



# Fresno County Farm and Nutrition Day 2008

*“Planting a seed for the future...  
while growing a healthy community  
one at a time”*

## FACTS

- ☺ 95 classes from 25 schools, 12 districts, 4 private schools from throughout Fresno County

- ☺ Participating Districts & Schools:

District	Schools
Alvina Unified	Alvina Elementary
Burrel Joint Unified	Burrel Elementary
Central Unified	Herndon-Barstow Elementary Houghton Kearney Elementary Madison Elementary
Clovis Unified	Cole Elementary Pinedale Elementary
Coalinga-Huron Unified	Huron Elementary
Fresno Unified	Ayer Elementary Bakman Elementary Balderas Elementary Easterby Elementary Lawless Elementary Leavenworth Elementary Robinson Elementary Susan B. Anthony Elementary Winchell Elementary Wilson Elementary Yokomi Elementary
Golden Plains Unified	San Joaquin Elementary
Kings Canyon Unified	Riverview Elementary
Kingsburg Unified	Lincoln Elementary
Laton Unified	Laton Elementary
Parlier Unified	Ben Benavides Cesar Chavez Elementary
Sanger Unified	Quail Lake Elementary

Private Schools

Clovis Christian  
CV Christian Molokan  
Fresno Christian  
St. LaSalle (Reedley)

- ☺ Almost 2,000 students
- ☺ More than 550 teachers and chaperones
- ☺ 14 presenters; 5 demonstrations; 28 booths; 4 equipment exhibitors
- ☺ More than 100 volunteers
- ☺ Event organizers: Big Fresno Fair, Fresno County Farm Bureau and Fresno County Office of Education
- ☺ 44 financial and in-kind sponsors
- ☺ This third annual event helps educate students about how their food is grown, the importance of eating healthy foods, and about the diverse career opportunities in the food, fiber and resource industries.
- ☺ A big focus of the day is the importance of making healthy food choices and good nutrition, much of which is provided on a daily basis by the bounty of diversified "Food Pyramid" crops and products produced in Fresno County. At the event, students have the opportunity to taste healthy foods, such as figs, broccoli, raisins, carrots, frozen fresh-peach popsicles and almonds.

**A BIG THANK YOU to the many sponsors and presenters who helped made the 2008 Farm and Nutrition Day such a success:**

### Sponsors

#### Platinum

Wawona Frozen Foods  
Dairy Council of California  
Fresno State, College of Agricultural Science  
& Technology  
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## Presenters, Demonstrations & Booths

### Presenters

- UC Cooperative Extension, Fresno County – Nutrition Team – Creating Healthy Families
- UC Cooperative Extension, Fresno County – Renegades 4H, Entomology
- Toni Lindeleaf, Wawona Frozen Foods
- Shannon Mueller, UC Cooperative Extension, Fresno County – Bees and Pollination
- Sarah Alvernaz, California Tree Fruit Agreement
- TP Thomsen, Thomsen Bees – Bees
- Norman J. Smith, Ph.D., Fresno County Entomologist – Entomology
- Loren Werth, Bella Frutta
- Jannette Yribarren, Cotton's Journey Sponsored by California Cotton Ginners & Growers Association
- Michelle Roman, Fresno County Office of Education – Wellness and Nutrition Program
- California State University, Fresno – College of Agricultural Sciences &

Technology – Central Valley Ag Literacy Program

- Rick Foell, Plant Doctor
- Tom Turini, UC Cooperative Extension, Fresno County – Vegetables

### Demonstrations

- Barbara Williams and Joan Cudd  
- Sheep Dogs herding
- Gary Clay and John Hansen, Gary Clay Horseshoeing  
- Horseshoeing
- Donny Rollin, Rollin Valley Farms  
- Dairy Milking
- Dairy Council of California  
- Animal Care & Dairy Milking
- Duncan Polytechnic High School, Ag Department  
- Sheep Shearing

## Booths

- Ed Campos, Unit Commander, Fresno County Sheriff's Mounted Posse – SAR Team
- CSO Rose Findley, Fresno County Sheriff's Department - Ag Task Force
- UC Cooperative Extension, Fresno County – Renegades 4H, Goat Project
- UC Cooperative Extension, Fresno County – Renegades 4H, Poultry Project
- Fresno County Public Library – Youth Services Division
- Fresno Fire Department
- Rosemary Nightingale, Squaw Valley Herb Gardens
- Betty Hess, Fresno Spinners and Weavers
- UC Cooperative Extension, Fresno County – Master Gardeners
- Jason Dean, Project Manager/Wildlife Biologist, Meyers Water Bank & Wildlife Project
- Steve Starcher, Scout Island Outdoor Education Center (F.C.O.E.)
- Cargill Animal Nutrition & Cargill Beef
- Stephanie LeBarron, Handler & Bella, Department of Agriculture, Fresno County – Agricultural Detector Dog
- Dairy Council of California
- Toni Munoz, Kings River Conservation District
- Jerry Rebensdorf, Raisins
- Jean Terry & Janette Ramos, CA Apple Commission & CA Kiwifruit Commission
- Laine Hendricks & Destiny Rodriguez, National Parks Conservation Association
- Dan Munk, UC Cooperative Extension, Fresno County – Water and Irrigation
- Jennifer Crook & Grant Jones-Wiebe, UC Davis – Veterinary Medicine Teaching & Research Center
- Fresno-Kings Counties Cattlewomen
- Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District

## Equipment

- Matthew Tacherra, Owner/Operator, Priority Hay Company
- Fresno Equipment Company
- Maggini Hay Company
- Kuckenbecker Tractor Company, Fresno

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