

1. Title / Content Area:	Centennial Farms: Our Colorado Agricultural Heritage
2. Historic Site:	Centennial Farms: Bee Family Farm
3. Episode:	<a href="https://video.rmpbs.org/video/colorado-experience-centennial-farms/">https://video.rmpbs.org/video/colorado-experience-centennial-farms/</a>
4. Developed by:	Century Middle School Team, Adams 12 Five Star Schools
5. Grade Level:	<p><i>Grade Level: 3-5</i></p> <p>Content in this Document Based Question ( DBQ ) link to Prepared Graduate Competencies in the Colorado Academic Standards  <i>Prepared Graduate Competencies: 1, 2, and 4</i>  Colorado Standards:  3rd: History Standard 1 GLE 2.  4th: History Standard 1 GLE 2..  5th: Geography Standard 2 GLE 2</p> <p><i>C3 Standards in Social Studies:</i>  <i>D2.Geo.2.3-5.</i>  <i>D2.Geo.4.3-5.</i>  <i>D2.Geo.5.3-5. D2.His.2.3-5. D2.His.3.3-5.</i></p>
6. Assessment Question:	How has the Bee Family Farm contributed to the economy of Colorado?
7. Contextual Paragraph	<p>History Colorado defines Centennial Farms on their website as farms or ranches that have remained in the same family continuously for 100 years or more, which are a working farm or ranch, they must have 160 acres of property or gross at least \$1000 in annual sales. The overview of the program states:</p> <p>“Across the nation, family farms and ranches, historic barns and other agricultural sites are disappearing at an alarming rate. In Colorado, the family farm and working cattle ranch serve as a reminder of how the West was settled.</p> <p>The contributions of Colorado's ranching and farming families have withstood the</p>



	<p>pressures of growth, changes in farming methods, drought, and economic conditions to preserve these important pieces of our state's commercial and cultural history</p> <p>In 1986 a collaborative effort among then Governor Richard D. Lamm, the Colorado Historical Society (now History Colorado), and the Colorado Department of Agriculture created the Colorado Centennial Farms program to recognize the important role agriculture has played in our state's history and economic development.</p> <p>The Colorado Centennial Farms 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 provide open space and food, as well as support for our state's economy and a reminder of our past.”</p>	
<p><b>8. Connection to Historic Preservation</b></p>	<p>The Colorado Centennial Farm Program is administered by The office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation which is housed at History Colorado. The program is the first in the country to also provide an Historic Structures Award for Centennial Farms that have four or more preserved structures on the land that are at least 50 years old. Today, the Centennial Farms has over 500 farms and ranches that have been recognized in the state for this honor.</p> <p>This program helps not only to recognize these important places, but honors the cultural heritage and built environment that these farms and ranches support through the legacy of family and place.</p> <p>The historic Bee Farm is significant for its long association with the development of agriculture in Larimer County, over 110 years of that is associated with the Bee Farm. The farm has 23 buildings and structures that highlight the technological changes in agriculture, sugar beet farming and sheep raising. The buildings are architecturally significant representing the limited materials and means farmers had to build or reuse a building for another purpose. This farm showcases the above criteria through the buildings and landscape present on the property and is currently designated as a Centennial Farm.</p>	

# Document Based Question (DBQ)

## Document Set

Birdseye View of Fort Collins, 1899.



<https://www.loc.gov/item/75693135/>

### GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. Based on this map, why would the Bee Family Centennial Farm have to be located 4 miles north of Fort Collins?
2. What were the benefits of being located near Fort Collins?

The Bee Family Centennial Farm



<https://www.loc.gov/item/hec2008000887/>

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. Based on this image, what crops were raised on the Bee Family Centennial Farm?
2. Why were these crops easy to sell in Northern Colorado?
3. What would life be like if you were on a farm raising this crop? Describe.

Bee Family Farm, Photograph Copyrighted by the Bee Family Centennial Farm



<http://www.beefamilyfarm.com/bee-family-history.html>

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. According to the Colorado Experience film, and the Bee Family Farm resources, what is grown and raised on the farm?
2. How have a mixture of crops and livestock helped the farm to stay in business over the last 100 years?
3. How is the Bee Family documenting their history?
4. How does the family preserve this history for the future?

The Bee Family Centennial Farm



[http://gis.co.gov/OAHP\\_Images/5LR/1917/5LR\\_1917-c\\_Nomination.pdf](http://gis.co.gov/OAHP_Images/5LR/1917/5LR_1917-c_Nomination.pdf)

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. How do these buildings reflect how different materials were used and reused on a farm?
2. How would someone preserve these buildings for the future based on the Secretary of Interiors Standards?
3. Why should farm buildings be preserved? Why do buildings like this matter?
4. How can they reflect our agricultural history?

**Assessment Question**

How has the Bee Family Farm contributed to the economy of Colorado?

Response