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Thousands of Local Students Learn About Farm-to-Fork with the 'Farm Garden in a Wheelbarrow Program' Through the Sacramento County Fair

Sacramento, Calif. (4/5/23) — The Sacramento County Fair is encouraging local students to get their hands dirty to learn about where their food comes from by participating in the annual Farm Garden in a Wheelbarrow Program. With over 80 local classrooms signed up, over 2,500 kids are engaging with food in ways they never thought possible.

The Farm Garden in a Wheelbarrow program is designed to educate young children, grades Pre-K to 6th, about where their food comes from and how it grows. The program focuses on the importance of agriculture and teaching kids that good food can come from places like a farm or garden, not only the grocery store.

"This fun, hands-on science-based curriculum uses basic materials such as a wheelbarrow, soil and seeds, as well as a binder to record growth results" said Matt Cranford, Sacramento County Fair CEO. "Students will learn how to plant and nurture their gardens from seed to salad!"

In addition to seeing their vegetables grow day-by-day at their schools, the participating classrooms will be eligible to win awards by submitting their wheelbarrows and growth results for judging. Entries will be scored on presentation, evidence of learning, plant growth, and "wow" factor. Award ribbons will go directly to the top three winning classrooms in each division (Pre-K through 6th Grade, 4-H Club, Special Ed, Homeschool Group, and Girl Scouts). There will also be a Best of Show and a Reserve of Show ribbon awarded.

"Sacramento is a leader in the farm-to-fork movement and the Farm in a Wheelbarrow Program is the perfect way for the Sacramento County Fair to show our commitment to this great cause," Cranford said. "It's the perfect mix of food, fun and wholesome education that the Fair is famous for!"

The finished wheelbarrows will be on display during the Sacramento County Fair with winners announced on opening day. The Sacramento County Fair runs from May 25-29th at Cal Expo Fairgrounds.

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About the Sacramento County Fair

Over 100,000 guests will enjoy the Sacramento County Fair Memorial Day Weekend, May 25-29, 2023, at Cal Expo. Nearly 10,000 school children will enjoy educational school tours. 5,000 local Sacramento residents will compete for awards in the livestock and competitive exhibit programs. This year's fair theme is "Where Tradition Meets Tomorrow."

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