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### **Association awards medals of honour**

Three long-serving Members of the NSW Farmers' Association have today been awarded the Association's highest honour.

Alstonville farmer John Rogers, Gooloogong farmer Janet Moxey and Hay farmer Duncan Fraser have each received a Medal of Honour on the first day of the 2009 Annual Conference.

NSW Farmers' Association President Jock Laurie says the recipients have each been recognised for their long-standing commitment to the ideals of the Association.

"These three recipients have each demonstrated their dedication to the agricultural industry and the Association, and I am very pleased to present such worthy recipients with Medal of Honour Awards," Mr Laurie said.

"I have had the great pleasure of serving with John Rogers on the Board of the Association," Mr Laurie said.

"John was first elected as an Association Director in 2003, and he continued to serve on the Board for a further five years. John has also held many other positions at the Association, including serving as Chair of Region 13 (North Coast) and the Horticulture Committee, and as a Member of the Agricultural Chemicals and Pesticides Implementation Committees, and the Biotechnology Taskforce.

"Similarly, I was also very proud to serve on the Board of the Association with Janet Moxey - the first female Vice-President in the Association's history," Mr Laurie said.

"Janet was elected to this position in 2006, having previously served as a Board Director and Chair of the Association's Dairy Committee. Janet continues to run Moxey Farms, a family owned and operated Dairy business in Gooloongong.

"Also awarded the Medal of Honour today is Duncan Fraser, whose involvement in the Association far predates my own," Mr Laurie said.

"Duncan was President and Secretary of the Association's Hay Branch for seven years before being elected onto the General Council of the Association.

"Since that time, Duncan has held positions on the Association's Meat and Livestock, Sheepmeats, Education, Conservation and Resource Management and Wool Committees and Industrial Sub-Committee. Duncan has also held positions with the NFF Industrial Committee, Wool Council of Australia, NSW Water Advisory Council, Farmsafe NSW, WoolProducers and the NSW Irrigators' Council. Duncan also served as Vice-President of the Association for two terms.

"Each of the Award recipients have made an outstanding contribution to our Association over many years, and today we would like to acknowledge this," Mr Laurie concluded.

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