

## Written Profile



**Farm:** Montgomery

**Location:** Owensville, IN

**Date of Origination:** 1805

**Industry Sector(s):** Grain

“The value of the land is what the farmer puts into it.” Value is exactly what Carl T. Montgomery has done with his farm and land to contribute to **Agriculture’s Lasting Heritage**.



The Montgomery ancestors originally operated a grist mill. Through history, “agriculture has shown to have a way of sustaining the family that takes care of it” says Carl. From the battle of Tippecanoe to the war in Iraq, the Montgomery family, as well as their farm, have persevered. Family splits have reduced the original size of the farm, but the land is still a great producer.

The Montgomery family believes in sustainable practices. No-till farming has greatly improved the soil and sampling of it has helped the Montgomery’s and the land. They also understand the ever-changing nature of the industry. Carl believes “high land prices will keep the small farmer out of the market and that multi-farm enterprises will be the way of the future.”

To the Montgomery farm, the Farm Bureau has “lobbied for us, the farmer, and kept us informed on current bills in the state and federal government”.

Maintaining a Century Farm is the result of series of purposeful decisions. Carl Montgomery recognizes through his experience that “heir inheritance planning is crucial for family farms to survive and not become extinct.” It is because of their perseverance and long-range thinking that the Montgomery family has made a significant contribution to **Agriculture’s Lasting Heritage**.