



Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
in conjunction with
Iowa Farm Bureau Federation

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Secretary of Agriculture

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Eligibility Requirements;


1. Ownership within the same family for 100 or more years by July 4, 1998 of at least 40 acres of Iowa farmland.
2. Present owner must be related to a person who owned the land at least 100 years ago.
3. Application must be notarized and submitted by June 1, 1998.

- 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 for each legal farm owner by Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. Additional certificates may be purchased.
- A state-wide Century Farms Award Ceremony is held at the Iowa State Fair every year. You will receive notice as to the time and date of the ceremony in July. If you should have any questions, please call this office at (515) 281-5323.

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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name of Present Farm Owner LaVern Carl Fors

Address of Century Farm, if different from above 

Township Clay Century Farm County Webster

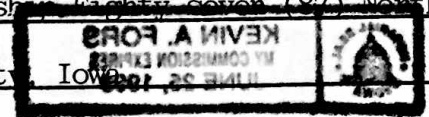
Number of acres in farm at present 80 acres

Date your ancestors first purchased this land August 23rd, 1897

Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation The Messenger/Fort Dodge; Gowrie News,
Gowrie, IA

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) The East Half (E 1/2) of the
Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Twenty-five (25), Township Eighty seven (87) North,

Range Twenty-nine (29) West of the 5th P. M. Webster County, Iowa



List all ancestors who owned this land, beginning with original:

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
<u>Andrew Peter Fors</u>	<u>Grandfather</u>
<u>Carl Emil Fors</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>LaVern Carl Fors</u>	<u>Owner</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? Charles Larson

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres

What was the cost of land per acre? \$36/acre

Where was the first owner born? Skeppsas, Ostergotland Sweden

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Farm near Dayton, Iowa

Was this a homestead? No

Did the first owner farm the land? Yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? None known

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? _____

Original home and summer kitchen

When was the present home built? Prior to 1897 exact date unknown

What are the farm's crops or products? Corn and Soybeans

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.



Kevin Carl Fors
(Signature(s) of Applicant(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of August 1997.

My Commission expires

June 25, 1999

[Signature]
Notary Public in and for the

County of Webster State of Iowa

Send to: Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
Century Farms Program
Wallace Building
Des Moines, IA 50319

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