

The  
**2009 Outstanding Breeder Award**

sponsored by Ukiah Taco Bell and McAsey Farms

This award is dedicated to Chuck Ream, a prestigious livestock breeder in Mendocino County. Chuck is known for his continuous support of youth projects at the local, state and national levels. He has served as a 4H leader, FFA advisor and as Youth Advisor for the California Suffolk and Hampshire Sheep Association and the National Junior Suffolk Sheep Association. Through his mentoring, many young individuals have succeeded in the livestock field as breeders, ag instructors, livestock judges and 4H leaders. It is because of his vision of the importance of youth in agriculture that we choose to honor Mr. Ream.

One junior exhibitor will be named the 2009 Outstanding Breeder at the Mendocino County Fair and awarded a silver buckle and, new this year, \$1000 cash. All FFA, 4H and independent junior producers who have livestock breeding projects in beef, dairy, swine, sheep, goats, rabbits or poultry are eligible. Previous winners may not re-apply. Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- must be a Mendocino County resident
- must be in high school and eligible to show as a Junior Exhibitor at the Mendocino County Fair
- have been developing their own breeding program for a minimum of two years
- submit completed application by August 28, 2009

Each exhibitor will be expected to give the panel a tour of their project. The judges will select the 2009 Outstanding Breeder according to the size and scope of the project as well as the presentation of the applicant. The top-finishing applicants will be contacted in the first week of September to arrange a visit from a panel of judges. A standard to be used by the judges will be available at [www.rainbowag.com](http://www.rainbowag.com).

The winner will be announced at the Exhibitor's Dinner on Saturday night of the Mendocino County Fair in Boonville, CA.

All rules are subject to change and are under the express interpretation of the judging committee. Monetary awards can be split at the discretion of the judges. Their decisions are authoritative and final.

Past Recipients:

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| 2004 | Michael Zeni   | Anderson Valley FFA | Swine                |
| 2005 | Amanda Lucier  | Willits FFA         | Rabbits, Cavy, Swine |
| 2006 | Melinda McAsey | Ukiah FFA           | Sheep                |
| 2007 | Jenna Berry    | Long Valley 4H      | Swine                |
| 2008 | Hannah Foster  | Potter Valley FFA   | Sheep                |