

# "Agriculturalist of the Year"

## *- Selection Procedure -*

### **CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS**

1. Candidates must be, or have been, active in agriculture or agribusiness and has been or is a Ransom County resident.
2. Candidate must be, or have shown, an interest in resource conservation.
3. Candidate must be, or have been, active in community and/or civic organizations.
4. Candidate must be living.
5. Recipient can be male or female.
6. Award shall be lifetime.

### **SELECTION PROCEDURES**

1. Nominations shall be in written form, contain a brief history of a nominee, and kept in a permanent file at the Lisbon AgCountry Farm Credit Services office.
2. Nomination must be made by February 1 of each year. Nominations can be mailed to AgCountry Farm Credit Services, the county agent, or any of the Crop and Livestock Directors.
3. Selection Committee shall be made up of: 1 - AgCountry Farm Credit Representative; 1 - Crop and Livestock Association Representative; 4 - Ransom County Bank Representatives: 1 - former award recipient; and 1 - appointed by the chairman of the Crop and Livestock Association. Committee shall research and screen biographies as necessary.
4. An AgCountry Farm Credit Services representative will call selection committee meetings and coordinate the selection process.
5. Confidentiality will be maintained until the award recipient is announced at the annual banquet. Family discretion can be used in telling recipient of his/her selection.
6. Recipient will be honored at the annual banquet to be held the third Tuesday in March of each year.
7. Award shall consist of a plaque to the winner, a permanent picture to be hung in the county agent's office and the AgCountry office. Each bank will also receive a picture.
8. Pictures used at banks will be returned to the family when the new recipient is selected.
9. An Honor roll plaque is maintained for award winners.
10. Cost of the awards program has been shared by AgCountry Farm Credit Service, Bremer Bank, Citizens State Bank, First National Bank, and US Bank.
11. Past recipients are honored at each annual banquet.