



# INDIANA STATE FAIR

CELEBRATING INDIANA'S BICENTENNIAL

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## 2016 Featured Farmers Showcase Rich Hoosier Heritage

INDIANAPOLIS (June 14, 2016)—This year marks 200 years of Hoosier history, and the Featured Farmers presented by Dow AgroSciences honored at the 2016 Indiana State Fair have contributed to that heritage since the very beginning. As was done last year, each day of the 17-day Indiana State Fair will highlight a different farm family from across the state. This year, each Featured Farmer has also received the Indiana State Department of Agriculture's (ISDA) Hoosier Homestead award, which celebrates farms that have remained in one family for 100, 150, or 200 years.

"Fair-goers made it clear last year that talking with farmers was a great part of their fair experience, and we are honored to once again provide this conversation opportunity," said Susanne Wasson, U.S. Crop Protection Leader, Dow AgroSciences. "This group of 17 farmers represents wonderful history of Indiana agriculture, while also showing the future is bright for farm families."

The Eliason Homestead will usher in our opening day of the 2016 Indiana State Fair as the only farm in the Featured Farmers to have received the Hoosier Homestead bicentennial award. The Eliason farm began in 1814, making it two years older than the state of Indiana.

"History and heritage will be a huge focus at this year's fair, and we are honored to work with Dow AgroSciences to welcome back our Featured Farmers to join in the celebrations," said Cindy Hoye, Executive Director, Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center.

Here are the farms, county and their featured day at the 2016 Indiana State Fair.

- **Eliason Homestead**, Wayne County, August 5<sup>th</sup>
- **Rissler Farm**, Putnam County, August 6<sup>th</sup>
- **TK Hattery Farms**, Miami County, August 7<sup>th</sup>
- **Springstun Farm**, Warrick County, August 8<sup>th</sup>
- **Ramsey Farms**, Shelby County, August 9<sup>th</sup>
- **Sands Farm Inc.**, Kosciusko County, August 10<sup>th</sup>
- **Keiser Farms**, Clay County, August 11<sup>th</sup>
- **Rulon Enterprises LLC**, Hamilton County, August 12<sup>th</sup>
- **Beard Family Farms LLC**, Whitley County, August 13<sup>th</sup>
- **Kunkel Dairy Inc**, Adams County, August 14<sup>th</sup>
- **Booher Farms**, Tippecanoe County, August 15<sup>th</sup>
- **French Lick Winery**, Martin County, August 16<sup>th</sup>
- **Dull's Tree Farm and Pumpkin Harvest**, Boone County, August 17<sup>th</sup>
- **Maple Farms**, Howard County, August 18<sup>th</sup>
- **The Browns Inc**, Starke County, August 19<sup>th</sup>
- **Hammelmann Farm**, Knox County, August 20<sup>th</sup>

- **Bishop Farms**, Kosciusko County, August 21<sup>st</sup>

You can visit with the Featured Farmers every day at 2:30 p.m. at the Glass Barn where they will also be interviewed. Look for these farmers at exhibits across the Fair and in your daily highlight sheet. For more information on our Featured Farmers, follow us on social media (@IndyStateFair) and download our new app to stay up to date on the latest announcements and information coming later this summer.

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**About the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center**

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