

## *The Barns of XXXXX County*

Dear XXXXX County Residents:

On November 18, 200X, Governor XXXXX proclaimed 200X “The Year of the Barn and the Family Farm”. The last several decades we have witnessed an increased growth of agricultural industry in communities. At the same time, we are experiencing the loss of farmsteads and the significant historical value of barns. XXXXX County XSU Extension and XXXX County Historic Preservation Commission are working together to recognize the barns that were built in the 1960’s or before. A picture, a complete description, and a brief history of the barns will be displayed in a local historical record featured, “The Barns of XXXX County.” We are excited to begin compiling information with the help of each barn owner.

If you have a barn that is fifty years old or older, please fill out the survey enclosed and send it to the XXXXX County Extension Office, XXX XXXX Ave, XXXXXXXX, XX XXXXX. This spring, we will have 4-H and FFA members and community volunteers take pictures of barns in each township. If you are available that day, they would like to speak with you and gather more information about the history of your barn. If you can not be available that day, we will contact you at a later time. With this picture and information, we will compile a books that will be available at the XXXXX County Extension Office and the State Historic Preservation Office.

On a separate paper, please tell us about the history of your barn, any memories, or other pertinent information you may have. We look forward to hearing about each of your stories. If you have questions about this project or the survey, please call the XXXXX County Extension Office at XXX-XXX-XXXX or toll free 1-888-XXX-XXXX.

Thank you in advance for your help on this exciting project.

Sincerely,

Barns of XXXX County Committee

