

The Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben and the Nebraska Fair Managers Association announced the 156 honorees for the 2009 Pioneer Farm Family Awards in June. 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 Roger Tjaden family of Madrid was included in the families selected for this honor.