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Turlock, CA (April 13, 2017) – The Stanislaus County Fair is partnering with local classrooms to teach students about the importance of agriculture in the community.

The Stanislaus County Fair’s “School Involvement Program” sponsored by Turlock Chamber of Commerce Ag Committee, gives students an opportunity to work with the Fair and use their imagination through creativity. This year the focus is on farm animals.

Specifically developed curriculum kits will assist teachers with instructing students about the agricultural industry, farm animals and their importance to life. The kits include a book, activities for the students and a wood sawhorse for each classroom to create their unique “Farm Animal” project. Each class participating will have their projects entered and showcased at the 2017 Fair.

Activity kits will be available starting **Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** at the Fair’s Exhibit Office located at 900 N. Broadway, Turlock in Building E2. Kits may be picked up or turned in Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The deadline for projects to be turned in is **Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>** by **4 p.m.** Projects may be turned in before the deadline.

“Each class that participates will have their creative masterpieces displayed at the 2017 Stanislaus County Fair,” said Laura Moore, Exhibits Supervisor. “Cash prizes are awarded to classes whose creative “Farm Animals” projects are rated brilliant and exceptional by project judges.”

The 2017 Stanislaus County Fair opens Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup> for a 10-day run. Fair guests can count on an award-winning experience that has been over 106 years in the making. Discounted Fair admission tickets, unlimited ride wristbands, and the Fair season pass will be on sale beginning Saturday, April 29, 2017. Corporate ticket sales will also be available to purchase at a

highly-discounted rate. Visit the Fair's website for upcoming ticket sale information at [www.stancofair.com](http://www.stancofair.com).

The 2017 Fair will feature a spectacular children's area presented by Sky Trek Aviation. Also, planned for 2017 are 10-nights of free celebrity concerts included with Fair admission, a total of three stages of live entertainment, upwards of 30,000 local exhibits and over 1,750 animals. Metal-mashing motorsports and three nights of rodeo in the FoodMaxx Arena will also be featured.

To receive future Fair announcements follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/stancofair](https://facebook.com/stancofair). Also, follow us on Twitter and Instagram @stancofair.

The mission of the Stanislaus County Fair is to provide a family and community oriented experience promoting agriculture, entertainment and technology. For more information about the award-winning Stanislaus County Fair, visit [www.stancofair.com](http://www.stancofair.com).

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