



News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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NOTE TO NEWS PLANNERS and ASSIGNMENT EDITORS:

EVENT: Fresno County Farm and Nutrition Day 2009 for
third-grade students

DATE: Friday, March 20

TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

LOCATION: Fresno Fairgrounds, Butler and Chance avenues;
media entrance at Chance Ave. Gate

EVENT SPONSORS: Fresno County Farm Bureau, Fresno
County Office of Education and Big Fresno Fair

***A.M News Shows: We can be available for interviews during
set-up. Please call Liz Hudson at (559) 779-1569 to schedule.
Throughout the morning, many ag industry representatives will be
on-site to conduct interviews on various agricultural and nutritional
subjects. For a list of the presenters and sponsors, visit
www.fcfb.org.***

Fresno County Farm & Nutrition Day 2009 is March 20

"Planting a seed for the future...while growing a healthy community one at a time"

More than 2,100 third-grade students and more than 550 teachers and chaperones from throughout Fresno County will participate in the Fresno County Farm and Nutrition Day 2009 on Friday, March 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 1p.m. at the Fresno Fairgrounds, Butler and Chance avenues.

The one-day, interactive educational adventure is sponsored by the Fresno County Farm Bureau, Fresno County Office of Education and Big Fresno Fair. The agricultural, food and nutrition-related field day for third-graders has a line-up of more than 14 presenters, 5 demonstrations, 28 booths, 4 equipment exhibitors. The focus is on how food is produced, the diversity of Fresno County agriculture and nutritional information.

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In addition, more than 100 volunteers will help at the event and several businesses and individuals are financially assisting with school transportation and other costs.

Farm Day 2009 will provide students and teachers with the opportunity to learn about food, fiber and animal production, meeting one-on-one with farmers and ranchers, resource managers, and food and agricultural industry representatives. In addition to the hands-on activities and presentations, students will be able to taste healthy foods provided in the Tasting Center.

Fresno County Farm Bureau represents more than 4,800 members on water, air quality, labor and immigration reform, and all agricultural related issues. Fresno County produces more than 400 commercial crops annually, totaling almost \$5.3 billion dollars in gross production value.

For additional details, contact the Farm Bureau at (559) 237-0263 or via email: info@fcfb.org.

Participating Districts & Schools:

<u>District</u>	<u>Schools</u>
Alvina Unified	Alvina Elementary
American Union	American Union Elementary
Burrel Joint Unified	Burrel Elementary
Central Unified	Herndon-Barstow Elementary, Madison Elementary, River Bluff Elementary
Clay Joint Elementary	Clay Joint Elementary
Clovis Unified	Cole Elementary, Fancher Creek Elementary, Fort Washington Elementary, Jefferson Elementary, Weldon Elementary
Fresno Unified	Ayer Elementary, Bakman Elementary, Balderas Elementary, Bullard TALENT, Easterby Elementary, Kirk Elementary, Lawless Elementary, Leavenworth Elementary, Storey Elementary, Sunset TWI, Thomas Elementary, Wilson Elementary, Winchell Elementary
Kerman Unified	Sun Empire Elementary
Kingsburg Unified	Lincoln Elementary
Monroe Elementary	Monroe Elementary
Pacific Union	Pacific Union Elementary
Parlier Unified	Ben Benavides, Cesar Chavez Elementary
Riverdale Unified	Fipps Primary
Sierra Unified	Auberry Elementary
Private Schools	Clovis Christian, St. LaSalle (Reedley)

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