

OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Gov. John Kitzhaber
254 State Capitol
Salem OR 97310

Dear Gov. Kitzhaber,

We would like to take this opportunity to bring you up-to-date on Oregon's Century Farm & Ranch Program, and to invite you to take part during next summer's event.

The program, started in 1958 and administered by the Oregon Historical Society, honors those who have kept an Oregon farm or ranch in the family for 100 years or more. The Century Farm & Ranch program will celebrate its 42nd year in the summer of 2000 with presentations at the State Fair. Nearly 1,000 properties in the state have been designated during that time. We are looking forward with great anticipation to the 2000 celebration. We will recognize several farm and ranch families who are just reaching this milestone, and we also intend to host a first-time reception for all who have been honored during the past four decades. We expect that several hundred people will make the trip to the State Fair for this occasion, and plans are under way to make it a fun, interesting and informative event.

We would like to invite you to take part. Your participation would certainly mean a great deal to the honorees. We are looking at either **Saturday, August 26 or Saturday, September 2** for the presentation and reception. If neither of those dates will fit into your schedule, we are willing to try to schedule the event on another day of the State Fair, which will take place from **Thursday, August 24 through Monday, September 4**. Because there is a lot of pre-planning involved, we would appreciate hearing back from your office by the end of this month.

Thank you for considering taking part. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


Chet Orloff, Executive Director
Oregon Historical Society


Robert R. Vernon, Director
Oregon State Fair

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