

2015

Nevada Centennial Awards



The Nevada Centennial Awards Program recognizes agricultural families who have owned and operated the same land for 100 years or more. Forty-nine families have been inducted into the program that began in 2004.

The awards program is sponsored by the Nevada agriculture license plate funds, the Nevada Farm Bureau, the Nevada Agricultural Foundation, the Nevada Department of Agriculture, the Nevada Cattlemen's Association and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Stewart's Ninety-Six Ranch

Stewart's 96 Ranch, as old as the State of Nevada, celebrated its sesquicentennial in August 2014. The Ranch was founded in Paradise Valley by German immigrant Friedrich Wilhelm Stock (he later took the English form of his name, William Stock) in 1864, and started as a simple homestead. Through the years, the Ranch has grown into one of Nevada's most iconic ranching operations.

Stock, born in Germany in 1837, was the eldest of eight children and apprenticed to a cobbler at age 14 but abandoned the pursuit after two years and came to America. He arrived in New York in 1853 at the tender age of 16 and proceeded to Dayton, Ohio, where he worked as a cooper's helper. In 1857 he was drawn to California by the gold rush, traveling from New Orleans around Cape Horn to San Francisco, bypassing the mountain west where he would eventually make his home.

In California, stock worked in the gold fields on the northern reaches of the Sacramento River. He was not terribly successful, and soon took a job with a stage line. In 1860, he bought two wagons and 12 oxen and formed his own freight company, hauling supplies from Sacramento to mines in southwestern Idaho. One southern sweeping route he used, in order to avoid conflict with Native Americans, passed near Paradise Valley, Nevada, where Stock saw promising farmland.

After Stock and his wife Wilhelmina passed away, the ranch was left to their children. Daughter Edith and her husband, Fred B. Stewart took the reigns of the operation through the 50s, including during the very challenging times of the Great Depression. Stock's grandson, Les Stewart wrote about his parents, "I believe the 1930s were much worse than the earliest days, requiring more fortitude, devotion and hard work than any time in the ranch's long history. My parents, Fred and Edith, deserve as much credit for keeping it together as the real early-day people."

During this era, the Ranch, which had originally included Stock's passion for farming, became less diversified, specializing in beef.

In 1959, Les and his wife, Marie, were married and had a son - fourth generation Fredrick William Stewart - the same year Les' father, Fred B. Stewart died. Edith died in 1965, leaving full operational control to Les. In 1979, Les purchased remaining shares from his cousins, and officially changed the name to the Ninety-Six Ranch.

In 1993, Fred married Kris and in 1997, they welcomed the fifth generation Stock, great, great granddaughter of Wilhelm, Patrice Marie Stewart. Fred's dad, Les Stewart, passed away in 2006, marking the end of the "last of the old timers" on the Ranch, though his influence is still felt every day on the operation.

Today, Fred Stewart, with the help of his wife, Kris, and their daughter, Patrice, manages the Ranch. The Ranch's new cattle herd has grown to nearly 800 mother cows - all commercial Hereford and Angus. Patrice owns and manages her own small herd of top commercial beef cattle on the ranch, is involved in all ranch decisions, competes in youth and high school rodeo, FFA leadership and plans a career and life managing the same Paradise Valley ranch that her great, great grandfather William Stock founded as a simple homestead in 1864.

**Please join us in recognizing
the Stewart's Ninety-Six Ranch as
Nevada's first Sesquicentennial
Ranch.**



PAST RECIPIENTS

2014 Recipients

Johnson Ranch, Douglas County (1870)
Triple S Ranch, Washoe County (1874)

2013 Recipients

Martin Ranch, Eureka and Nye Counties (1887)
Manha Farm, Lyon County (1912)

2012 Recipients

Day-Annett-Costa Ranch, Lyon County (1905)
Lytle Ranches, Lincoln County (1865)

2011 Recipients

Robert Getto Farm, Churchill County (1911)
Getto Farms, Churchill County (1911)

2010 Recipients

Anker Ranch, Pershing County (1877)
Anker Ranch, Inc., Pershing County (1877)
Ankers, Inc., Pershing County (1877)
Quilici Ranch, Lyon County (1881)
Skip's Place, Churchill County (1907)
Lawrence Ranch, Churchill County (1908)

2009 Recipients

Bradshaw "End of the Rainbow" Ranch,
Lincoln County (1873)
Bailey Ranch, Eureka County (1875)
Testolin Ranch, Churchill County (1907)
Ranch No. 1 (Trimmer/Giovacchini), Douglas County (1909)
Perfecta Vista Ranches-Mathewson Ranch, Churchill County (1909)

2008 Recipients

Kallenbach-Ormachea-Sherman Ranch,
Churchill County (1908)

2006 Recipients

The Capurro Brothers, Sparks, Washoe County (1869)
Duval Ranching Company, Ruby Valley,
Elko County (1870)

2005 Recipients

Blue Eagle Ranch, Tonopah, Nye County (1895)
Bunker Farm, Bunkerville, Clark County (1901)
Ferraro Cattle Company, Paradise Valley,
Humboldt County (1902)
Green Springs Ranch, Duckwater,
White Pine County (~1899)
Heise Family Ranch, Gardnerville,
Douglas County (1902)
Krenka Ranch, Ruby Valley, Elko County (1865-1870)
Laura Springs Ranch, Gardnerville,
Douglas County (1863)
Snyder Livestock Company, Yerington,
Lyon County (1887)
Riordan Ranch, Jiggs, Elko County (1900)
Stodieck Farm, Minden, Douglas County (1868)
Wilkinson Little Meadow Ranch, McDermitt,
Humboldt County (1900)

2004 Recipients

Andersen Home Ranch, Carson City (1880's)
Buckle D Ranch, Ruby Valley, Elko County (1889)
Calcutta Ranch, Vya, Washoe County (1885)
Capurro-Durkee Ranch, Reno, Washoe County (1890)
Cushman-Corkill Ranch, Fallon, Churchill County (1860)
Dalton Ranch, Clover Valley, Elko County (1892)
Glaser Land and Livestock, Halleck, Elko County (1883)
Heinz Ranch, Reno, Washoe County (1885)
Henningsen Family Ranch, Gardnerville,
Douglas County (1878)
Hussman Land and Livestock, Gardnerville,
Douglas County (1872)
Mack Land and Cattle, Minden, Douglas County (1860's)
Overland Land and Livestock, Ruby Valley,
Elko County (1873)
Pinson Ranch, Golconda, Humboldt County (1884)
Prunty Family Ranch, Mountain City, Elko County (1894)
Scossa Ranch, Gardnerville, Douglas County (1872)
Stewart's Ninety-Six Ranch, Paradise Valley,
Humboldt County (1864)

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