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Back row from left: John Mathew, Jim Rempe, Aaron Harries, John Khoury. Front row: Lloyd Rooney, Dale Rodman, Bill Pursley. Fred Merrill was not present.

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The Department of Grain Science and Industry recognized eight distinguished individuals at its spring luncheon.

Outstanding Service Awards were presented to Aaron Harries, John Khoury, John Mathew, and Jim Rempe. Outstanding Alumni Awards went to Fred Merrill, Bill Pursley, Dale Rodman, and Lloyd Rooney.

Harries (BS '95 agricultural journalism), Manhattan, is the marketing director for the Kansas Wheat Commission and the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers.

Khoury (BS '90 bakery science and management), Lenexa, serves as president and co-owner of Custom Foods, Inc., in DeSoto, which manufactures frozen dough products distributed throughout North America.

Mathew (PhD '96 grain science) is the principal scientist at Frito-Lay R&D in Plano, Texas, where he has been recognized for developing several trade secrets and nine patents. He helped establish recruiting programs for graduate students at K-State for Frito-Lay

R&D and undergraduate students at the Topeka manufacturing site.

Rempe (BS '61 feed science and management), McPherson, held management positions in the feed industry for 36 years. He retired from Cargill Inc., in 1997.

Merrill (BS '49 milling science and management), Mission, was head of Archer Daniels Midland before founding his own milling business Cereal Food Processors.

Pursley (MS '75 grain science), Manhattan, is the vice president of food safety education for the American Institute of Baking International.

Rodman (BS '63 feed science and management) worked for Cargill Inc., for 37 years. He served as a board member of the Kansas Agricultural Value-Added Center, a precursor to the current Bioprocessing and Value-Added Program. In January 2011, he was appointed secretary of the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

Rooney (BS '61 feed science and management, PhD '66 grain science) is a regents professor and faculty fellow at Texas A&M University.