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Six Northern California Women in Agriculture to be Honored at 7th Annual Common Threads Awards Luncheon

Six northern California women who have made extraordinary contributions to agriculture and their communities have been selected as recipients of the 2010 Common Threads Award. They will be honored during a special luncheon and award ceremony at UC Davis on March 31.

The award recipients include **Judy Ahmann**, Napa (Napa County); **Jean Barton**, Red Bluff (Tehama County); **Sharon Gore**, Durham (Butte County); **Onalee Lowes Koster**, Tracy (San Joaquin County); **Terryann Tanaka Paoletti**, Stockton (San Joaquin County); and **Nancy Rupp Tibbitts** (posthumous), Davis (Yolo County).

All of the honorees have past or present roots in agriculture and have shown outstanding involvement in the agricultural industry for many years. They have also made a positive difference by actively giving back to their communities and through philanthropic endeavors.

Clare Hasler, executive director of the Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science, will serve as mistress of ceremonies.

The event will be held at the ARC Ballroom at UC Davis. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by the luncheon and award ceremony from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 each; \$50 at the door. A table for eight is \$320. For tickets or other event information, contact Nicole Bell, California Agricultural Leadership Foundation, at nbell@agleaders.org or (916) 928-2202.

Common Threads is co-sponsored by the California Agricultural Leadership Foundation, the UC Davis College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, California Women for Agriculture and various county farm bureaus.

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**Media are invited to the event. To request an interview
with an honoree or a photo, see media contact above.**