



News Release

800 N.E. 63rd, Oklahoma City, OK 73105
(405) 521-2796 or fax: (405) 848-0372

www.wheat.state.ok.us

e-mail: okwheat@wheat.state.ok.us

For Immediate Release
Sept. 10, 2008

Contact: KC Kinder, Director of Communications
(405) 608-4350

UPPER RED FORKS INNOVATIONS' DAVID BUSS RECEIVES STAFF OF LIFE AWARD

OKLAHOMA CITY – Oklahoma Wheat Commission board and staff presented the Oklahoma Wheat Commission's "Staff of Life" award to Upper Red Fork Innovations' co-founder and co-owner David Buss at their May election meeting in Kingfisher. Buss, a farmer and rancher from Hunter, Okla., was honored for his exceptional leadership and service to the Oklahoma wheat industry.

Buss has been farming and ranching in Garfield County the majority of his life. In addition to raising wheat, he also raises alfalfa, raises stocker cattle and sheep, which lamb twice a year. Buss and his family, wife Tami, daughter Kearstin and sons Tucker and Bo, created Grandma Opal's Cookies in 2003 under their Upper Red Fork Innovations name. Named in honor of Tami's grandmother Opal, the cookies are made from 100 percent Hard Red Winter Wheat.

Buss is a member of the Lutheran Church of Breckinridge and the Pond Creek- Hunter Young Farmers Association. He received his American Farmers Degree in 1985 and his Bachelor of Science in Animal Science from Oklahoma State University in 1988.

Grandma Opal's cookies are a pre-made, ready to bake cookies that come in chocolate chip and oatmeal raisin. They can be found at the United Supermarkets, Enid and Cherokee; the Native Roots Market, Norman; Bruner's Old Time Meat Market, Tulsa; and through the Oklahoma Food Co-op, Oklahoma City.

The Oklahoma Wheat Commission works to promote greater utilization of wheat in both domestic and international markets through research, market development and public education. Five wheat producers representing designated districts across the state serve as the Oklahoma Wheat Commission's board of directors. Current officers are Jeff Krehbiel, chairman, Hydro; Don Schieber, vice chairman, Ponca City; Keith Kisling, secretary-treasurer; Tom Stephens, member, Guymon; and Tom Glazier, member, Loyal.



Oklahoma Wheat Commission past Chairman, Tom Glazier, left, presents David Buss of Upper Red Fork Innovations with the Staff of Life Award for their Grandma Opal's Cookies.