



On January 17, 2017 Governor Larry Hogan honored Maryland's farm families for their commitment to farming and leadership in preserving agricultural land by presenting Century Farm designations to 34 families from 18 counties who have farmed the same land for more than 100 years, including one family that has farmed the same land for more than 300 years and two families that have farmed the same land for more than 200 years. Since the program began in 1994, 173 farms – about one percent of the state's 12,200 farms – have received the Century Farm designation. Four of those have received the Tricentennial Farm designation and 26 have received the Bicentennial Farm designation.

The Maryland Century Farm Program was established in 1994 by Governor William Donald Schaefer to recognize farms that have been in the same family for at least 100 consecutive years, contain a minimum of 10 acres of the original parcel, and gross an annual income of \$2,500 or more from the sale of farm products. The Century Farm Program honors families who have passed their farming operations down from generation to generation, making it possible for future stewards of the land to continue in their family tradition. The Hogan Administration re-established this annual tradition for Maryland farm families after it had been halted for the past 10 years. The last ceremony was held in 2007.

Maple Lawn Farm was honored as a Century Farm.

Charles E. Iager, Jr. and Eugene W. Iager currently manager and operate a dairy and turkey farm with 400 registered Holsteins, 20,000 turkeys and 1,000 acres of crop land (owned/rented). Charles's great-great-grandfather, Henry Iager, purchased the original 108 acres in 1839. Crops grown on the farm include corn, soybeans, wheat, hay, alfalfa, pasture and various forage crops. Livestock raised on the farm include dairy cows, beef cattle, turkeys, chickens and pigs. They also currently have a turkey processing plant on site where they offer retail sales.