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### **Now Accepting Competitive Exhibit Entries for 2023 Merced County Fair**

*Online entry submission due May 4; enter to win a blue ribbon and be showcased at the fair*

**MERCED, CALIFORNIA, March 22, 2023** – The Merced County Fair, presented by Valley Children’s Healthcare, is now accepting entries for its 2023 competitive exhibits! All Livestock & Still Competitive Exhibit Handbooks are available online now; deadline for majority of entries is Thursday, May 4 at 5:00 p.m.

A longstanding tradition of fairs and something that makes the Merced County Fair so special is the competitive exhibits, highlighting the hard work and talents of the Merced County community! Featuring competitive divisions ranging from table settings, computer art and welding to photography, amateur wine and home brew, plus so much more - there is bound to be a category that interests most everyone in the community!

“We want to encourage everyone in Merced County to participate in this engaging competition that not only represents the talents of our community, but generates an incredible amount of community pride,” said Teresa Burrola, CEO, Merced County Fair. “Be part of this annual tradition through, enter today and let us showcase you to our community!”

There are over 200 competitive divisions and categories featured across the Livestock & Still Competitive Exhibits. Detailed information on divisions, entry instructions, rules and more are available online.

- Livestock Competitive Exhibits - [www.mercedcountyfair.com/livestock-exhibits](http://www.mercedcountyfair.com/livestock-exhibits) (online entry required)
- Still Competitive Exhibits Book - [www.mercedcountyfair.com/competitive-exhibits](http://www.mercedcountyfair.com/competitive-exhibits) (online or hard copy entries accepted)

Hard copies may be picked up at the Merced County Fair Administration Office, 900 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - Noon or 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. For questions or assistance, call (209) 722-1506.

#### **About The Merced County Fair:**

The Merced County Fair, first founded in 1891, represents the 35th District Agricultural Association. The fair’s mission statement outlines that it “*promises to meet the needs of our community by providing a fun, safe venue to celebrate our area’s agricultural heritage, discover new technology and be entertained.*” This year marks the 131<sup>st</sup> year of operation for the Merced County Fair. The Merced County Fair annually welcomes nearly 70,000 people from throughout Merced County and beyond to attend the five-day fair each June. Members of the Board of Directors include: President, Vicky Banaga; First Vice President, Luis Lara; Second Vice President, Mark Erreca; Lori Rossi Gallo; Emily Haden; Mark N. Pazin; Kim Rogina; and Carol Sartori-Silva. Teresa Burrola heads up the daily operations in her role as CEO. The 2023 Merced County Fair will return to kick off the summer, June 7 - 11. For more information about the Merced County Fair, please visit [www.MercedCountyFair.com](http://www.MercedCountyFair.com). Connect with the Fair on Facebook ([@mercedfair](https://www.facebook.com/mercedfair)), Twitter ([@Merced\\_CA\\_Fair](https://twitter.com/Merced_CA_Fair)), Instagram ([@mercedcountyfair](https://www.instagram.com/mercedcountyfair)) and Tik Tok ([@mercedcountyfair](https://www.tiktok.com/@mercedcountyfair)).

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