

## **Gustafson Selected as 2002 UNL ARDC Employee of the Year**

Near Mead, NE – For the first time ever, the ARDC selected a recipient to receive the Employee of the Year award in 2002. The award is sponsored by the ARDC/Saunders County Extension Social Committee. The candidates were nominated by fellow employees and scoring forms were then submitted by supervisors, employees and the social committee.

Doug Gustafson, supervisor of the Farm Operations unit, was selected by fellow employees to receive the ARDC Employee of the Year award. Also recognized were the two other nominees, Caryl Carstensen of the Swine Research Area and Ed Booth of Facilities Operations.

Nominations submitted for Gustafson stated: he is always positive and sets a high standard for others to follow; always gets the job done and takes pride in his work and encourages his employees to do the same; is a great asset to not only the farm operations, but also the ARDC and contributes in some way to all projects with the farm crew and many outside of the operation; is wise with wisdom and knows how to treat people with respect; will never tell another employee to do a job that he wouldn't do himself; and is not only a great employee, but a great person as well.

In addition to receiving a plaque, Gustafson was also honored with prizes solicited and organized by the Social Committee. This includes: passes to the Champions Club; \$100 courtesy of Cedar Ridge Spraying Service, Lindy Glass & Precision Crop Consulting; Henry Doorly Zoo tickets; golfing at the Hilltop Country Club at Wahoo; \$25 Gift Certificate to Todd Valley Farms; and recognition on a plaque to be displayed indefinitely at the ARDC Research and Education Building.

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