



**CRAIG BROWN**  
**COLUMBIANA COUNTY RECORDER**

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### Four Families Will Receive Century Farm Certificates at County Fair

Four Columbiana County families will receive certificates from the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Ohio Century Farms Program at this year's Columbiana County Fair. The ODA's Century Farms Program recognizes families who have maintained a family farm in their name for at least 100 consecutive years.

Columbiana County Recorder Craig Brown will be presenting the families with decorative certificates signed by Governor Ted Strickland and Ohio Department of Agriculture Director Robert Boggs.

The four families that will receive certificates include the Carl Lipp family of East Palestine, Scott McDonald Family of Salem, Robert Herold Family of Alliance, and Dean Farmer Family of Lisbon.

"It is a real pleasure to be able to present certificates to the families. I'm excited to be a part of this process," said Recorder Brown.

Recorder Brown and his staff assisted the application process for all four families. A successful program applicant submits a completed application and copies of property records to the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

"It's a shame that so many people don't understand the significance of agriculture in Ohio and especially the contributions that have been made via family farms in our state," stated Recorder Brown.

"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."

Recorder Brown also expressed his appreciation for the Columbiana County Fair Board for allowing this event to be held during the county fair at the fairgrounds. He also thanked the businesses that provided framing for the certificates, including Pick's Photo of Calcutta, Barb's Frames of Louisville, and Mrs. Larry Walton of East Liverpool.

Brown added, "To me the county fair has always been a celebration of agriculture and a time for all of us to reflect on the impact farming has had on our lives. It's fitting that the presentation of these certificates be held in conjunction with the county fair."

Along with the general public, all friends and family of century farm certificate recipients past and present are encouraged to attend. The event will be held on Tuesday August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 AM in the Arts and Crafts Building on the county fairgrounds.

Since the inception of the program thirteen county families have been added to the registry of the Ohio Century Farms Program. This is the third year Brown has presented certificates at the county fair.

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