

Williams Farm Joins the Ranks of Georgia's Centennial Family Farms

The rich history of the Williams Family Farm is similar to many in the area. Joseph Williams purchased 307 acres near Newborn in 1887 and throughout the past century, innovative techniques such as contour plowing - introduced to control erosion - were employed. In the 1950s, a shift to dairy farming occurred, and in 2008, the Williams Family Farm, LLLP was created by fourth generation stewards. The land is leased to local farmers who cultivate timber, winter wheat, and canola, and the farmhouse may soon be used by the Williams family to host farm stays.

The Georgia Centennial Farm Program was developed in 1992 to distinguish family farms that have contributed to preserving Georgia's agricultural history by maintaining working family farms for more than 100 years. Administered by the Historic Preservation Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Georgia Farm Bureau Federation, Georgia Department of Agriculture, Georgia Forestry Commission, and the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter, the program has recognized 426 farms around the state.



Each year, qualifying farms are recognized at the opening day of the Georgia National Fair in Perry, Georgia. During the awards luncheon, farm owners receive a Georgia Centennial Farm certificate of honor signed by the governor. The Williams Family Farm will receive the Centennial Family Farm award at this year's Georgia National Fair on October 3, 2013.

In an effort to promote Morgan County's agricultural community, the Conservancy assisted the Williams family in applying for the Centennial Family Farm Award. If you are interested in being listed and would like the Conservancy to assist you, please contact our office (706) 818-8046.



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