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COUNTY'S FINEST LIVESTOCK TO BE SOLD AT STANISLAUS COUNTY FAIR

Turlock, CA (July 5, 2011) – Hey bidder, bidder, get ready for some of the best livestock auctions Stanislaus County has to offer.

Local bidders will have the chance to take home some of the finest livestock in the Central Valley at the Stanislaus County Fair's **44th Annual Replacement Heifer Sale on Friday, July 22, 2011**, and the **47th Annual Junior Livestock Auction on Saturday, July 23**, at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, located at 900 N. Broadway in Turlock.

Buyers may pre-register for the sale and auction at the Fair's Exhibit Office, in the Costco Commercial Exhibits Building E-2, until 5 p.m. on Friday, July 22.

"These 4-H and FFA exhibitors spend much time and attention on each animal and many of them use the money raised at the Heifer Sale and Junior Livestock Auction as a generous contribution to a first car or college fund," said Adrenna Alkhas, spokesperson for the Stanislaus County Fair. "I think bidders would be hard-pressed to find animals that are better fed and better cared for than those exhibited at the Stanislaus County Fair."

Buyers are invited to the 44th Annual Replacement Heifer Sale on Friday, July 22, following the Heifer Preview, which begins at 7 p.m. in the Thurman Pavilion, sponsored by Westamerica Bank.

See the county's finest rabbits, poultry, market steer, swine, sheep and goats at the 47th Annual Junior Livestock Auction, Saturday, July 23 following the Livestock Awards Assembly in the Thurman Pavilion sponsored by Westamerica Bank. The assembly begins at 8 a.m. The auction sells champions, top four in each species, at 11 a.m.

Catalogs for the 2011 Replacement Heifer Sale are available now through July 22 in the Fair's Livestock Office. The Livestock Office is located on the Fairgrounds, near the Soderquist Road entrance. The catalogs are sponsored by Yosemite Farm Credit.

Catalogs for the Junior Livestock Auction will be available on the morning of the auction and will be distributed during bidder registration and check-in.

Also, don't miss the 2nd Annual Junior Livestock Auction – Market Steers, Thursday, July 21 at 7 p.m. in the Thurman Pavilion. Plus the 2nd Annual Small Animal Auction of rabbits and poultry, Friday, July 22 at 6 p.m. also in the Thurman Pavilion.

With over 1,500 4-H and FFA animals entered in the 2011 Stanislaus County Fair, this year's sale and auction are sure to produce an impressive roster of livestock.

The 2011 Stanislaus County Fair opens for its 100th anniversary celebration Friday, July 15 for a 10-day run. Fair guests can count on an award-winning experience that has been 100 years in the making. Discounted Fair admission tickets, unlimited ride wristbands and Arena event tickets are on sale now. Visit the Fair's website for complete ticket sale details at www.stancofair.com.

The 2011 Fair will feature a newly renovated children's area, which will include the highly-popular Rainforest Adventure, sponsored by Sky Trek Aviation, which debuted in 2009. Also planned for 2011 are nine nights of metal-mashing motorsports plus one night of rodeo in the FoodMaxx Arena, a total of four stages of live entertainment, upwards of 30,000 local exhibits and over 1,750 animals.

To receive future Fair announcements by text message, text the word "FAIR" to 99299. Fair enthusiasts can also follow how the 2011 Fair is developing at twitter.com/stancofair. In addition, become a fan of the Fair at facebook.com/stancofair. Fair news and event listings are also available at myspace.com/stancofair.

The mission of the Stanislaus County Fair is to provide a family and community oriented experience promoting agriculture, entertainment and technology. For more information about the award-winning Stanislaus County Fair, or to host a company picnic during the Fair, visit www.stancofair.com.

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