

NAA Hall Of Fame Inductee To Facilitate Roundtable Session In Tunica

Dr. Dennis Gardisser Named To National Agriculture Aviation Hall Of Fame

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Dr. Dennis Gardisser, agriculture aviation industry leader, was inducted into the National Agriculture Aviation Hall of Fame on December 10, 2009. Gardisser was cited for his 30 years of contributions to agricultural aviation.

Gardisser said, "this is a wonderful, humbling and exciting event in my life. I will join 44 other inductees that have made truly significant contributions to agricultural aviation."

Gardisser was born and raised on a dairy farm in Arkansas. He is a United States Marine Corp veteran. Gardisser retired with over 30 years of agriculture service as Professor & Associate Department Head- University of Arkansas Biological & Agricultural Engineering.

Gardisser is currently president of WRK of Arkansas, which conducts agriculture chemical application research, testing, product development, drift evaluations, training seminars, fly-in-clinics, literature development and education. WRK of Arkansas specializes in all types of chemical application technology from a variety of platforms. Gardisser also works with tort litigation issues involving chemical applications.

Gardisser currently serves on the following committees: Professional Aerial Applicator Support System (PAASS), Arkansas Council for Engineering and Related Services, and AAPCO (American Association of Pesticide Control Officials).

Gardisser will be facilitating a roundtable session titled, Ground And Aerial Application Strategies For Herbicide Drift Management at the 13th Annual National Conservation Systems Cotton & Rice Conference January 12-14, 2010.

The Agricultural Aviation Hall of Fame is housed at the Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum and National Agricultural Aviation Museum in Jackson, MS. Δ

GARDISSER'S 30 YEARS OF AGRICULTURE EXPERIENCE HAS EARNED HIM MANY AWARDS.

Arkansas Association of Cooperative Extension Specialist-Faculty Service Award 2008

Pesticide Stewardship Alliance-Program Excellence (PAASS & S.A.F.E) 2008

Arkansas Aviation Hall of Fame 2007

FAAST Aviation Safety Counselor of the Year, Arkansas 2008

CFI (Certified Flight Instructor) of the Year- Arkansas 2008

William O. Marsh Safety Award, NAAA, 2005

Lee Abide Award, MS AAA, 2005

FAA Aviation Safety Counselor of the Year, Arkansas and Southwest Region, 2004

Biological & Agricultural Engineering Academy, Arkansas 2004

NAAA Falcon Club, 2003

ASAE Blue Ribbon Award- Education Aids: Fact Sheets, 2003

Outstanding Agricultural Engineer, Arkansas Section ASAE, 2001

Outstanding Education Award, Arkansas Agricultural Aviation Association 2001, 2002

University of Arkansas- John White Team Award, University of Arkansas Rice Processing Program, 2000

Outstanding Service & Honorary Associate Membership, Missouri Agricultural Aviation Association, 2000, 2002-present

Agrinaut Award, National Agricultural Aviation Association, 1999

Service Award, Professional Applicator Institute, Agricultural Retailers Association, 1998

Outstanding Service Arkansas Section ASAE- 1998

Outstanding Service, Missouri Agricultural Aviation Association 1996

Lifetime member- Arkansas Agricultural Aviation Association 1995

Meritorious Service- Arkansas Agricultural Aviation Association 1994

Delta Air Corporation "Puffer" Award- for outstanding achievement in the design of agricultural aircraft and equipment, National Agricultural Aviation Association 1993

Outstanding Specialist of the Year- Arkansas Association of Cooperative Extension Specialists, 1989

Outstanding Service- Arkansas Agricultural Aviation Association, 1988, 1990, 1993

Outstanding Young Agricultural Engineer- Southwest Region-American Society of Agricultural Engineers, 1987



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