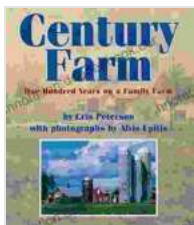


# A Century of Farming: The Legacy of Cris Peterson



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In the rolling hills of Iowa, where the land has been tilled and sown for generations, there is a farm that has stood the test of time. For over a century, the Peterson Farm has been a testament to the enduring spirit of agriculture and the dedication of the family that has nurtured it. At the heart of this legacy is Cris Peterson, a woman whose life-long commitment to

farming and community service has left an indelible mark on the landscape of her state and beyond.

## **A Deep-Rooted Legacy**

Cris Peterson was born into a family of farmers. Her great-grandfather, Jens Peterson, homesteaded the land where the farm now stands in 1868. Over the years, the farm passed from generation to generation, with each family member adding their own unique contributions to its legacy. Cris's father, Lyle Peterson, expanded the farm's acreage and implemented innovative farming practices. When Cris took over the farm in 1983, she was determined to honor the tradition of sustainability and stewardship that her family had always upheld.

## **Innovation and Sustainability**

Under Cris's leadership, the Peterson Farm has become a model of sustainable agriculture. She has embraced conservation practices such as no-till farming, cover cropping, and crop rotation to protect soil health and water quality. She has also installed renewable energy systems to reduce the farm's carbon footprint. Cris believes that farming can be both profitable and environmentally responsible, and she has dedicated herself to demonstrating that it is possible to produce food while preserving the land for future generations.

## **A Passion for Community**

Cris Peterson's commitment to her community extends far beyond the boundaries of her farm. She has served on numerous boards and committees, including the Iowa Farm Bureau, the Iowa Soybean Association, and the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land

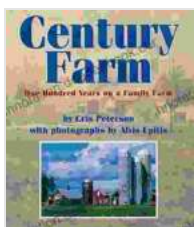
Stewardship. She has also been active in her local church and has volunteered countless hours to support various community organizations. Cris believes that farmers have a responsibility to give back to their communities, and she has lived that belief throughout her life.

## The Century Farm Award

In 2023, Cris Peterson was honored with the prestigious Century Farm Award, which recognizes farms that have been in the same family for at least 100 years. This award is a testament to the Peterson family's unwavering commitment to agriculture and to the community they call home. Cris is humbled by the award and credits her family, her neighbors, and the land itself for the farm's enduring legacy.

## A Legacy to Last

Cris Peterson has dedicated her life to farming and community service. Her unwavering commitment to sustainability, innovation, and stewardship has left an indelible mark on the agricultural landscape of Iowa and the lives of those around her. The Peterson Farm is a living monument to her legacy, and it will continue to be a source of food, inspiration, and community for generations to come.



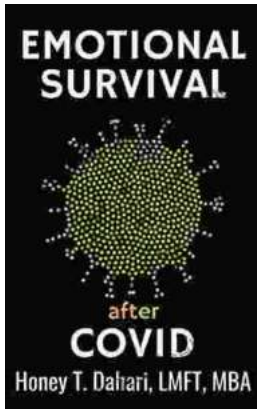
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