



June 5-9, 2024  
It's A Barnyard Mardi Gras  
35th District Agricultural Association



## **Agriculture-Horticulture**

**From produce and grains to sculptures and food art – Tioga Hall is a must stop on your trip to the Fair!**

### **Master Gardeners**

Come consult with the experts! Master gardeners will be at the Fair every evening until 10 p.m. answering your plant and bug questions. Need to bring in a plant or bug to have them look at it? No problem, bring it with you – just make sure it is in a sealed container or bag!

### **Harvest Characters**

Let your imagination run wild! Create your own Harvest Character using any type of produce or combination of produce. Think outside the box and use paper, fabrics, buttons or whatever it is needed to bring your character to life.

### **Scarecrow Contest**

These scarecrows will either make you laugh or have you running for the hills in fear! It'll be a great place to come and get some early ideas for Halloween! Adults, families or groups, and businesses will compete to win the judges' votes. Stop by and let us know which scarecrow you think should win!

### **Melon Decorating**

Exhibitors will use their imagination to create a festive, fabulous fair melon – only limited by their talents and materials (no cutting or puncturing). Melons are judged on creativity, originality and quality of color. With melons of all shapes and sizes, this exhibit is sure to engage the entire family!

### **Mr. or Mrs. Potato Head**

It's Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head to you! Adults and kids compete for the grand prize of creating the best Mr. or Mrs. Potato Head using any potato of your choice – just make sure it's real! Both adults and children will be competing for the grand prize in this category.

### **Tallest Weed**

Think your weeds are out of control? Well, you haven't seen anything until you get a glimpse of the tallest weeds at the Fair! It gives a whole new perspective on your own weeds.

### **Hay Growers**

Exhibitors compete to show who can grow the best quality of hay in Merced County. Judges will be observing Alfalfa, Oat Hay and Winter Forage in hopes of finding the top bales.

### **Yard Art – Farm Junk Sculptures**

One person's trash is another person's treasure, and that's exactly what these exhibitors found! Check out what these exhibitors found lying around and made it into a work of art. Advanced artists and amateurs, young and old, will create sculptures of any medium in hopes of taking home the People's Choice Award.

### **"Farm to City" Children's Farmers' Market**

This Children's Farmers' Market is a space in the Tioga Hall that offers youth the chance to experience what life is like as a farmer as they gather artificial apples, corn, eggs and more; participate in a hands on cow



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milking station where they can experience the process of milking the artificial cow; and enjoy a sensory experience playing in a corn-filled area with shovels and trucks; plus develop their motor skills when they sit and push the playground tractors! This attraction is FREE for Fairgoers.

*"This building is a representation of our hard-working agriculture community. From the commodities displayed that represent the fruits and labor of our region to the creativity of displays that continue to surpass expectations each year, the Agriculture and Horticulture exhibits remind me of what an agriculturally rich region we live in."*

**- Teresa Burrola, CEO, Merced County Fair**