

# From the Director



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Saturday, September 22, was observed on the North Dakota State University campus as Agricultural Recognition Day.

The idea for this event originated last spring with NDSU President L. D. Loftsgard and was presented to Dr. K. A. Gilles, Vice President for Agriculture, and Jerry Lingen, Executive Vice President of the NDSU Alumni Association. Subsequently, the idea was developed into a plan, and the plan into a day of activity. Co-sponsors of the event were North Dakota State University and the North Dakota State University Alumni Association.

With the assistance of the North Dakota regional chapters of the NDSU Alumni Association and the County Extension Agents, a list of 81 names was developed representing every county in North Dakota. The individuals were designated as persons known in their respective communities for leadership and accomplishments with respect to agriculture and agriculturally-related community activities.

In August, President Loftsgard sent written invitations to each person and his wife to be guests of NDSU and the NDSU Alumni Association for an afternoon tour of the campus physical facilities, an evening buffet dinner, and a Bison football game. A memento in the form of a framed Certificate of Award was presented to each guest during the dinner program.

Success of the event may be measured by the nearly total attendance by all of those invited. Additionally, others interested in attending purchased buffet dinner tickets. The total number served was more than 350, nearing the capacity of the Memorial Union Ballroom for such events.

No attempt was made to single out any one person for special consideration. Rather, the invited guests were recognized as a group and as being representative of the thousands of men and women who make up the fiber of North Dakota's strength in agriculture.

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