

Ceremony Set to Honor Georgia's Centennial Farms

The 2003 Georgia Centennial Farm Award ceremony will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, October 3, 2003, on the opening day of the Georgia National Fair in Perry, Georgia. The ceremony will begin with a luncheon followed by the awards presentation.



The Centennial Farm Program honors significant farms that have been continuously operating for more than 100 years and deserve recognition for their historical importance. Recognition is given to the 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 of Historic Places. 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 of Historic Places.

Farms qualifying for recognition this year are designated as either Centennial Heritage Farms or Centennial Family Farms. Receiving recognition as a Centennial Heritage Farm is the Zach and Camilla Hubert Farm in Hancock County. It is the only farm receiving this designation for 2003.

Following are 16 farms, along with their respective counties, receiving Centennial Family Farm Awards: Dekle Farm, Candler; Ransom Farms, Dooly; Whitsett-Morgan Farms, Dooly; Jane Barwick Farm, Emanuel; Parrish Settlement, Emanuel; Sutton Family Farm, Emanuel; Cloverhurst Farm, Forsyth; White Farm, Franklin; Oak Grove, Heard; Kezar Farm, Houston; Smith-Cotton Farm, Jenkins; Humphreys-Sampler Family Farm, Murray; Moseley-Crawford Place, Peach; Longwood Plantation, Screven; Battle Prong Farm, Walton; Foster and Brady Farm, Walton.

If you would like to attend the ceremony, please contact Donna Reynolds of the Georgia Farm Bureau at **912-242-8411**. The cost of the luncheon is \$15.

During its 10 years of existence, the Georgia Centennial Farm Program has recognized more than 260 farms across the state. The program is administered by the Historic Preservation Division (HPD) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and sponsored by HPD, Georgia Farm Bureau Federation, Georgia Department of Agriculture, Georgia Forestry Commission; and the Georgia National Fair and Agricenter.

If you are interested in nominating a farm for recognition during the next application cycle, you must apply before the **March 1, 2004 deadline**.

For an application or more information, contact Gretchen Brock, chair of the Centennial Farm Committee, at the Historic Preservation Division, 156 Trinity Avenue, SW, Suite 101, Atlanta, GA 30303-3600, or call 404-651-6782.