



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Ownership within the same family for 100 or more years by July 4, 1976 of at least 80 acres of the original Iowa farmland.
2. Present owner must be related to original owner.
3. Application must be notarized and submitted by July 4, 1975.

One Century Farm marker per farm will be furnished by Iowa Farm Bureau. Additional markers may be purchased upon request.

One Century Farm Certificate will be awarded per farm by Iowa Department of Agriculture. Additional certificates may be requested.

Name of Present Farm Owner ROBERT L. BECHER

Address 315 HASKELL STREET FT. DODGE IOWA 50501  
R.R. P.O. State Zip

Address of Farm, if different from above #2 FT. DODGE IOWA 50501  
R.R. P.O. State Zip

Township BADGER County WEBSTER

Number of acres in the farm at present 80 A.

Date of original purchase by member of your family OCT. 25, 1873 - WM. BECHER

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) E-HALF NW 1/4 OF SEC 32-90-28

List all family owners, to present, beginning with original:

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
<u>WILLIAM BECHER</u>	<u>GRAND FATHER</u>
<u>ALBERT E. BECHER</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>ROBERT L. BECHER</u>	

NOTE: Request for additional information on reverse side.

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM MARKER AND CERTIFICATE

Information you may be able to add to this form, while not essential to Century Farm Certification, will be most valuable to future historians. The questions below are offered only as a guide, so please feel free to add any other data, especially family or pioneer stories concerning the farm and area around it.

From whom was the farm purchased? WM. BECKER PURCHASED FROM WM + CAROLINE KINYON

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 A.

What was the cost of land per acre? TOTAL PRICE 1200 OCT. 25, 1873

Where was the first owner born? WM BECKER - GERMANY

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? GERMANY

Was this a homestead? ORIGINAL ENTRY FROM U.S. TO ROBERT SPEAR JUN. 5, 1855

Did the first owner farm the land? WM BECKER FARMED -

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? DUG COAL IN MINES AT COALVILLE + LEHIGH TO HELP PAY FOR FARM.

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? THE ORIGINAL HOUSE IS STILL STANDING, WITH ADDITIONS BUILT ON.

When was the present home built? GRANDPA BUILT THE HOUSE UNKNOWN - PROBABLY PRIOR TO 1873

What are the farm's crops or products? CORN + SOYBEANS

Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation FT. DODGE MESSENGER

I (we), being duly sworn, depose and say that the statements on this application are true and correct with regard to the land described above.

Robert L. Becker (Signature(s) of Applicants(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of July 19 75.

My Commission expires Sept 30, 1977

Florence M. Hayden Notary Public in and for the

County of Webster State of Iowa

Send to: Iowa Department of Agriculture State House, Des Moines, Iowa 50319 Submit by July 4, 1975

