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# Andrew Pursehouse eyes off prestigious award

**UPPER Namoi Cotton Grower of the Year Andrew Pursehouse is one of three growers in line for the prestigious Monsanto Grower of the Year Award to be announced at the Australian Cotton Industry Awards' night in Narrabri next Wednesday.**

Andrew Pursehouse said he considers cotton the most exciting and profitable crop to grow on his property and believes that the "high risk and high reward" crop is well worth the challenge.

He believes that Australian cotton is some of the highest quality cotton in the world, and through research, investment and the work of committed growers, the industry will continue to improve in the years to come.

Over 250 cotton industry guests will gather for the gala dinner in Narrabri which will see the industry honour its highest achievers and contributors.

To be hosted by one of Aus-

tralia's leading hypnotists, Steven Spellmaster, the awards will tell the stories of 12 finalists who have all made outstanding contributions to the industry.

The awards will be part of the industry's "Cotton Collective" that will see hundreds of cotton industry personnel gather in Narrabri for a three-day program of activities including Cotton Australia's free Cotton Matters Forum.

The 2009 Australian Cotton Industry Awards Finalists will be held in five categories: The Chris Lehmann Trust Young Achiever of the Year Award sponsored by Bayer CropScience, the AgriRisk Innovative Grower of the Year Award, Monsanto Grower of the Year Award, Cotton Seed Distributors Researcher of the Year Award and Cotton Service to Industry Award (there are no finalists for this award and the winner will be announced at the awards dinner on August 12.



*ANDREW Pursehouse, in line for the Monsanto Cotton Grower of the Year Award.*