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California State Fair Honors 2009 Agricultural Heritage Club Inductees

California Farms, Ranches, Organizations and Agribusinesses honored with prestigious award.

SACRAMENTO – The California Exposition & State Fair announced today the 2009 Inductees into the California Agricultural Heritage Club. Sixteen agricultural entities were honored with this prestigious award during the Agricultural Heritage Club ceremony and brunch on Wednesday, September 2.

Membership in the California Agricultural Heritage Club is a prestigious award, honoring California farms, ranches, organizations and agribusinesses that have maintained a financial responsibility in the state for at least one full century. Farmers, ranchers, equipment dealers, accountants, irrigation districts, trade organizations, institutions of education, affiliate businesses that support the community of agriculture, custom farmers and all other professionals involved in the California agriculture trade are encouraged to apply. All applicants are required to submit a completed application and documentation providing proof of ownership over the last 100 years.

The event is sponsored by the California Farm Bureau Federation, the California Farmer, UC Davis Cal Aggie Alumni Association, California Chamber of Commerce and the California Milk Advisory Board. Congratulations to the following 2009 California Agricultural Heritage Club inductees:

100 Year Inductees:

College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences;
California Polytechnic State University, est. 1901
San Luis Obispo County

Chenoweth Ranch, est. 1899
Sonoma County

J.S. West & Companies, est. 1909
Stanislaus/ Merced County

Maulhardt Associates, est. 1886
Ventura County

South San Joaquin Irrigation District, est. 1909
San Joaquin County

Tulare Irrigation District, est. 1889
Tulare County

Vanoni Ranch, est. 1903
Sonoma County

125 Years or More of Continuous Operation Inductees:

*Alder Creek Ranch, La Boheme Vineyards, est. 1883
Sonoma County

*Cooper Ranch, est. 1882
Yolo County

*Faye Neibaur Hutchinson Ranch, est. 1866
Placer County

*Fleming Ranch, est. 1875
Fresno County

*Green Valley Ranch, est. 1878
Napa/Solano County

*Harley Hutchinson Ranch, est. 1864
Placer County

*Kenneth Hutchinson Ranch, est. 1864
Placer County

The Marshall Ranch, est. 1880
Humboldt County

*Martial Cottle Park (Cottle Ranch), est. 1864
Santa Clara County

*Martin Jefferson & Sons, est. 1863
Monterey County

*Riley Ranch, est. 1874
Calaveras County

** Also a 100 year inductee.*

150 Years or More of Continuous Operation Inductees:

Brownell-Steuben Ranch, est. 1859
Glenn County

**** Jack Tone Ranch, est. 1849
San Joaquin County**

****Quick's Ben Hur Ranch, est. 1859
Mariposa County**

*** Also recognized for 125 years of continuous operations.*

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