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**JACK INGRAM & CHUCK WICKS WILL TAKE THE STAGE AT THE
STANISLAUS COUNTY FAIR**

Turlock, CA (April 8, 2010) – Wednesday will be a night to remember at the Fair when Jack Ingram and Chuck Wicks perform live.

Country music stars Ingram and Wicks are going to take the stage to bring their unique sound on **Wednesday, July 21, 2010 at 8:30 p.m.** on the **Budweiser Variety Free Stage**. The concert is hosted by **KAT Country 103** and is included with Fair admission.

“We are excited to have both Jack Ingram and Chuck Wicks perform at our Fair this year,” said Adrenna Alkhas, spokesperson for the Stanislaus County Fair. “I know they are big names in the country music world and they will be sure to give our visitors a concert to remember.”

Jack Ingram is known for his hits like “Barefoot and Crazy” and “Wherever You Are.” His musical journey began in 1997 in Houston, Texas where he grew up. His first stage experience came from a drama class in high school.

Since 1997, Ingram has been rocking roadhouses, theaters and stadiums relentlessly. In 2008, he won the Academy of Country Music award for “Best New Male Vocalist.” Throughout his musical career, he has released seven studio albums including three for Nashville maverick indie label Big Machine Records. His latest album, *Big Dreams & High Hopes* was released in 2009. In August 2009, Ingram set the Guinness World Record for most consecutive radio interviews in 24 hours at 215 interviews.

Chuck Wicks is a gifted songwriter and vocalist. He made a compelling impression with his top five smash, “Stealing Cinderella.” This hit was the fastest rising single by a debut country act in 2007. By the time his first album, *Starting Now*, was released in January 2008, he had already started a year-long tour opening for superstar Brad Paisley.

Wicks’ newest single “Hold That Thought” is set for release this month and will be included on his second album. He is also known for his performance on *Dancing with the Stars* in season eight where he lasted eight weeks before being eliminated.

The Stanislaus County Fair’s 2010 announced lineup on the **Budweiser Variety Free Stage** also includes:

- WAR – Friday, July 16.
- Bill Engvall – Sunday, July 18.
- Natalie Grant with Tenth Avenue North – Monday, July 19.
- The Beach Boys – Tuesday, July 20.
- Boys Like Girls – Thursday, July 22.
- Blake Shelton – Friday, July 23.
- Terri Clark – Saturday, July 24.

The 2010 Stanislaus County Fair opens Friday, July 16 for a 10-day run. Discounted Fair admission tickets and unlimited ride wristbands will be on sale Saturday, May 1, 2010. Visit the Fair’s website for complete ticket sale details at www.stancofair.com.

The 2010 Fair theme is “Flavors of the Valley.” The theme will highlight food and beverage products that are processed in the Central Valley. The 2010 Fair will also feature the highly-popular Rainforest Adventure, sponsored by Sky Trek Aviation, which debuted in 2009. Also planned for 2010 are 10-nights of free celebrity concerts included with admission, nightly metal-mashing motorsports and rodeo in the FoodMaxx Arena, a total of three stages of live entertainment, upwards of 30,000 local exhibits and over 1,750 animals.

To receive future Fair concert announcements by text message, text the word “FAIR” to 47645. Fair enthusiasts can also follow how the 2010 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 Stanislaus County Fair log onto its website at www.stancofair.com.

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