

# Clearwater County

## CENTURY FARM DESIGNATION / AWARD

### EFFECTIVE DATE:

### REVISED:

### SECTION: AGRICULTURAL SERVICES AND LANDCARE

### POLICY STATEMENT:

Clearwater County is proud of its Agricultural History. With many “homesteading” in this community in the early 1900’s many farms are have, or will be soon hitting the 100 year milestone. The intent of this policy is to set criteria to honor farms that have been active for 100 years or more.

### DEFINITIONS:

### PROCEDURE:

#### Section 1. Eligibility Criteria:

1. Eligible applicants must currently own at least 160 acres of land in Clearwater County and be actively engaging in any form of agriculture on said land.
2. Applicants must able to demonstrate that land, or a portion of, they are currently farming has been owned by relatives and decedents for at least 100 years.
3. Historical Kinship and proof of landownership may be demonstrated in a variety of ways. The ASB will consider the validity of information presented in application forms on a case-by-case basis.
4. Applications may be made on behalf of more than one family farm that collectively are a part of a line of decedents that have been actively farming for 100 years or more providing that a parcel of land that has been owned and farmed for 100 years or more is still owned and farmed by at least one of the decedents.

#### Section 2. Awarding of century farm designation

1. Clearwater County recognizes the importance of the century farm milestone to farm families and the community. We will endeavor to be flexible in honoring these farms with the County century farm designation. Successful applicants may choose from the following opportunities to receive their Century Farm award.
  - At a family/community function by a member of Council and or Agricultural Service Board Member

- At the Annual Chamber of Commerce awards banquet by a member of Council and or Agriculture Service Board Member
- At the Annual Agricultural Society Awards Banquet (Caroline or Rocky) by a member of Council or Agricultural Service Board Member
- At a regular Council Meeting by a Member of Council and an Agricultural Services Board Member
- No formal presentation

**Section 3. Award Gate Sign:**

1. The Director of Agricultural Services will consult with the Agricultural Services Board in developing an appropriate gate sign to honor successful applicants.
2. The sign will be a plasma cut metal material and will include at a minimum the Clearwater County logo or name, the farm name, along with the designation of being active for 100 years or more.