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Secretary of Agriculture

**CENTURY FARM APPLICATION**

**Eligibility Requirements;**

1. Ownership within the same family for 100 or more years by July 4, 19<sup>93</sup> of at least 40 acres of Iowa farmland.
2. Present owner must be related to a person who owned the land at least 100 years ago.
3. Application must be notarized and submitted by June 1, 19<sup>93</sup>.

- One Century farm marker per farm will be furnished by Iowa Farm Bureau. Additional markers may be purchased upon request.
- One Century Farm Certificate will be awarded for each legal farm owner by Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. Additional certificates may be purchased.
- A state-wide Century Farms Award Ceremony is held at the Iowa State Fair every year. You will receive notice as to the time and date of the ceremony in July. If you should have any questions, please call this office at (515) 281-5323.

Phone No. (319) 397 2284  
area

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name of Present Farm Owner Norman H. Beeler

Address 221 Milton Iowa 52570  
R.R., P.O. or Street Town State Zip

Address of Century Farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_  
R.R., P.O. or Street Town State Zip

Township Jackson Century Farm County Van Buren

Number of acres in farm at present 297

Date your ancestors first purchased this land February 8, 1850

Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation Van Buren Co. Register, Keosauqua, Ia

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) Commencing at a corner stake of  
the NE 1/4 of sect. 12 in twp. 68N of Range 11W thence N 100 rds, Thence W  
160 rds. thence S 100 rds, thence E to the place of beginning, containing  
100 acres. (the original farm before additional acreage purchased)

List all ancestors who owned this land, beginning with original:

NAME

RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER

Daniel LaRue Wilson Great Grandfather

George Judson Wilson Grandfather

Beryl Wilson Beeler Mother

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM MARKER AND CERTIFICATE

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 add any other data, especially family or pioneer stories concerning the farm and area around it.

From whom was the farm purchased? Daniel A. Hitt

How many acres were in the original parcel? 100 (One Hundred)

What was the cost of land per acre? \$4.75

Where was the first owner born? Dearborn Co. Ind. near Aurora

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Indiana and near Lebanon, Iowa

Was this a homestead? No. First owner record of sale and patent from U.S. gov. March 20, 1840

Did the first owner farm the land? Yes. Grand father born on farm, one of six children.

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? No, but he and all his sons were snare drum players at many gatherings.

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? The original house was replaced approx 1898. The "new" house was a large two story and it burned in Dec. 1937. The present bungalow was built a year later.

When was the present home built? 1938. None of the original buildings are left.

What are the farm's crops or products? Now in CRP, pasture and hay.

I (we), being duly sworn, depose and say that the statements on this application are true and correct with regard to the land described above.

Norman H. Beeler (Signature(s) of Applicants(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 day of May 319 93 3.

My Commission expires

Lela R. Sherman Notary Public in and for the



County of Van Buren State of Iowa

Send to: Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Century Farms Program, Wallace Building, Des Moines, IA 50319