the first owner to present:

Name	Relationship to Present Owner
Josiah Bilyeu	- Father in Law
Carrie Bilyeu	- Mother in Law
Merle Bilyeu	- Husband

Information you may be able to add to this form, while not essential to Century Farm Certification, will be most valuable to future historians. The questions below are offered only as a guide, so please feel free to attach any other data, especially family or pioneer stories concerning the farm and area around it.

How did your family originally obtain the land? ☐ Gift ☐ Homestead ☒ Purchase ☐ Will

What was the original cost of land per acre? _____

Was your family the first owner/settler on the land? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Where was the first family owner born? Christian County, Illinois

Is the original home or other original building still standing or in use? NO

What are the farm's crops or products? original crops include Oats, Hay, CORN
original products produced chickens, Hogs, Cattle, Horses, ducks, geese & dairy

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AUTHORIZATION/NOTARY

I (We), Keith Bilyeu
Being duly sworn, depose and say that the statements on this application are true and correct with regard to the land noted herein.

Keith Bilyeu

Signature(s) of Applicant(s)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of December, 2017.

My Commission Expires:
3-4-2019

Murray L. Benson
Notary Public

Please mail to:

Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
Attention: Century Farms
Wallace State Office Building
502 E 9th Street
Des Moines, IA 50319

