



NOMINATION FAST FACTS

*2008 ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC AWARD NOMINEES

Please note, though the awards are presented in the calendar year 2009, honors are bestowed for works produced in 2008.

TOP NOMINEES:

- **Brad Paisley** leads with 6 nominations
 - **Heidi Newfield** receives 5 nominations
 - **Kenny Chesney, Jamey Johnson** and **George Strait** each receive 4 nominations
 - **Carrie Underwood** and **Keith Urban** each receive 3 nominations
 - **Trace Adkins, Brooks & Dunn, Little Big Town, Sugarland, James Otto, Jake Owen** and **Taylor Swift** each receive 2 nominations
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- If **Brooks & Dunn** win **Top Vocal Duo**, it will be their 14th consecutive win. They also have the highest wins of any nominee, with 26 awards.
 - If **Kenny Chesney** wins **Entertainer of the Year**, it will be his fifth consecutive win, which will tie **Alabama** for the most consecutive wins in this category.
 - This is the first time **Jamey Johnson** has been nominated as an artist. He previously won an Academy of Country Music Award in 2006 for Song of the Year for "Give It Away," which was recorded by George Strait.
 - This is **Reba McEntire's** eleventh year hosting the **Academy of Country Music Awards**. She is also nominated for **Vocal Event of the Year** for "Cowgirls Don't Cry" with Brooks & Dunn.
 - This is the first time five-time nominee **Heidi Newfield** has been nominated as a solo artist. Heidi Newfield previously won with Trick Pony in 2001 for Top New Group.
 - If **George Strait** wins **Entertainer of the Year**, it will be his 2nd win in that category, previously winning the award in 1989. Strait has also been named the Academy of Country Music's **Artist of the Decade** and will be honored in a television special to air later in the year on CBS.
 - If **Carrie Underwood** wins **Entertainer of the Year**, she will be only the 7th female to take award in the 39 years of that awards history. Previous winners are Loretta Lynn (1975), Dolly Parton (1977), Barbara Mandrell (1980), Reba McEntire (1994), Shania Twain (1999) and Dixie Chicks (2000).
 - First time Academy of Country Music Award nominees include: **Julianne Hough, James Otto, Joey & Rory, Randy Rogers Band, Ashton Shepherd, Zac Brown Band**.

