

Donald G. Levis Honored with 2008 ASAS Fellow Award—Extension Category



Savoy, IL—Donald G. Levis has been awarded the 2008 ASAS Fellow Award—Extension Category sponsored by ASAS. Levis was bestowed the award on July 8, 2008, in Indianapolis, Indiana, at the ASAS awards ceremony as a part of the society's annual meetings.

Donald G. Levis, professor of animal science and extension swine specialist at the University of Nebraska-Haskell Agricultural Laboratory, was reared on a livestock and grain farm near Allerton, Iowa. He received his BS (1971) from Northeast Missouri State University, his MS (1972) from Northwest Missouri State University, and his PhD (1976) from South Dakota State University and has worked as an extension swine specialist at North Carolina State University, the University of Nebraska, and The Ohio State University.

For 32 years, Levis has developed innovative recommendations and cutting-edge educational programs for the pork industry in the United States and worldwide (13 foreign countries). These efforts have focused on the design and management of breeding-gestation facilities; managing boars, sows, and gilts for reproductive efficiency; and the implementation and use of artificial insemination. He designed a swine breeding facility that is known nationally and internationally as the Levis-Swine Breeding Facility. Levis has authored or co-authored 199 extension publications, five book chapters, 50 research publications, and several spreadsheets. He received the ASAS Extension Award in 1998. In 2005, National Hog Farmer magazine selected Levis as one of the top 50 people who has truly made a difference in the US pork industry during the last 50 years. In 2007, National Hog Farmer magazine selected Levis as the master's extension swine specialist.