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## **Ag Against Hunger's Annual Ag Woman of the Year Event to be Held June 4**

Salinas, CA – Ag Against Hunger will recognize a woman who has contributed significantly to the success of the tri-county agricultural industry at the thirteenth annual Ag Woman of the Year luncheon at Paraiso Vineyards in Soledad on Wednesday, June 4, 2008.

The Ag Woman of the Year award is a surprise to all guests including the recipient, who will be honored and recognized at the event. The Agricultural Woman of the Year award seeks to honor unique leadership qualities held by women working within our local agricultural industry. These qualities include a selfless spirit of engagement in promoting and celebrating agriculture with one's heart, mind and soul; and a perpetuation of the pioneering traditions and tenants of independence, integrity, and innovation from our agricultural history, for and with humanity.

This year's keynote speakers will be Ag Against Hunger's founders: Tim Driscoll of Valley Pride, Jess Brown of Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau and Willy Eliot-McCrae of Second Harvest of Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties.

Previous Ag Women of the Year include: Sharan Lanini (1994); Claudia Smith (1995); Karen Miller (1996); Susan Gill (1997); Betty Ichikawa (1998); Mary Hansen (1999); Elia Vasquez (2000); Connie Quinlan (2001); Kay Filice (2002); Dorothy Errea (2003); Nita Gizdich (2004); Mary Orradre (2005); Lorri Koster (2006); and Margaret D'Arrigo-Martin (2007).

Ag Against Hunger is a non-profit agency providing fresh donated produce to food banks in the tri-county of Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito counties, then statewide and out-of-state when the fresh produce needs of local food banks are satisfied. Since 1990, area growers and shippers have donated over 145 million pounds of fresh fruit and vegetables to help feed the hungry.

Reservations are \$50.00 per person and table sponsorships are available. For more information contact Ag Against Hunger at 831 755-1480.

### **Ag Against Hunger's Ag Woman of the Year Luncheon**

**What:** Fifteenth Annual Ag Women's Luncheon

**When:** June 4, 2008 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Where:** Paraiso Vineyards, 38060 Paraiso Springs Rd., Soledad, CA

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