

Dr. Norman Borlaug Statue

In 2011 the Iowa Legislature, on a bipartisan vote, passed a resolution to replace one of its two statues in the U.S. Capitol's Statuary Hall



with a statue of Dr. Borlaug.

Governor Branstad remarked at the time, "This is truly a historic occasion. Dr. Borlaug's legacy in feeding a billion people marks him as one of Iowa's and America's greatest heroes. Having his statue in our nation's capitol will ensure that his legacy endures."

On March 25, 2014, this statue, designed and sculpted by artist Ben Victor was officially dedicated. A fitting honor (and a wonderful 100th birthday present!). Several NBHF board members, along with Governor Branstad, members of the World Food Prize, local FFA students, educators and area residents were in attendance, as well as many state and federal dignitaries.

The Foundation has recreated a garden similar to the Borlaug garden Norman grew up with using heirloom seeds dating back to the 1920s and 30s obtained from Seed Savers in Decorah. There are also wheat varieties planted that are decedent seeds from Norman's work in Mexico, India and Pakistan.



Inspire Day marks a traditional "opener" for the three-day Norman Borlaug Harvest Fest, held the third weekend of each September in nearby Cresco, Iowa. On *Inspire Day*, students from numerous area schools are bused to the rural Northeast Iowa farmstead for a fieldtrip day of fun, inspiration, collaborative learning, and cause – adding to the day the deep-seated sentiment that "Farming," perhaps "is our Future" as is the dire need for "Feeding the World."

The Foundation is beginning to concentrate on adding more adult learning events at the Borlaug Farm, including the widely successful Norman Borlaug Sustainable Farm Institute. www.normanborlaug.org

The Foundation accepts donations for upkeep of the farmstead and educational programs. Send yours to the Norman Borlaug Heritage Foundation at C US Bank, 111 N Elm St., Cresco IA 52136.

Tours of the Farm and Birthplace are often by appointment only. Please contact Howard County Business & Tourism (563.547.3434) to set up yours today.



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Norman Borlaug

Birthplace and Boyhood Farm



Recipient of many awards, Dr. Borlaug is one of only seven people in the world to be awarded the

- Nobel Peace Prize (1970),
- Presidential Medal of Freedom (1977)
- Congressional Gold Medal (2007).

Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King Jr., Mother Teresa, Muhammad Yunus, Elie Wiesel, and Aung San Suu Kyi, round out the honored seven recipients.

Norman Borlaug's Boyhood home address is
19518 200th Street
www.normanborlaug.org

Norman Ernest Borlaug March 25, 1914 - September 12, 2009



Norman Borlaug reminisces about his childhood home, built by his father, Henry, *"October 1922 , for the first time my parents, my sisters and I were together and by ourselves"*. The first floor interior has been restored to original condition when Dr. Borlaug was a child.

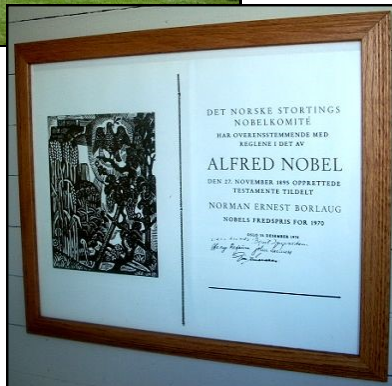


Norman Borlaug's granddad Nels told him, *"Fill your head now to fill your belly later"*. This one-room school house is where it all began for Norman and his sisters. Originally located 1.5 miles away from its present location, on the boyhood farm site, the foundation of Norman's education was formed here. The school has been remodeled to show what it looked like during Norman's childhood as it educated children up through 8th grade.



When Norm was in the 7th grade, his 21-year-old cousin, Sina Borlaug, took over as teacher.

After completing the 7th grade, Sina awarded Norm with a souvenir plaque that said: *Advance in learning as you advance in life. Good instruction is better than riches. Kindness is the noblest weapon to conquer with.* In the spring of 1928, Sina suggested to his parents and grandparents that Norm attend high school in Cresco."*



*Vietmeyer, Noel. "1918-1919, Mortality." Borlaug; Volume I, Right off the Farm 1914-1944. Lorton, VA: Bracing, 2009. 36-39. *Vietmeyer, Noel. "1918-1919, Mortality." Borlaug; Volume I, Right off the Farm 1914-1944. Lorton, VA: Bracing, 2009. 36-39.



The Borlaug barn that Norman helped build housed their pigs, dairy cows, and horses. Names of the cows were written on the stalls. 'H Borlaug' on the outside of the barn is for Norman's father Henry Borlaug. The farm also includes a chicken coop, machine shed and grain storage buildings.



Not far from the Barn is a statue of Norman as a young boy feeding chickens. This impressive bronze statue was created and donated to the Heritage Foundation by sculptor, Dr. Bill Faller.