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## **AKSARBEN announces 2017 Nebraska Pioneer Farm and Heritage Farm Awards.**

*Grand Island, Neb. (October 25, 2017)* – The AKSARBEN Foundation, along with the Nebraska Farm Bureau and the Nebraska Association of Fair Managers, honored 135 honorees for the 2017 Nebraska Pioneer Farm and Nebraska Heritage Farm Awards. The awards recognize Nebraska farm families who have consecutively held ownership of land in the same family for at least a 100 years (Pioneer) or 150 years (Heritage), respectively.

Since its inception in 1956, nearly 9,000 farm families statewide have received the Nebraska Pioneer Farm Award. The Nebraska Heritage Farm Award, established in 2014, has been awarded to 49 farm families. “AKSARBEN Foundation is proud to recognize the long-standing dedication these farm families have to agriculture and their commitment to Nebraska,” Kevin Kock, executive director of agricultural initiatives said.

“Nebraska Farm Bureau is proud to help sponsor the 2017 Pioneer and Heritage Farm Awards. As Nebraska Farm Bureau celebrates its Centennial year, we share in the pride of those reaching a milestone of 100 and 150 years of land ownership by one family. Nebraska Farm Bureau’s heritage and continuous mission is to serve Nebraska farm and ranch families, and these awards recognize the commitment to preserve and build Nebraska Agriculture for future generations,” Steve Nelson, president of Nebraska Farm Bureau said.

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.

Recipients by county include:

<b>HERITAGE AWARDS for 150 years</b>			<b>Hometown</b>
1	<b>Buffalo</b>	Craig and Julene Nutter	Gibbon, NE
2	<b>Cedar</b>	David L and Annette Sudbeck	Coleridge, NE
3		Donald J and Gloria Sudbeck	Omaha, NE
4	<b>Dakota</b>	D and D Kramper, LLC Leo D Kramper Vincent J and Dorothy A Kramper	Dakota City, NE
5	<b>Dodge</b>	LaVon V Hansen	Fremont, NE
6		Carrie Kiger/Jennie Franke/Sarah Frost	Fremont, NE
7	<b>Lancaster</b>	Elmer E/Ronald L and Lori A States	Ceresco, NE
8	<b>Nemaha</b>	John and Sara Gilbert	Johnson, NE
9		Ervin and Marilyn Gobber	Humboldt, NE
10		Doloris Haack Bohling	Auburn, NE
11		Craig and Gina Rieken	Johnson, NE
12		Deborah Robb Twombly Christina Robb Victoria Robb McGoldrick	Exeter, NE
13	<b>Otoe</b>	Wade and Sue Schlichtemeier-Nutzman	Nehawka, NE
14		Reinhold and Mary E Teten	Talmage, NE
15	<b>Richardson</b>	Jerry Nemechek/Jesse Joe Nemechek	Humboldt, NE
16	<b>Seward</b>	Nancy Patrick/Donna Settle/Lori Tiemann	Seward, NE
<b>PIONEER AWARDS for 100 years</b>			<b>Hometown</b>
1	<b>Adams</b>	Vicki L Weseman	Juniata, NE
2	<b>Antelope</b>	Helen J and Arthur R Tanderup	Neligh, NE
3		James T and Mary J Baum	Elgin, NE
4	<b>Boone</b>	Jeffery and Janet Temme	Petersburg, NE
5	<b>Box Butte</b>	Larry and Debra Bauer	Alliance, NE

6	<b>Brown</b>	Klyda J Steele	Lincoln, NE
7		Lester Stufft	Ainsworth, NE
8	<b>Buffalo</b>	Kurt and Cheryl Escritt	Pleasanton, NE
9	<b>Buffalo</b>	Dean and Lana Gosch	Amherst, NE
10		Charles and Kay Kreutzer	Kearney, NE
11	<b>Burt</b>	Bob, Tom, John, & Joe Redding Mary Redding-Pearson	Oakland, NE
12	<b>Butler</b>	Richard J and Mary Ann Kubik	Prague, NE
13	<b>Cass</b>	Alan and Denise Horn	Weeping Water, NE
14		John and Karen Tschirren	Plattsmouth, NE
15	<b>Cedar</b>	Peter J and Elizabeth Kleinschmit	Hartington, NE
16	<b>Clay</b>	David and Ann Kauk	Saronville, NE
17		Stanley R Koehler	Harvard, NE
18		LaVerne and Shirley Yost	Harvard, NE
19	<b>Colfax</b>	Richard M and Susan K Eikmeier	Dodge, NE
20		Sandra M Horn-Goul	Mesa, AZ
21		Roger C Nelson	Omaha, NE
22		Joe & Bill Sindelar/Cedar Hill Cattle Co	Howells, NE
23	<b>Cuming</b>	Wayne Hansen/JAAMS Land, LLC	Pender, NE
24	<b>Custer</b>	Delores E Kowalewski Trust	Kearney, NE
25		Roger and Sandra Stockall	Hershey, NE
26	<b>Dakota</b>	Todd and Dianne Titze/OMPFarm, LLC	Omaha, NE
27	<b>Dawes</b>	Jimmy D and Sandra Heesacker Delila and Mike Bartels	Hay Springs, NE
28	<b>Deuel</b>	Helen R Stanley	Big Springs, NE
29	<b>Dixon</b>	Verl D and Carolyn Carlson	Johnstown, CO
30	<b>Dodge</b>	Ken and Patricia Beebe	North Bend, NE
31		Ralph B Diffey	North Bend, NE

32		Carrie Kiger/Jennie Franke/Sarah Frost	Fremont, NE
33	<b>Dundy</b>	Teddy E and Maureen Behlke	Benkelman, NE
34	<b>Fillmore</b>	Thomas D and Jodene R Lovegrove	Fairmont, NE
35		Donald F Nun	Geneva, NE
36	<b>Fillmore</b>	Larry and Darcy Nun	Geneva, NE
37		Russel W Nun	Westminster, CO
38		Daniel J and JoAnn Vavra	Friend, NE
39		Janet Wolfeich/James Krejci	Ohiowa, NE
40		Ernest Becwar Family Trust	Lincoln, NE
41	<b>Frontier</b>	Danny L Easterday	Eustis, NE
42		Rod and Sharon Jack	Eustis, NE
43	<b>Furnas</b>	Phyllis Arlene Patsios	Kearney, NE
44	<b>Gage</b>	Larry and Debbie Husa	Liberty, NE
45		Orville Meyer	Beatrice, NE
46	<b>Gosper</b>	Randall D and DeeAnn Hock	Bertrand, NE
47	<b>Hayes</b>	Paul and Delores Orman	Maywood, NE
48	<b>Holt</b>	Irene L Cleary Trust	O'Neill, NE
49		Robert G/Patrick K/Donna H Cole	Emmet, NE
50		Richard D Kallhoff	Ewing, NE
51		Daniel and Brenda Pinkerman	Lynch, NE
52	<b>Howard</b>	Robert and Betty Dvorak	Saint Paul, NE
53	<b>Jefferson</b>	Neal and Kay Onnen	Fairbury, NE
54		Mitch and Alisa Pesek	Swanton, NE
55		Lloyd D Rippe	Diller, NE
56		David L Schnuelle	Jansen, NE
57		Roger and Judith Schoenrock	Fairbury, NE
58		Emery Dale and Marilyn Shinn	Fairbury, NE

59	<b>Johnson</b>	Dean and Judy Bausch Don and Diane Bausch Charles Bausch Jerald and Eileen Bausch Jeanette & Wayne Zimmerman Nancy Tennant	Pawnee City, NE
60	<b>Kearney</b>	Lee H Mills	Minden, NE
61		Charlene Villars	Minden, NE
62	<b>Keith</b>	Robert D and F Joan Nelson/Ro-Jon, Inc	Ogallala, NE
63	<b>Keya Paha</b>	Orrin and Joan Thiede	Springview, NE
64	<b>Kimball</b>	Clinton Cornils	Bushnell, NE
65		Engstrom Farms, Inc	Kimball, NE
66	<b>Knox</b>	Kelly R Friedrichsen	Bloomfield, NE
67		James and Jody Fuchtman	Creighton, NE
68		Frederic A Voss Debby C Berger Dotty A Dalton William C Voss	Bloomfield, NE
69		Keith R and Debra S Zuhlke	Creighton, NE
70	<b>Lancaster</b>	LeRoy F Busboom	Lincoln, NE
71		Janis Walvoord	Hickman, NE
72	<b>Loup</b>	Richard Hodson Carolyn Cone Sally Hart Wild Rose LLC	Taylor, NE
73	<b>Madison</b>	Land and Rhonda Collins	Meadow Grove, NE
74		William L and Gloria J Hatterman	Tilden, NE
75	<b>Merrick</b>	John L and Marcia R Campbell	Lincoln, NE
76		John E Kellogg	Palmer, NE
77	<b>Nance</b>	Sharon K Czarnick	Genoa, NE
78		Dennis and Lynda McCoig	Fullerton, NE
79	<b>Nemaha</b>	Erma Brewer	Auburn, NE

80		Herbert and Joan Lash	Brownville, NE
81	<b>Otoe</b>	Ken Reese/Reese Properties, LLC	Nebraska City, NE
82	<b>Perkins</b>	Thomas L and Janet L Kraus	Madrid, NE
83		Keith and Doris Olsen	Grant, NE
84	<b>Phelps</b>	Gloria J Egger/Nancy L Osterbuhr	Minden, NE
85	<b>Polk</b>	James D Carlson/C.R. C., Inc	Silver Creek, NE
86	<b>Red Willow</b>	Liana M Martin Living Trust	Indianola, NE
87	<b>Richardson</b>	Myron W Leech	Humboldt, NE
88		Dahlke Agricultural Trust	Humboldt, NE
89	<b>Saline</b>	Gary G and Georgiann Gerner	Crete, NE
90		Edward D Kasl	Omaha, NE
91	<b>Saline</b>	Russell D Korinek	Wilber, NE
92		Donald B Kunc/James Pine	Crete, NE
93		Daniel C Pavlish	Crete, NE
94		Norman F and Karen Sokolik	Dorchester, NE
95		Daniel J and Joann Vavra	Friend, NE
96		Roesler Farms Inc	Tobias, NE
97	<b>Sarpy</b>	Gene AStoltenberg	Papillion, NE
98	<b>Saunders</b>	Gary and Rose Odvody	Cibolo, TX
99		David L and Sulene D Prochaska	Prague, NE
100		Charles and Fred Proskovec	Malmo, NE
101		Kenneth L Storm	Yutan, NE
102	<b>Scotts Bluff</b>	Terry and Stacey Butcher	Morrill, NE
103	<b>Seward</b>	Becky J Baker	Seward, NE
104		James W Eberspacher	Seward, NE
105		Norman Nick Eberspacher ETAL	Seward, NE
106		Cindy Lou Riley	Seward, NE

107	<b>Sherman</b>	Kirk and Debra Stocker	Kearney, NE
108	<b>Thayer</b>	Kenneth and Julie Effenbeck	Deshler, NE
109		Gene S and Kathleen M Heidemann	Daykin, NE
110		Wayne H and Jeanette A Krenke	Hardy, NE
111		Janet Werner Malpert/Ronald R Werner	Lindsborg, KS
112	<b>Valley</b>	Dennis and Kim Radil	Comstock, NE
113	<b>Washington</b>	Rosalyn Vogt	Arlington, NE
114	<b>Webster</b>	Julene J Degener	Blue Hill, NE
115		Merlyn and Hilda Meyer	Campbell, NE
116	<b>Wheeler</b>	Larry and Nancy Shavlik	Bartlett, NE
117	<b>York</b>	Donna Rae Baller	Oakland, IA
118		Dale and Janet Olson	Albion, NE
119		Scamehorn Land Company, LLC	Longmont, CO

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