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2015 OREGON AG FEST LETS FAMILIES EXPERIENCE LIFE ON THE FARM

28th annual event to be held at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem, OR April 25-26

Salem, Ore. - April 25-26, 2015 - Oregon Ag Fest is a family event featuring an incredible array of hands-on, interactive activities, set in a fun-filled, festive atmosphere to help kids learn where their food and fiber comes from. To experience an “Old-Fashioned Country Fair,” head to the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem on Saturday, April 25, from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 26, from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Children 12 and under are admitted for free (parking is also free). Admission is \$9 for 13 and over.

There will be plenty to do and see at this year’s event for all ages. All activities center around locally grown products, which allows families to celebrate the wonderful and diverse world of Oregon agriculture. Weekend of family fun includes:

- Meet “Nosey” the cow
- Watch a llama show
- Race a mini pedal tractor
- Watch chicks hatch
- See a sheep get a haircut
- Listen to live music and enjoy family entertainment
- Plant seedlings
- Ride a pony
- Meet cows, rabbits, pigs, and other farm animals
- Take a horse-drawn wagon ride
- Visit garden & craft booths
- Watch cooking demonstrations, taste local foods and more!

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“Some 98 percent of the U.S. population now lives in an urban world. More and more, families and children live their lives totally separated from the source of their food and fiber. Oregon Ag Fest is a creative, family friendly, fun way to help bridge the gap and share the wonder and importance of Oregon’s bountiful and diverse harvest,” said Sherry Kudna, OR Ag Fest Chair. “We are really proud that a large part of Ag Fest’s family appeal is that it is very inexpensive to attend and almost everything inside the event is completely free!”

Don’t forget to kick off Ag Fest 2015 on Saturday, April 25 from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. with the old-fashioned ranch-style breakfast. Enjoy hotcakes, sizzling ham on the grill, Oregon-grown fruit toppings, scrambled eggs, juice, coffee, and milk – prepared by Marion County 4-H groups. Cost is \$6 for adults; children under three years are free. Proceeds from the breakfast provide scholarships for 4-H camp and leader training.

About Oregon Ag Fest

Over 17,000 people attend Ag Fest annually to touch, taste, and experience the incredible world of Oregon agriculture in a fun-filled, festive environment. Ag Fest draws tourists as well as residents from all over the state and is sponsored in part by Oregon Farm Bureau, Bob’s Red Mill, Oregon Dairy Women, Oregon Department of Agriculture, and Oregon Women for Agriculture, amongst many others.

Ag Fest is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) volunteer organization dedicated to educating the public about the importance of agriculture. For more information go to www.oragfest.com.

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