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AK-SAR-BEN ANNOUNCES 2008 NEBRASKA PIONEER AWARD WINNERS

June 23, 2008, Omaha, Nebraska – The Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben and the Nebraska Fair Managers Association announced the 185 honorees for the 2008 Pioneer Farm Family Awards today. In order to qualify for this distinction, members of the same family must have owned a partial of land consecutively for at least 100 years.

Since its inception, 52 years ago, more than 7,000 families have been granted this award from across the region. Each honoree receives an engraved plaque and gatepost marker as permanent recognition of this milestone. The awards are presented during the annual county fair in which the land is located.

The following is a listing of the recipients by county:

Adams: Donald Joseph Koos, Roseland, NE.

Antelope: Carol & Karen Leiding, Orchard, NE; Jerome Rotert, Elgin, NE; Wm J. & Carol Eischeid, Elgin, NE.

Arthur: Vivien Peterson, Keystone, NE; Delwin Wilson, Lemoyne, NE; Mark Wilson, Lemoyne, NE.

Blaine: Pansy Terwilliger Mueller, Anselmo, NE.

Boone: Wolf Land Partnership, Jay & Susie Wolf, Elaine Wolf, Albion, NE.

Box Butte: LaVerne & Steven Keane, Hemingford, NE.

Boyd: Edward Alford, James Alford, Naper, NE; Marguerite Rockholm Ludemann, Naper, NE; Lou Ann Landholm, Omaha, NE; Jack Engelhaupt, Butte, NE; Carolyn Marlowe, Omaha, NE.

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Buffalo: Diane Axmann, Ravenna, NE; Lawrence Schulte, Pleasanton, NE; Larry D. Parks, Kearney, NE; Darrell Quaring, Shelton, NE; Alma Kaps, Miller, NE.

Burt: Janet Dallam Malone, Minnetonka, MN; Muriel Rabe, Oakland, NE; William Stoner, Jr., Stockton, CA; Gerald Weeces, Tekamah, NE; Lyle & Judy Snow, Tekamah, NE.

Cass: Arnold & Marlene Schroder, Palmyra, NE; Arland & Bobbie Schroder, Eagle, NE; Kenneth & Alice Lauritzen, Doris & Bill Duff, Evelyn Richards, Alice & Lyle Sittler, David & Anne Lauritzen, Weeping Water, NE; Katherine Hobscheidt, Murray, NE.

Cedar: Ronald Leapley, Coleridge, NE; William Leapley, Coleridge, NE; Monte & Diane Morten Hartington, NE; Darrel & Doris Henry, Coleridge, NE.

Chase: Doris Ough, Wauneta, NE; Vonna Jo Moody, Wauneta, NE.

Cherry: James & Patricia McDuffee Bridges, Mullen, NE.

Clay: Alberding Family Limited Partnership, Clay Center, NE; Z. Max Keasling, Harvard, NE.

Colfax: Wylma Mares, Schuyler, NE; Joseph Mares, Schuyler, NE; Chile Flats, Inc., Howells, NE; Leonard & Lavonne Lopour, Clarkson, NE; Lumir & Geraldine Kudara, Schuyler, NE; Kevin & Tamra Kudara, Clarkson, NE.

Cuming: Paul & Ladell Kreikemeier, West Point, NE; Melvin Meister, West Point, NE; Suzzane Nelson Tolman, Rochester, MN; Gayleen Weber, Wisner, NE; Robert Wostoupal, Beemer, NE.

Custer: Gerald Winchester, Anselmo, NE; Doris Wells, Elba, NE; Jason Winchester, Anselmo, NE.

Dawes: Alan & Sandra Ferrel, Hay Springs, NE; John Gasseling, Rapid City, SD.

Dawson: Lyle Gronewold, Gothenburg, NE; Schmeckle Family LLP, Gothenburg, NE; Marston A. Rakestrow Revocable Trust, Overton, NE; Dale Gronewold, Gothenburg, NE; Ernest Koch, Mary Morris, Gothenburg, NE; Dale & Jo Sherman, Lexington, NE; F.L. Beattie, Inc, Sumner, NE; Ron & Brenda Pierce, Sumner, NE; Gladyce Marie Youngberg, Gothenburg, NE; Jenelle L. Larson, Gothenburg, NE.

Dixon: Eilene Loetscher, Kendall & Cheryl Loetscher, Azala Jo & Thomas Lewis, Wayne, NE;

Dodge: Mulliken, Inc., Alan, Nellie, Jerry, Bestsy, Jack & Pamela Mulliken, Nickerson, NE.

Dundy: Ruby Roesener, Imperial, NE; Bill Dicke, Lincoln, NE.

Fillmore: Robert & Karen Kohler, Milligan, NE.

Franklin: Orval Bunger, Upland, NE.

Frontier: MBJL, Limited, Arapahoe, NE; Stephe & Carlene Abbors, Walnut Creek, CA.

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Furnas: Ervin & Shirley Volgamore, Beaver City, NE.

Gage: Bob & Tracy Rhine, Blue Springs, NE; Elmer & Vivian Schuster, Fillen, NE; Charlene Ideus, Hickman, NE; Lorenz and LaVon Trauernicht, Pickrell, NE; Hildamae Lenner, Grand Island, NE;

Leland Heckman, Lincoln, NE; Cynthia Clifford Gibson, Beatrice, NE; Garold & Shirley Ramsey, Wymore, NE.

Gosper: George Gruber, Elwood, NE.

Hall: Mark & Dian Gloe, Wood River, NE; Mabel R Waddington, Palisade, CO.

Harlan: Patricia Schaltz Trust, Republican City, NE; Harry & Ruby Hardin, Alma, NE.

Holt: Robert & Jayce Beelaert, Page, NE; Mrs. Ray Slaymaker, Stuart, NE; Leonard & Ruth Pribil, O'Neill, NE; Kenneth & Laurine Huston, Emmet, NE.

Howard: Lonnie Vincik, Linda Obermiller, Kenneth Vincik, Grand Island, NE; Judith Samuelson, Kathleen Wall, Palmer, NE.

Jefferson: Wilbert Frey, Fairbury, NE; Terry Henrichs, Tucson, AZ.

Kearney: Steven Casper, Minden, NE; Louis Calvin Pinn, Minden, NE; William & Merribelle Jorgensen, Jr., Minden, NE.

Keith: Bernard & Cheryl Beckius, Keystone, NE.

Keya Paha: James Carr, Jan Epke & J.D. Carr, Springview, NE.

Kimball: Howard & Peggy Atkins, Dix, NE; David & Mary Evertson, Kimball, NE.

Knox: Robert & Delores Ruzicka, Verdigre, NE; Scott & Mary Adams, Orchard, NE; Margaret Dartman, Mary Ellen Poppe, Creighton, NE; Joel Stenberg, Creighton, NE; Lyle & Maryann Fischer, Creighton, NE; Rob & Sybil Bengston, Wausa, NE; Wallace Cihlar, Verdigre, NE; Kenneth Erbst, Bloomfield, NE; Elvin Motacek, Niobrara, NE.

Lancaster: Howard Nitzel, Donna Hillgren, Crete, NE; Deborah & Mark Caha, Ceresco, NE; Evelyn Sklenar, Ceresco, NE.

Lincoln: Carolyn & Robert Foran, North Platte, NE; Lorraine Gail Murray, Ozark, MO.

Logan: Harold Joedeman, Stapleton, NE; Jacqueline Trumbull, Douglas, WY.

Madison: Bonnie Spinar, Bruce Dittberner, Madison, NE; Delores Hanke, Madison, NE; Willis Anderson Family Trust, Newman Grove, NE.

Merrick: Thomas & Janet McClure, St. Charles, MO; Gary & Diane Clayton, Mesa, AZ.

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Morrill: Juelfs Ranch, Inc, Bridgeport, NE; Joyce & Lew Russell, Bayard, NE.

Nance: John & Shirley Pelican, Palmer, NE.

Nuckolls: Donald Herbek, Deweese, NE; Mildred Buresh, Edgar, NE.

Otoe: Steve Baltensperger, Brad Baltensperger, Nebraska City, NE; Harvey & Maxine Burger, Nebraska City, NE; Loren & Valda Davidson, Lincoln, NE.

Pawnee: Vernon Rinne, Ronald Rinne, Lincoln, NE; Rudy & Dorothy Fritch, Jr., Table Rock, NE; Robert & Gladys Vondraskek, Lincoln, NE; Robert Stepanek, DuBois, NE.

Phelps: Wm. Wayne Bachman, Rancho Cordova, CA; Carolyn & Orville Sullivan, Loomis, NE; Charles & Rhoda Goodman, Loomis, NE; Schrook Farms, Funk, NE.

Pierce: Gerald & Janis Holmes, Osmond, NE; Irma Clausen Trust, Schuyler, NE; Krohn Special Trust, Norfolk, NE; Francis & Susan Wattier, Randolph, NE; Delaine Hunter, Pierce, NE; Vernon Ganseboom, Osmond, NE.

Platte: Dale & Mary Jo Buhl, Lindsay, NE; Ben & Donna Pfeifer, Jr., Lindsay, NE; Arthur, Luther & Edward Bakenhus, Columbus, NE.

Richardson: Erma Jean, Daniel & Dale James, Humboldt, NE; David Farwell, Humboldt, NE.

Rock: Leona Swinney, Bassett, NE; Jerold & Roy Stewart, Newport, NE.

Saline: Anna Cejka, Lincoln, NE; Shelley Bruha, Dorchester, NE; Don & Sheila Crays, Tobias, NE.

Saunders: Michael, Richard & Patricia Coady, Mead, NE; Elsie Cernik, Wahoo, NE; Dean Lindgren, Wahoo, NE; Larry Nelson, Ceresco, NE; Ronald Siebken, James Siebken & Stephanie Siebken Weiss, Leshara, NE; Dennis & Kathleen Stuchlik, Wahoo, NE.

Sheridan: Raymond Leisy, Scottsbluff, NE;

Sherman: Alvin & Mary Jo Barent, Rockville, NE.

Sioux: Illa Mae Bannan & Children, Harrison, NE; Jack Buckley, Rowen Emerson & Hazel Buckley, Harrison.

Stanton: Henry Statler, Pilger, NE; Dale & Lola Denney, Stanton, NE; R. Jerome Moritz, Lisetta Moritz, Rita Roenfeldt, Stanton, NE; Edward & Mary Svitak, Howells, NE; Marc & Nancy Whisinnand, Norfolk, NE.

Thayer: Harriet Easton, Hebron, NE; Donaldo & Lorna Harms, Byron, NE; Bruce & Delores Doll, Geneva, NE; Curtis Fintel, Byron, NE; Darlene Reinsch, Bruning, NE.

Valley: Simon & Garnett Walkowiak, Ord, NE; Myron & Sharon Osentowski, Duane Lewandowski, Grand Island, NE.

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Washington: Calvin Claus Ohrt, Omaha, NE.

Wayne: Leland Walter Herman, Wayne, NE; Randy Dunklau, Wayne, NE.

Webster: Robert & Diana Wilson, Jayne & Bill Hogeland, Bladen, NE.

York: Darrel Bolton, Benedict, NE; John & Lora Boyer, Mary Boyer & Phil Waters, York, NE.

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