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Century Farms Awards Presentation at County Fair

For the second time Columbiana County Century Farm families will gather at the Columbiana County fairgrounds to welcome the county's newest family to be recognized as an Ohio Century Farm family by the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

This year the Rudebock Family of Leetonia submitted the necessary paperwork with assistance from the Columbiana County recorder's office and has earned the distinction as an Ohio Century Farm. The Rudebock Family joins ten other Columbiana County farm families that have earned the distinction since the program's inception.

Event organizer and Columbiana County Recorder Craig Brown said, "It is great that we're able to have this event at the fairgrounds during the fair. Both the fair and farming families are integral aspects of both our county and national history."

According to the United States Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service there are 66,383 individual/family, sole proprietorship farms accounting for 87.5% of farms in Ohio.

"Most people don't realize the sacrifice and challenges these families have endured over the years," continued Brown, "each family has a story and it is fascinating to see it all come to life as we look over deeds and other family documents."

"For many people these farms are what these folks have known their whole lives, and it is really humbling to see people receive even this small recognition of what their families have accomplished," said Brown.

Brown expressed his appreciation for the Columbiana County Fair Board for providing the venue for the event and for including the event on the fair's official schedule of events. He also said that he was very appreciative that Creative Corners of Canfield provided the framing of the Ohio Century Farms certificate as a gift to the Rudebock Family.

For additional information regarding the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Century Farm Program contact Columbiana County Recorder Craig Brown at (330) 424-9517 or via email cbrown@ccclerk.org.