Colorado Centennial Farms & Ranches

The Colorado Centennial Farms & Ranches program acknowledges farms and ranches that have been owned and operated by the same family for 100 years or more. The program honors the significant role that these families have played in settling and shaping the state of Colorado.

The Colorado Centennial Farms & Ranches program not only illustrates the significance of agricultural sites to the development of Colorado, but also shows how vital these properties are to the well-being of our state today. Colorado Centennial Farms & Ranches provide open space and food, as well as support for our state’s economy and serve as reminders of our past.

How do I apply?

For more information, contact History Colorado at (303) 866-3392 or visit www.ColoradoCentennialFarms.org.
There are two types of historic designation administered by History Colorado:

**National Register of Historic Places**

Authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the nation’s historic places that are worthy of preserving.

**Colorado State Register of Historic Properties**

The Colorado State Register of Historic Properties is a list of the state’s significant cultural resources that are worthy of preserving for the future education and enjoyment of Colorado’s residents and visitors.

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**Benefits of Designation**

- Formal recognition of a property’s importance to the history of the community and the state of Colorado
- A body of information to use for local community planning, tourist promotion, and neighborhood revitalization
- A sense of community history and local pride
- Eligibility to compete for grants from Colorado’s State Historical Fund
- Eligibility to apply for state and federal tax credits for restoration or rehabilitation

Contact the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation at (303) 866-3392 or visit www.HistoryColorado.org for more information.

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**Local Designation**

Contact your municipal or county government to determine if they maintain a local register of historic properties.

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**Contact Information**

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Much of the Colorado State Fairgrounds is listed as a historic district in the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties. The grounds contain an assortment of buildings and structures representing various styles, configurations, and functions. Several eras of development are evident: 1910–1920 utilitarian, the WPA (Works Progress Administration) of the 1930s, and 1940–1960s modern. Each era of development added their signature style to the mix that now comprises the State Fairgrounds and Exposition Center.
A separate state agency devoted to agriculture did not exist until 1933 when the Division of Agriculture was created. Before this date, many agricultural functions were dispersed among state and local government agencies. Led by a governor-appointed Director of Agriculture, the Division of Agriculture combined the functions of many of these groups. The 1949 Agricultural Act created the State Agricultural Commission, an eight-member board headed by a State Agricultural Commissioner. Today the Agricultural Commission has nine members, who determine the general policies for administering and enforcing regulatory and service laws, rules, and regulations.

Colorado Proud, a program of the Colorado Department of Agriculture, promotes food and agricultural products that are grown, raised, or processed in Colorado. This free marketing program connects consumers to their local producers and encourages them to buy local. Buying local supports Colorado’s farmers and ranchers and the overall state economy. Visit www.ColoradoProud.org to learn more.

Established in 1879, History Colorado offers access to cultural and heritage resources including statewide museums and programs for families and adults, stewardship of Colorado’s historic treasures, and resources for researchers, students, and educators. We provide services related to historic preservation and archaeology as well as access to a vast collection of archives, artifacts, and historical photography.

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Inspiring generations to find wonder and meaning in our past and to engage in creating a better Colorado