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OBERY FARMS CELEBRATES 150 YEARS IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS

Metamora, Illinois – April 15, 2024 – Obery Farms, a 6-generation family farm, announces its 150th anniversary. Obery Farms was founded on April 15, 1874 when Paul Obery, after immigrating to the United States from France, purchased 127 acres north-east of Metamora, Illinois. Today, Obery Farms and its 5th generation principals, John, Mark, and Joel Obery, grow corn and soybeans using the latest in technology, equipment, chemicals, and fertilizers.

“As a family, we are proud that 6 generations have lived and farmed these fields. That doesn’t happen very often,” said Joel Obery, 5th generation partner of Obery Farms. “One hundred and fifty years, you think about that, there are very few businesses that can survive 150 years, but a farm can.”

“Special, blessed, fortunate are three words that I could describe how I feel about farming ground that my father, his father and my great-grandfather farmed,” said John Obery, 5th generation partner of Obery Farms. “I hope the next generation can take it over, grow it, and prosper and build on what we put together.”

While Obery Farms has expanded into a thriving enterprise over the past 150 years, it has remained true to its humble beginnings, where hard work, a passion for agricultural excellence, and stewardship of the land have always been at the forefront. For the past century and a half, the Obery family has cultivated a legacy of trust and exceptional service that has become synonymous with the Obery name.

“Obery Farms expanded throughout the years by putting in a lot of time and effort and sacrificing to expand,” said Mark Obery, 5th generation partner of Obery Farms. “Farming today on this field that’s been in the family for 150 years, there’s a sense of pride in that.”

“My hope for the future is to continue the legacy and continue to build on what they have accomplished so far,” said Grant Reckling, farm worker, Obery Farms, and John’s son-in-law.

Obery Farms will celebrate its sesquicentennial throughout 2024 and is committed to preserving its rich heritage for generations to come.

For more information about Obery Farms, its 150th anniversary and a new film about the history of the family farm, visit <https://obery150.com>.

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