

## STATE OF OREGON DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SALEM

August 1, 1958

Mrs. Jesse H. Bond 1834 Fairmount Blvd. Eugene, Oregon

Dear Mrs. Bond:

I am sorry this reply to your letter of July 18 is on the tardy side. Director Steward asked me to reply inasmuch as I have been handling a good deal of the work here in connection with the Century Farm program.

I know you will be keenly disappointed but, in establishing procedures for the Century Farm program this year, the decision as to whether or not applications were valid rests with the County Judge. You may feel somewhat better when we say that the Century Farm program will be a continuing one, and next year there will be no question as to the validity of your application.

Accordingly, I am meturning your letter of June 20, 1958, which you wrote to Judge Arnold at Albany. We suggest that you hold this letter and resubmit it to him next year when the Century Farm program is again open.

For your benefit. I may say that this problem has apparently come up in some other counties and some of the judges have held that they cannot properly verify 100 years of continuous ownership unless that continuous ownership has been an actual 100 years rather than 99 years and several months as of the time they make their verification.

Cordially,

Genevieve Morgan

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Informational Representative

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