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AK-SAR-BEN ANNOUNCES 2009 NEBRASKA PIONEER AWARD WINNERS

June 15, 2009, Omaha, Nebraska – The Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben and the Nebraska Fair Managers Association announced the 156 honorees for the 2009 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, 53 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: David Kimle, *Kenesaw, NE.*

Antelope: Elba McGee Lau, *Lincoln, NE;* JC & Donna Carpenter, *Neligh, NE.*

Boone: Teri Richards, *Primrose, NE.*

Box Butte: Jean Daugherty, Lyle Fodnes, *Hemingford, NE.*

Boyd: Five K Farm, Marita Placek, Joe Kerbel, Judy Engelhaupt, Jeanie Wilson, Lou Kerbel, *Lynch, NE;* Thomas Quinton Schrunk, *Palmer, NE.*

Buffalo: Evelyn Vohland, *Gibbon, NE;* R & M Acres, Inc., *Gibbon, NE;* Jeannette Dealey, Donald Dealey, *Holdrege, NE.*

Burt: Margaret Kennedy, *Craig, NE;* Charles Myers, *Lyons, NE;* James Cornish Farms, Inc, *Tekamah, NE;* Frances Tranmer, *Tekamah, NE.*

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Butler: Dean & Lynelle Kriz, *Brainard, NE*; Donna Allen, *David City, NE*; Alvin Semin, *Ulysses, NE*.

Cass: Robert Farmer, William Farmer, *Ashland, NE*; Flora Belle Wehrbein, *Plattsmouth, NE*; Margie Nielsen, *Elmwood, NE*; Delbert & Diana Puls, *Murray, NE*; Larry Pollard, Nolma Pollard Trust, *Nehawka, NE*.

Cedar: Darlene Kramer, *Omaha, NE*; Shirley Haase, *Omaha, NE*; Norman Vogle, Wayne Vogle, *Coleridge, NE*; Marguerite Stage, *Laurel, NE*.

Chase: Charles & Betty Johnson, Trust, *Lincoln, NE*.

Cherry: Dorothy Airth, *Dewinton, Alberta, CA*.

Clay: Sandra Kay Samuelson, *Harvard, NE*.

Cuming: Larry & Jan Ulrich, *West Point, NE*; Leslie Smith, *West Point, NE*, Irma Milligan, *Wisner, NE*.

Custer: Norman & Judy Robertson, *Tekamah, NE*; Conroy Land Co., *Oconto, NE*.

Dawes: Dorothy Hallsted-Waldron, *Chadron, NE*; Warren & Frances Connell & Family, *Whitney, NE*.

Duel: Clinton & Donna Bailey, *Big Springs, NE*.

Dixon: Harold Grosvenor, *Ponca, NE*; Harlan Ruwe, *Wayne, NE*; Opal Carlson, *Wayne, NE*; C. Jean Patten, Thomas Patten, *Reno, NV*; Rodney Koch, *Omaha, NE*.

Dodge: Charles & Betty Wagner, Cindy Wagner, *Fremont, NE*.

Fillmore: Helen Albro First Trust, Carol Sieber Trustee, *Geneva, NE*.

Franklin: Raymond Ackerman Trust, *Kearney, NE*.

Frontier: Verl & Monika Juriens, *Eustis, NE*.

Gage: Robert Hiatt, *Huntsville, AL*; Donald & Glennys Ziegler, Kirk & Kathleen Ziegler, *Beatrice, NE*; Dorothy & Lloyd Lane, *Beatrice, NE*; Herbert Vlasak, Ellen Vlasak, *Wilber, NE*; Renetta Webb, Lois Webb, *Crystal Lake, IL*.

Garden: David Dymak, *Lewellen, NE*; Martin Hisel, *Ashby, NE*.

Hall: Paul & Carroll Rauert, *Grand Island, NE*; Gene Boltz, *Grand Island, NE*; Douglas Schultz, *Grand Island, NE*; James & Rose Sassen, *Grand Island, NE*; David Crosser, *Marquette, NE*; Dennis Bonsuck, *Wood River, NE*; Wilbert & Joyce Schultz, *Wood River, NE*.

Hamilton: Joe Strotman, *Aurora, NE*; Stephen & Doris Vetter, *Aurora, NE*; Justin & Tammy Ott, *Aurora, NE*.

Hayes: Garald & Beverly Unger, *Hayes Center, NE*.

Hitchcock: Pauline Hagemann, *Culbertson, NE*.

Holt: Arthur & Dolores Pacha, *Atkinson, NE*; Helen Martens, *Atkinson, NE*; Robert Storjohann, *O'Neill, NE*; Lois Schaff, *Stuart, NE*.

Howard: Melvin & Eilene Tekolste, Trustees Tekolste Living Trust, *Beatrice, NE*; Alvin & Ellen Spilinek, *Elba, NE*; Evelyn Dvorak, *St. Paul, NE*; Louis & Evelyn Kosmicki, *St. Paul, NE*; Marlin Jorgensen, *St. Paul, NE*; Lawrence Elva Dvorak, *Camas, WA*.

Jefferson: Donald Brandt, *Plymouth, NE*; Walter & Janet Hoeting, *Hemet, CA*.

Johnson: Donna Knoche, *Beatrice, NE*; Marie Wusk Thiesfeld, Carolyn Thiesfeld Bartels, David Thiesfeld, *Beatrice, NE*; Steve & Glenda Knoche, *Virginia, NE*; Loren & Valda Davidson, *Lincoln, NE*.

Kearney: Margaret Mitchell, Cletish Mitchell, Nancy Petersen, *Kearney, NE*; Ronald Knaus, *Hildreth, NE*; Doug Boisen, *Minden, NE*; Shirley Harkness, *Cozad, NE*.

Keith: Harms, Inc., JoAnne Harms, *Brule, NE*.

Knox: Marian Schroeder, Roger Schroeder, Philip Schroeder, *Bloomfield, NE*; William Cook, Jr., Tamara Cook, *Bloomfield, NE*; James & Rose Wagner, *Winnetoon, NE*; Anna Anderson & Sons, Inc., *Grand Island, NE*.

Lancaster: Ardell & Fran Sieck, *Crete, NE*; Todd Hornung, Cindy Hornung, Lori Block, *Wahoo, NE*; John V. & MaryAnne Juricek, *Denton, NE*.

Madison: Robert & DeLoris Zessin, *Madison, NE*.

Merrick: Jerome & Bonita Paczosa, *Silver Creek, NE*.

Nemaha: Beverly Moody, *Auburn, NE*; Clarke Oak Acres LLC, *Brock, NE*; Arnold & Orva Gobber, *Elk Creek, NE*; Francis Seid, *Falls City, NE*.

Nuckolls: Blaine Lyne Trust, *York, NE*; Vernon Corman, *Edgar, NE*; Craig Mazour, Len & Jolene Mazour, Dave Mazour, *Lawrence, NE*.

Otoe: Neal & Joyce Bentzinger, *Cook, NE*; Virgil & Maxine Reuter, LeAnn Fossler L.E., *Nebraska City, NE*; Wayne & Paula Wohlers, *Syracuse, NE*.

Pawnee: Jerald & Eileen Bausch, *Burchard, NE*; Donald Albers, Julie Albers, *Pawnee City, NE*.

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Perkins: Roger Tjaden, *Madrid, NE.*

Phelps: Greg Linder, James Linder, Robert & Jean Linder, *Loomis, NE*; Lilie Ann Dahlgren, Milton Dahlgren, *Minden, NE*; Freed Brothers Farms, *Loomis, NE.*

Pierce: Elaine Fulton Bosilevac, *Omaha, NE*; Gerald & Hazel Kumm, *Osmond, NE*; Michael & Kimberly Baumann, *Pierce, NE*; Lehnert Family Trust, Eileen Lehnert, Trustee, *Plainview, NE*; Raymond & Meldene Wachholtz, *Plainview, NE*; Margie Leiting, *Randolph, NE.*

Platte: Eugene Buggi, *Denton, NE*; Rosmund Paprocki, *Columbus, NE*; John & Marjorie Nyffeler, *Columbus, NE*; Joan Treadway, *Osceola, NE*; Rod Hassebrook, *Platte Center, NE.*

Polk: Dion & Cindy Buhl, *Osceola, NE*; Mildred Kumpf Liss, *Shelby, NE*; Rea Mae Johnson, *Stromsburg, NE.*

Red Willow: William Ball, *McCook, NE*; O'Dea Family LP, Andrew & Lori O'Dea, *McCook, NE.*

Richardson: Halcyon Peck Wilson, *Falls City, NE*; Raymond & Ruth Finck, *Falls City, NE*; Richard Yoesel, Dale Yoesel, *Rulo, NE.*

Saline: Ron & Joyce Kahle, *Dorchester, NE*; Harold Janda, *Friend, NE*; Kathy Blankenship, Nancy Richards, *Placerville, CA.*

Sarpy: Jahn Farms Inc, George Jahn, Delores Snodgrass, *Gretma, NE.*

Saunders: Bob & Lori Dauel, *Malmo, NE*; Amalie Swartz, *Prague, NE*

Sherman: Thomas Kusek, *Loup City, NE.*

Sioux: Terrence Gillett, *Harrison, NE*; Howell Farms, LLC, *Morrill, NE*; Thelma Nation, *Crawford, NE.*

Stanton: Robert Chilcoat, Sr., *Stanton, NE*; Norman Hansen, Brenda Hansen-Styskal, *Grant, NE.*

Thomas: Tom & Rose Licking, *Seneca, NE.*

Thayer: Joy Harms, *Davenport, NE.*

Valley: Wm. F & Nancy Vogeler, *North Loup, NE*; Robert & Wilma John, Thad & Roberta Meese, *Ord, NE.*

Wayne: Greve Farm, Inc., Howard & Barbara Greve, H. Harley & Vickie Greve, *Wakefield, NE*; Richard & Rita Gubbels, *Randolph, NE*; LaVern & Mary Lundahl, *Wakefield, NE.*

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Webster: Ron & Janie Harman, Amy, Amber & Annette Hartman, *Blue Hill, NE*;
Harland & Mildred Siebrass, *Blue Hill, NE*; Joseph & Frances Brockman, Caroline
Brockman, *Lawrence, NE*.

Wheeler: Bumgardner Ranch, Louise Lane, *Limon, CO*.

York: Stanley Lou Boehr, *Henderson, NE*; Christiansen Family LLP., Larry & Julie
Christiansen, *Queen Creek, AZ*; Mildred Reetz, *Benedict, NE*.

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