



AA Spauh Ranch; Fitzhugh Ranch sign; James and Gordon Fitzhugh, Fitzhugh Ranch, Converse County, WY

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Ernest Graefe irrigating potatoes
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Honoring Wyoming's 100-year old family farms and ranches



3,000 sheep crossing Platte River at Alcova, WY

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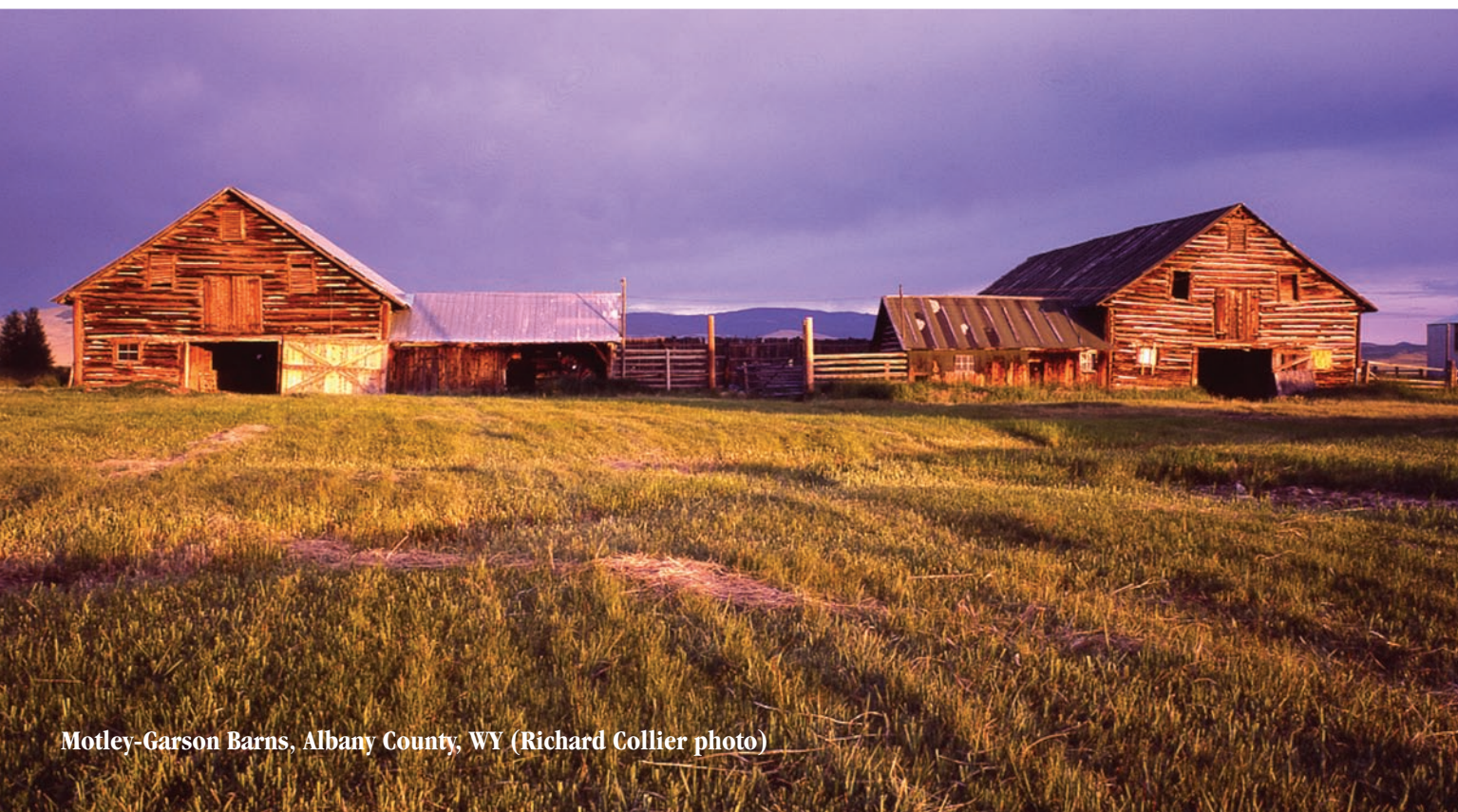
The Wyoming Centennial Farm and Ranch program will annually honor families that have owned and operated the same farm or ranch for 100 years or more. The Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) re-established the program in 2006.

Why are Centennial farms and ranches important?

Wyoming's ranch and farmlands are disappearing at an alarming rate. Farmers and ranchers have withstood development pressure, drought, and mining threats and yet they have managed to preserve these important pieces of Wyoming's rural heritage. Agriculture produces more than food; it also maintains open spaces, contributes to the state's economy, and supports family businesses. These ranches and farms are not just history but remain vital today and highlight the importance of agriculture to Wyoming.



Thoroughbred cattle on Carey Ranch, Converse County, WY
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Motley-Garson Barns, Albany County, WY (Richard Collier photo)

How do I apply?

Contact the State Historic Preservation Office or go to <http://www.wyoshpo.org> for an application that requires a brief history of the property and its owners. Awards will be made each year at the Wyoming State Fair. Honorees receive a framed certificate signed by the governor and a commemorative, centennial sign to display on their property. For more information, contact the State Historic Preservation Office, 2301 Central Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82002; 1-307-777-7697; or e-mail farmandranch@state.wy.us

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