



### Rogers family farm, Nanticoke Hundred, Sussex County

- Mr. Kenneth W. Rogers, Sr., and Mrs. Barbara Rogers, Sr. received the award.
- Great- Great Grandfather Peter McColley purchased the original 100 acre family farm from David McColley March 12, 1891 for \$2,300 (\$23 per acre).
- Peter McColley sold the farm to the present owners' Great-Grandfather, William B. Owens March 21, 1905.
- The farm was then inherited by Ella O. Tyndall, Grandmother to the present owner, November 11, 1943.
- Mildred Tyndall Rogers, mother of the present owner, received the farm from Ella O. Tyndall May 24, 1978.
- The farm was then inherited by the present owner, Kenneth W. Rogers, Sr. November 15, 2010.
- Currently this 56 acre farm produces soybeans, corn and wheat.
- There are two farm houses on the property, one of which is the original farm house.
- There is also a family graveyard on the property.

### Hastings family farm, North West Fork Hundred, Sussex County

- Mr. Jonathan R. Hastings, Jr., and Mrs. Rosalie A. Hastings, Jr. received Century Farm Award and the Historic Structures Award.
- William and Eleanor Hastings, grandparents to the present owner, purchased the original 100 acre parcel September 23 1903 from Harriet P. Layton for \$2,000.00 (\$20 per acre).
- Jonathan and Grace Hastings, Sr., parents of the present owner, acquired the farm January 2, 1945.
- The present owner, Jonathan R. Hastings, Jr. and his wife Rosalie A. Hastings acquired the farm April 20, 2000.
- There are eight historic structures on the farm. The corn crib, granary, and smokehouse were built around 1905. The house and dairy barn were built around 1910 and a hay barn, shop, and machinery shed were all built about 1950.
- At the present time this 108-year old family farm produces grains and vegetables. In the past the farm grew corn, soybeans, barley, rye, alfalfa, tomatoes, and raised dairy cows. A seed cleaning service was set up in the dairy barn in 1971.

During the award presentations, the Hon. David Wilson, State Representative, read tributes to the families from the House of Representatives and the Senate.

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**Left to right:** Ed Kee, Secretary of Agriculture, Kenneth W. Rogers, Sr., Barbara Rogers, Austin Short, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture

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