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## **P R E S S   R E L E A S E**

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### ***TV Chef James Martin Does the Honours at Beautiful Farm Awards***

At the Beautiful Farm 2009/10 Awards hosted by Lord Palmer today at the House of Lords in London, Clough Bottom Farm, Clitheroe, was Highly commended for the North West.

In an area of outstanding natural beauty, Clough Bottom Farm dates back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century and is an organic beef farm which has diversified into holiday cottages, a tree and shrub nursery and organic beef boxes. The farm is run by the Backhouse family and conservation minded to minimise the impact on the environment. Part of the Countryside Stewardship Scheme and English Woodland Grant Scheme, wildlife corridors and ditches have been created, existing ponds restored, ancient woodlands maintained, new woodlands created and hedges reinstated.

Harry and Jane Backhouse see themselves as guardians of the countryside and believe Clough Bottom Farm is in balance with nature.

Harry and Jane Backhouse received the award from celebrity TV chef James Martin. James Martin has worked long and hard to promote pride in British fayre and produce and to promote the 'artisans' that supply the chef industry with good British food.

The overall winner and the UK's Beautiful Farm 2009/10 was awarded to Beal Farm, Berwick upon Tweed.

The Beautiful Farm Awards was hosted by Lord Palmer (a member of the EU Sub-committee for Environment and Agriculture) and is sponsored by New Holland Agriculture and organised by *Farm Business* magazine.

The awards were designed to highlight farms in the UK that demonstrate that a beautiful farm and a profitable farm business can go hand-in-hand. Successful farming in the UK provides the beautiful farm views that we know and love – it is this endeavour that puts crops in our fields, maintains our hedgerows, rivers and waterways, woodlands and hillsides. It is farming that puts the livestock in our fields and patchwork of land that is a pleasure to see. Farming in the UK invigorates the countryside and brings commerce to the rural environment. It encourages wildlife and wildflowers, bugs and butterflies. The Beautiful Farm awards are about farming in harmony with the environment. The 2009/10 winners are testament to what can be achieved to preserve and nurture this important balance.

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Harry and Jane Backhouse receive their award from James Martin



The Winners of the 2009/10 Beautiful Farm Awards on the Terrace at the House of Lords

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