



TENNESSEE CENTURY FARMS

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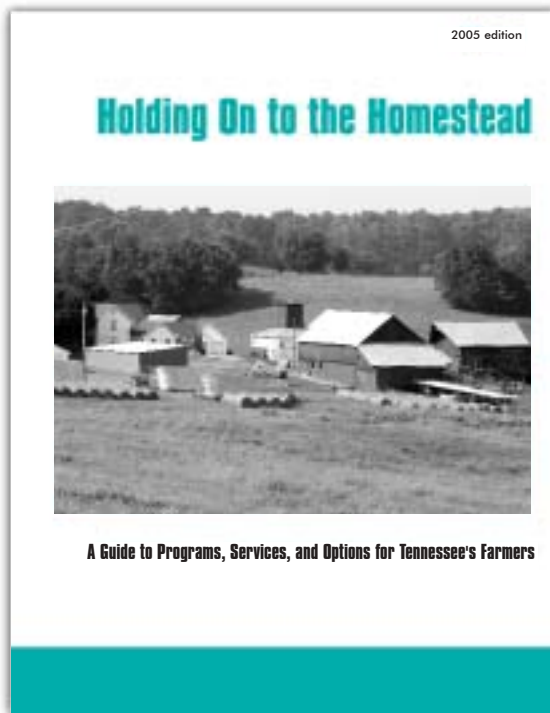
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Holding on to the Homestead

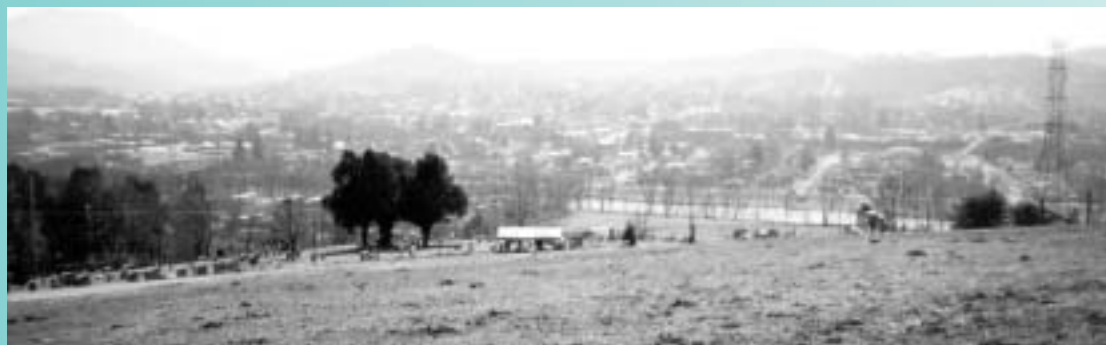
Traditionally, the basic wealth of Tennessee was attributed to its farms and farming communities. Today, while the transformation from a rural to urban landscape is evident in many areas of Tennessee, the farming population and associated agricultural businesses and products continue to be vitally important to the economic stability of the state. Many programs and services are available from governmental, educational, and nonprofit agencies and organizations that can assist families to remain on their land and continue to farm. Researching and obtaining information on the specifics of these widely diverse programs, however, is time consuming. To aid farmers in their search for different types of assistance that may help them, the MTSU Center for Historic Preservation has compiled *Holding On to the Homestead: A Guide to Programs, Services, and Opportunities for Tennessee's Farmers*. The guide is available in both booklet form and online and features descriptions of more than 120 programs

and services ranging from the Farm Wildlife Habitat Program offered by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency to federal tax incentives for historic buildings as well information on Tennessee's agri-tourism initiative and options for donating easements to protect land from development.



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Click on "Holding On to the Homestead." The online version will be updated periodically to provide information on new programs and services or changes in existing options.



The Colbaugh Cemetery on the family farm founded in 1880 is situated on a hill above Elizabethton in Carter County.

The Tennessee Ag Tag!

Consider purchasing an Ag Tag license plate in 2005 and help fund projects including 4-H, FFA, and the Century Farm sign program.



Century Farms (certified since the December 2004 issue)

ANDERSON FARM

County: Montgomery
Owner: Chris Schrichte
Date Founded: 1819

BANKS FARM

County: Cannon
Owner: Joan M. Banks
Date Founded: 1890

BILLY RHEA ROBERTSON FARM

County: Trousdale
Owner: Billy R. Robertson
Date Founded: 1899

BLUE ROCK SHOALS FARM

County: Hickman
Owner: Hezekiah Springer
Date Founded: 1854

BROWN FARM

County: White
Owner: Tomie Brown
Date Founded: 1905

BURGNER FARM

County: Greene
Owner: Daniel and Charlotte Burgner
Date Founded: 1900

BURNS FARM

County: Giles
Owner: Harry and Jewell Burns
Date Founded: 1899

CAMPBELL FARM

County: Maury
Owner: William and Anna Marie Campbell
Date Founded: 1895

CARTER FARM

County: Wilson
Owner: Claudette Carter Goad
Date Founded: 1840

CHANCE FARM

County: Carroll County
Owner: Billy Chance
Date Founded: 1903

COLBAUGH FARM

County: Carter
Owner: Harry J. Colbaugh
Date Founded: 1880

CREEKSIDE FARM

County: Johnson
Owner: Elizabeth Shoun
Date Founded: 1884

DAVIS FARM

County: Smith
Owner: Robert Moore Davis
Date Founded: 1827

DILLARD FARM

County: Wilson
Owner: Margaret and Richard Gentry
Date Founded: 1897

ED BASS SONS FARM

County: Giles
Owner: Edward Bass
Date Founded: 1904

GARRETT FARM

County: Sumner
Owner: Beverly Garrett
Date Founded: 1820

GLEN SIMPSON FARM

County: Monroe
Owner: Glen Simpson
Date Founded: 1821

GOAD FARM

County: Macon
Owner: William, Wanda, and Toby Woodmore
Date Founded: 1903

GREEN HILL FARMS

County: Robertson
Owner: David Gunn
Date Founded: 1904

HARDER FARM

County: Perry
Owner: Ruth Harder Turnbow
Date Founded: 1882

HARRIS PLACE

County: Hardeman
Owner: John R. Harris
Date Founded: 1825

HOWARD FARM

County: Perry
Owner: Benjamin Howard
Date Founded: 1821

JIMMY E. SHEARON SR. FARM

County: Cheatham
Owner: Jimmy E. Shearon
Date Founded: 1813

JOBE FARM

County: Stewart
Owner: Howard L. Jobe
Date Founded: 1812

JOT FARMS

County: White
Owner: Charles Anderson
Date Founded: 1858

KIDD-SPRAY FARM

County: Lincoln
Owner: James Spray Kidd
Date Founded: 1901

LEWIS FARM

County: Carter
Owner: Richard A. Lewis
Date Founded: 1828

LLOYDS' SHORE FARM

County: Obion
Owner: James J. and Bobbye R. Lloyd
Date Founded: 1869

Overton County is

beginning a Century farm program thanks to the initiative of County Extension Agent Ron Johnson and County Historian Ronald Dishman. Three families are completing applications. With Overton County joining the program, 94 of the state's 95 counties have certified Century Farms.

MOSES FARM

County: Marshall
 Owner: Allen H. Moses
 Date Founded: 1898

NEWTON PLACE

County: Montgomery
 Owner: Fred B. Newton
 Date Founded: 1834

OAKCREST POLLED HEREFORDS FARM

County: Crockett
 Owner: Patricia Skelton
 Date Founded: 1870

OAKLEY FARM

County: DeKalb
 Owner: Jimmy Oakley
 Date Founded: 1875

OLD MILL FARM

County: Fayette
 Owner: Charles Harvey
 Date Founded: 1904

ORR'S GREEN VALLEY FARM

County: Marshall
 Owner: Mary and Joe Berlin
 Date Founded: 1817

R. P. NEVILLE FARM

County: Fayette
 Owner: Jimmy Spencer
 Date Founded: 1853

REST TENNESSEE FARM

County: Cheatham
 Owner: Allene R. Ellis
 Date Founded: 1884

RUDD FARM

County: Giles
 Owner: Billy R. Rudd
 Date Founded: 1904

RULEE FARM

County: Crockett
 Owner: William Lee Todd
 Date Founded: 1905

SHADY ACRES ESTATE

County: Wilson
 Owner: Dixon and Judy Gillespie
 Date Founded: 1883

SHADY LAWN FARM

County: Sullivan
 Owner: Tony and Pamela Webb
 Date Founded: 1880

SPIVEY FARM

County: Madison
 Owner: Jo Eddie Wilbur O'Cain
 Date Founded: 1849

STENBERG CATTLE FARM

County: Davidson
 Owner: Frank Stenberg
 Date Founded: 1899

SUGARTREE FARM

County: Robertson
 Owner: Ben R. Alford
 Date Founded: 1884

SULLIVAN GIVENS FARM

County: Williamson
 Owner: Grady Givens
 Date Founded: 1904

SWAFFORD LEGACY FARM

County: Bledsoe
 Owner: Ann and Caulie Rothwell
 Date Founded: 1902

TATE FARM

County: Sumner
 Owner: Raymond Sanders
 Date Founded: 1902

TRIPLE STONE FARM

County: Trousdale
 Owner: Quindy Robertson
 Date Founded: 1855

WAGNER-WORLEY FARM

County: Johnson
 Owner: Thomas P. Worley
 Date Founded: 1790

WAYNE SHEARON FARM

County: Cheatham
 Owner: Buford Wayne Shearon
 Date Founded: 1813

WELKER FARM

County: Montgomery
 Owner: Bobby Welker
 Date Founded: 1854

W. R. REED FARM

County: Fentress
 Owner: Mike and Connie Storie
 Date Founded: 1904

4 M ACRES FARM

County: Cheatham
 Owner: Morris B. Bidwell
 Date Founded: 1849



The counties with the largest number of Century Farms are as follows:

Wilson – 58

Greene – 41

Smith – 40

McMinn – 37

Obion – 34

Robertson – 31

Williamson – 29

Blount – 28

Claiborne – 28

Giles – 28



Cotton is a traditional crop on the Chance Farm (founded 1903) in Carroll County.



The Orr homestead, as it appeared in 1911. Located in Marshall County, Orr's Green Valley Farm was founded in 1817.

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