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Council recognizes achievement

At its regular meeting Nov. 17, County council officially presented Sundre grain farmer Bob Mastin and his family with the 2008 Farm Family Award. The family was selected as Mountain View County's outstanding farm family at the Calgary Stampede earlier this year, one of 18 families from throughout southern Alberta to receive the distinction.

Mastin's company, Mastin Seeds, became the largest retailer of oats in Alberta in 1996. In addition, he developed a new type of barley, which he dubbed Sundre Barley, and is now being used both in this country and overseas.

"This is a great honour," said Mastin, accepting the award from council on behalf of his family.

"Going through the list of people that have received (the award) in the past, I felt quite honoured to be mentioned with those people. There has been some very deserving recipients in the past," he added.

"The Farm Family Award is something that the county takes much pride in, because we've got some stellar agriculturalists in our county," Reeve Kemmere told Mastin. "You've done a great amount of work to represent your county well. Congratulations on your own seed variety; that is no small task."



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MOUNTAIN VIEW'S FAMILY - Bob Mastin (centre left) of Sundre holds up his new farm gate sign he received after being one of 18 recipients of the Bank of Montreal Farm Family Awards on Monday July 7 at the Calgary Stampede. Mastin was nominated by Mountain View County Councillor Liz Negropontes (left) and brought his sister-in-law Carolyn Mastin (far right) and her husband Gary (centre right), along with their son Michael (centre), to celebrate with him.