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Napa County farmers honored for safety records

Four Napa County farmers are among the winners of the annual Farm Bureau State Fund Group Insurance Program's safety-award program. Napa County's award recipients are: **Jeanne Frediani, Mayacamas Vineyards, Robledo Vineyard Management and Universal Capital Corporation.**

The annual safety awards program is conducted jointly by State Fund, the California Farm Bureau Federation and the CFBF Rural Health and Safety Committee. Policyholders with premiums of \$20,000 and above were eligible for the awards. The 311 winners, who are all Farm Bureau State Fund Group Insurance Program participants, had 0 percent loss ratios on their farming operations. The announcement was made during National Farm Safety Week—Sept. 20-26.

Jim Lincoln, Napa County Farm Bureau's President applauds the achievement of the four companies and emphasizes that "These honorees are examples of successful farmers who recognize the importance of making farms and ranches safe places to live and work. Declining accident rates underscore the effectiveness of diligent safety training and awareness."

"These recipients are the best of the best—farmers and ranchers who devote extra time and attention to safe agricultural practices—and we are proud to honor them," said Danielle Rau, California Farm Bureau Federation Rural Health and Safety Program director.

Since 1943, the California Farm Bureau and State Fund partnership has provided farmers affordable worker compensation insurance coverage and accident prevention training for agricultural employers and their employees. For more information, call toll-free at (800) 773-7667, or check the SCIF Web site at www.scif.com.

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. 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.

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