



## Welcome to Heritage Acres

...an agricultural interpretive center designed to tell the ongoing story of farming. We became a vision in 1976 when we realized how quickly an historic way of life was disappearing from the landscape. Now we are a rapidly growing reality as we create a living rural experience for people of all ages to see, touch and explore. Located on forty acres of rich Martin County prairie overlooking Fairmont's beautiful Lake Sisseton, we invite you to discover the many reasons the upper Midwest is called America's Breadbasket.

Providing food and fiber for the world family is an essential and vital industry deserving of recognition and preservation. Early pioneers came from northern Europe to settle in the vast heartland and their roots grew deep as their commitment to the land. In 1776, roughly 95% of the people lived on farms. Today less than 5% of our population is engaged in farming. Their efficiency feeds our entire nation at prices lower than any other place on earth and provides many of our country's leading exports as well.

We salute the farmers whose labors have enabled us to take food for granted. We are eager to share their story with you. Enjoy your visit to our farm. We hope to see you often.



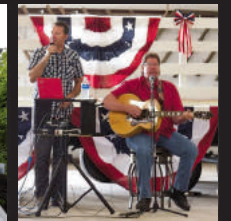
The barn on the land is the only original building. The chapel and depot came from Welcome, MN. The water tower was moved from North Dakota and the log cabin came from Windom, MN. The house & school came from Trimont, MN. The chicken house, blacksmith shop, granary, and grain elevator, have all been donated and moved in from the local area. The machine shed was built on the site.

The Prairieville building houses a 1940's Main Street, with a variety of stores and products from that era in time.



We also have a portable stage for performances, a kiddie train for the kids, a "people mover" for guided tours and golf carts are available to take you to and from your vehicle upon request.

In late 2015, Heritage Acres added a new 54 foot by 105 foot Morton building to the property, to be used for displays and storing some of the machinery donated to Heritage Acres. Donations from businesses, organizations, individuals and families helped pay for construction of this new facility.





 find us at: [heritageacresfairmont](https://www.facebook.com/heritageacresfairmont)



The chapel can be rented for a wedding and the Prairieville building can be rented for meetings, etc. We do not rent for wedding receptions. No alcohol is allowed on the property and no smoking or animals are allowed in the buildings.

We are open by appointment and encourage bus tours and school children to tour our facility. All buildings are open during special events and are handicap accessible.

To book a tour or for organization and rental information call Jerry Simon at 507-238-4645 or Norma Brolsma at 507-764-3531

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**We thank the countless volunteers whose dedication and vision make it possible for all of us to share in this living rural experience. If you haven't visited us before, please come! If you have had the Heritage Acres experience, we hope you come back to see us again!**

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## Agricultural Interpretive Center



Located in Fairmont, on the western shore of Lake Sisseton, next to the Fairmont Armory

### Special Events Held Each Year

Second Saturday in June: Fairmont IHD Festival  
9am - 4pm - Free ice cream cones

4th of July: Annual Music Festival  
10am - 4pm - Music, food, building tours & more!

2nd Sunday in August: Threshing Day/ Antique Tractor Display • 10am - 4pm

3rd Sunday in October: Fall Festival 10am-4pm  
10am church service - 11am-1pm Soup and Sandwich Dinner. All afternoon - Corn picking, gas engines, bean combining, apple pressing, baking in the house and more.

Monthly meetings held on the fourth Thursday of the month at Heritage Acres at 6:00pm during the months of April through October.

Closed for the season November 1st-April 1st.