



June 6-10, 2018  
The Biggest Show In Town  
35th District Agricultural Association

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### **NOW ACCEPTING ENTRIES FOR 2018 MERCED COUNTY FAIR COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS; ENTRIES DUE MAY 3**

*Don't miss the chance to win the coveted blue ribbon and showcase your talents for all Merced to see!*

**MERCED, CALIFORNIA, April 9, 2018...**The Merced County Fair is now accepting entries for its 2018 competitive exhibits! All Livestock & Still Competitive Exhibit Handbooks are available online now; deadline for majority of entries is Thursday, May 3 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 farm junk sculpting to photography, amateur wine and home brew, plus so much more - there is bound to be a category that interests most everyone in our 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. "The best thing is that it doesn't cost you to enter! So whether you are entering for the first time, or you are a seasoned fair exhibitor, take the time to look at this year's competitive exhibit divisions."

The Merced Sun-Star has generously sponsored this year's Merced County Fair Still Competitive Exhibits making it possible for the fair to continue to offer community members the chance to enter their still exhibits for free.

"We are proud to continue our involvement with the Merced County Fair, helping create an opportunity to get more people entering their work in this annual tradition!" said Rob Peres, VP of Advertising, Merced Sun-Star.

There are over 200 competitive divisions and categories featured in the Livestock & Still Competitive Exhibits. Detailed information on divisions, entry instructions, rules and more are available at: [www.mercedcountyfair.com/exhibitor-handbook](http://www.mercedcountyfair.com/exhibitor-handbook). Hard copies may also 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.

All Livestock entries must be submitted online. Still entries have the option to submit online or via hard copy. For questions regarding the 2018 Merced County Fair Competitive Exhibits, please call (209) 722-1506.

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

The Merced County Fair, first founded in 1891, represents the 35<sup>th</sup> District Agricultural Association and is celebrating its 127<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018. More than 65,000 people from throughout Merced County and beyond attend the five-day Merced County Fair each June. Members of the Board of Directors include: Emily Haden, President; Lori Gallo, First Vice President; Carol Sartori-Silva, Second Vice President; Vicky Banaga; Mark Erreca; Lee Lor; Kim Rogina; and Flip Hassett. Teresa Burrola heads up the daily operations in her role as CEO. The 2018 Merced County Fair will run June 6 – 10. For more information about the Merced County Fair, please visit [www.MercedCountyFair.com](http://www.MercedCountyFair.com).