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JUNE 1 DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR CENTURY AND HERITAGE FARM APPLICATIONS

Farm families will be honored on Aug. 15 at the Iowa State Fair

The June 1 deadline for eligible Iowa farm owners to apply for Century or Heritage Farm recognition is quickly approaching, and the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship is encouraging farm families to apply today.

The program, which was created in partnership by the Department and the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, honors families who have owned their farms for 100 years and 150 years, respectively. This is the 48th year of the Century Farm Program, which started in 1976 as part of the Nation's Bicentennial Celebration. To date, more than 21,000 farms from across the state have received this distinction. This is the 18th year of the Heritage Farm Program and more than 1,800 farms have been recog-

nized since this program began in 2006.

The completed applications must be postmarked or received by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship by June 1, 2024, in order to be included in the Aug. 15 ceremony held during the 2024 Iowa State Fair.

To apply, download and complete the application found on the Department's website and return it to:

Century and Heritage Farm Program

Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
 Wallace State Office Building
 502 E. Ninth St.

Des Moines, IA 50319

You may also request an application from Kelley Reece, coordinator of the Century and Heritage Farm Program, at 515-281-3645 or kelley.reece@iowaagriculture.gov.

REGISTER NOW FOR IOWA FARM BUREAU'S 2024 ECONOMIC SUMMIT

The 2024 Iowa Farm Bureau Federation (IFBF) Economic Summit on June 14 in Ankeny will provide farmers with information on the key factors impacting today's volatile farm economy and how to mitigate economic pressures and leverage opportunities. Dr. Austan Goolsbee, president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, headlines the summit with a 'fireside chat' with IFBF President Brent Johnson.

Additional sessions include a meat supply chain panel, a panel providing updates on the U.S./Mexico trade situation and discussion on crafting pre-harvest marketing plans to help navigate challenging grain market conditions. More information about the agenda and speakers can be found at www.iowafarmbureau.com. Registration cost is \$40 for Farm Bureau members and \$200 for non-members before May 31.

Calendar

May

No JCFB board meeting planned.

Wednesday, May 29

No Spokesman publication.

Monday, June 10

JCFB board meeting.

Friday, June 14

Iowa Farm Bureau Economic Summit, Ankeny.

Thursday, June 20

JCFB Ag Trivia Night.

Tuesday, noon

Spokesman ad deadline for ads to run in the following week's publication.

PUBLIC NOTICE BY IOWA PORK PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION AND THE NATIONAL PORK BOARD

The election of pork producer delegate candidates for the 2025 National Pork Producers (Pork Act) Delegate Body will be conducted electronically from June 4, 10:00 am through June 11, 2024 at 12:00 pm Noon by going to the following link <https://www.iowapork.org/porkactdelegateelection/>. After submitting the electronic ballot, a "Thank You for Voting" message will be displayed to confirm the electronic vote was successful.

All Iowa pork producers are invited to participate.

In-person voting (written ballot) will not be conducted.

Any producer age 18 or older who is a resident of Iowa and has paid all assessments due may be considered as a delegate candidate and/or participate in the election. All eligible producers are encouraged to bring with them a sales receipt proving that hogs were sold in their name and the checkoff deducted.

For more information, contact Iowa Pork Producers Association, 1636 NW 114th Street, Clive, IA 50325 515-225-7675.

VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP



Jasper County Farm Bureau member Kara Van Wyk recently took students from the Central Iowa Christian School on a virtual field trip of her family's pig barns. The virtual tour was a part of the K-2's spring farm unit. Van Wyk showed students how they care for the pigs, the importance of biosecurity and the technology they use to keep the pigs healthy and comfortable.

REPORTING CLAIMS FOR INSURANCE CUSTOMERS

Did you know- it isn't necessary or required to go to your agent's office to report a claim? If you have damage from recent

storms and need to turn a claim in under your policy, you can call the toll-free claims center hotlines:

- o For auto, home and property insurance claims: 800-226-6383
- o For life insurance or annuity claims: 800-247-4170

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