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### **OREGON AG FEST CELEBRATES 31 YEARS**

*Experience Life on the Farm at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem, OR April 28-29*

**Salem, Ore. - April 28-29, 2018** - For thirty-one years, Oregon Ag Fest has been taking over the State Fairgrounds to help kids learn where their food, fiber, and flora come from. To experience life on the farm in an interactive, fun and festive way, head to the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem on Saturday, April 28, from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 29, 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. 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 goats, 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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“Our goal is to help kids gain a better understanding of the importance of agriculture to Oregon’s rural landscape, and to emphasize that most food starts on a farm somewhere and in Oregon we’re lucky enough to grow over 200 varieties of crops,” said Jake Wilson, 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 2018 on Saturday, April 28 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 Linn 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 20,000 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](http://www.oragfest.com).

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