

2006



# IOWA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP

## In Conjunction with Iowa Farm Bureau Federation

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SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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### Century Farm Application

MAY 31 2006

Please Print or Type

CENTURY FARMS

\* Information submitted on this application is considered public information.

Have you or any family member applied for the Century Farm Award for this farm in the past?  Yes  No

Name(s) of All Present Farm Owner(s) L. Edward & Dolores A. Spees

Township Union Century Farm County Van Buren

You will be awarded a certificate at the Iowa State Fair in August. What name(s) would you like on this certificate?  
Spees Family Farm

Number of acres in the farm: Originally 372 Currently 232

Date your ancestors first purchased this land June 13, 1888

Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation Van Buren County Register

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract or tax statement) or attach copy  
See attached sheet

List all previous ancestors who owned this land, beginning with the first owner to present:

Name	Relationship to Present Owner
<u>Dr. J. B. Spees</u>	<u>Great-grandfather</u>
<u>Flavius Joseph Spees</u>	<u>Grandfather</u>
<u>William G Spees</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>L. Edward Spees</u>	<u>Present owner</u>

APPLICATION CONTINUED ON REVERSE SIDE

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 attach any other data, especially family or pioneer stories concerning the farm and area around it.

How did your family originally obtain the land?  Gift  Homestead  Purchase  Will

What was the original cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_

Was your family the first owner/settler on the land?  Yes  No

Where was the first family owner born? Kentucky

Is the original home or other original building still standing or in use? No

What are the farm's crops or products? Corn, soybeans, timber hay livestock

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### AUTHORIZATION/NOTARY

I (We), \_\_\_\_\_  
Being duly sworn, depose and say that the statements on this application are true and correct with regard to the land noted herein.

[Signature] Adolores Speis  
Signature(s) of Applicant(s)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2006

My Commission Expires:  
4-9-2008

[Signature]  
Notary Public



Please mail to:

**Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship  
Attention: Century Farms  
Wallace State Office Building  
502 E 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Des Moines, IA 50319**