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Napa County Farm Bureau honors George Gamble Outstanding 2009 Agriculturist of the Year on July 17th

NAPA, CA - July 09, 2009, esteemed cattle rancher George Gamble will be honored as Napa County Farm Bureau's Outstanding Agriculturist of the Year at their 96th annual dinner meeting on July 17th at Charles Krug winery. Farm Bureau recognizes Mr. Gamble for his dedication to agricultural preservation and habitat enhancements in Napa County.

Peter Nissen, Napa County Farm Bureau President, says, "George has been a leader in the preservation of open space, and the maintenance of wildlife habitat. George pioneered environmental enhancements and remediation for farm and rangeland long before such work was generally accepted."

By example, George successfully developed in his heirs a love for family farming and a strong land stewardship ethic.

For over 50 years, George has led efforts to protect Napa agriculture and enhance the land. He has personally sacrificed so that the lands his father acquired in the first half of the 20th century could remain agriculturally productive well into the 21st century. This benefits future generations of his family and society through the continuation of farming, the preservation of open space, and the maintenance of wildlife habitat.

More than five decades ago, George and his brother left their studies at UC Davis to take over their ailing father's farms and ranches in three counties totaling over 17,000 acres.

Over the years, he successfully adapted several times to producing different farm products as economic times changed. He built a "reputation" cattle herd the product of which could be sold sight unseen.

His dedication to the preservation of agricultural land and enhancement of habitats continues to this day. George has eschewed opportunities for subdivision and non-agricultural property development in exchange for the right to farm and the protection of open space.

Mr. Gamble will be presented with a Congressional commendation from Congressman Mike Thompson's office and will also receive a California Legislative resolution from Assemblywoman Noreen Evans and State Senator Pat Wiggins.

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About the Napa County Farm Bureau

NCFB is a voluntary, non-profit, non-governmental organization whose basic goal is to ensure the proper political, economic, environmental and social climate for the continuation of agriculture. Napa County's strong agricultural heritage has contributed significantly to this state's economy. Today, NCFB strives to preserve land for agriculture, and creates policies and programs that allow us to maintain a high quality of life in Napa County.