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**San Joaquin Valley women to be honored at 12th Annual Common
Threads Awards Program**

Six women representing Fresno, Kings, Merced and Tulare counties have been selected as the 2008 honorees for the Common Threads Award, which recognizes women from the San Joaquin Valley for their agricultural, philanthropic and community service.

The Common Threads Award recipients for 2008 are:

Rose Marie Burroughs, of Denair, Stanislaus County; **Linda Glassman**, of Fresno, Fresno County; **Marlene Miyasaki**, of Fowler, Fresno County; **Isabel Avila**, of Lemoore, Kings County; **Teresa Evangelo**, of Hanford, Kings County; and **Irene Bly**, of Ivanhoe, Tulare County.

These six Valley women have strong agricultural backgrounds and are active participants in their counties through philanthropic endeavors and community service.

The honorees will be recognized at a special luncheon on Friday, April 18 at the Residence Dining Hall at California State University, Fresno. An educational workshop on planned giving and philanthropy will kick off the morning's events in the University Student Union at 9 a.m. with special guest speaker, David O'Connor, of Mill Valley, retired president of Merle Norman Cosmetics, who will share his observations and insight about volunteer service and philanthropic giving.

The 12th Annual Common Threads luncheon will begin at 11:15 a.m. and will feature award-winning Fresno State wines, a raffle and the Common Threads Award presentation. Tickets are \$35 prior to April 4; \$50 per person after the deadline. Space is limited. Net proceeds raised from the luncheon go to the California Agricultural Leadership Foundation (Ag Leadership), Ag One Foundation and charities of the honorees' choice.

Common Threads is a collaborative effort of Ag Leadership, California State University, Fresno's College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, and Fresno State's Ag One Foundation. For ticket information or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Amy Christensen Wolfe at Ag Leadership, (916) 928-2249; or Christy Melvold at Ag One, (559) 278-4266.

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