

# FLORIDA CENTURY PIONEER FAMILY FARM CERTIFICATE APPLICATION

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services realizes the benefit to the State of Florida for family farms and ranches to be recognized as the original stewards of the land preserving ecological resources and providing an economic base for Florida's economy. For these reasons we would like to identify these family farms and ranches as pioneers of the industry for all the hard work and time they have put into preserving agriculture over the last 100 years.

Please Print or Type all Information

Name of Original Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Acres \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Present Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Acres \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Present Owner \_\_\_\_\_  
Street

\_\_\_\_\_ City or Town Zip Code

Location of Property: Section \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Township or Village \_\_\_\_\_

### Proof of 100 Years of Continuous Family Ownership

Name	Date of Continuous Ownership	Blood Relationship Next to Owner
_____ Owner	From _____ To _____ M/D/Y M/D/Y	_____ Relation
_____ Next Owner	From _____ To _____ M/D/Y M/D/Y	_____ Relation
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_____ Next Owner	From _____ To _____ M/D/Y M/D/Y	_____ Relation

The evidence of continuous family ownership for the past 100 years or more taken from one or more of the following records. (Chose those which apply or write in blank spaces)

Abstract of Title                  Land Patent                  Original Deed                  County Records

Other                  Please Explain

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

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Witness Signature                                  Date                                  Present Owners Signature

**Requirements for Award**

1. Ownership of Property by Family for 100 Years or More: This can be determined from an abstract of title or original record such as original deed or land patents. Other authentic land records may be acceptable.
2. Continuous Family Ownership: The farm (in whole or in part) must have been in continuous FAMILY OWNERSHIP. Title to the century property today must reside in a blood relative of the original owner, or a legally adopted child of a descendant. Continuous residence in the state or one the property is not required, but the title to the property must me continuous. An abstract of title is the best evidence of continuous family ownership.
3. Only One Certificate Issued Per Property: There shall be only one certificate issued for a piece property. For example, a descendant may not receive another certificate if a former relative has already received a certificate for the same property.

**APPLICATION TO BE MAILED TO:**

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