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**PRE-FAIR HORSE EVENTS BEGIN JUNE 20 AT
STANISLAUS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

Turlock, CA (June 14, 2011) – Trot on down to the Fairgrounds in Turlock to see some free and exciting four-legged events that precede opening day of the annual county Fair.

The Stanislaus County Fair's **horse events** begin **Monday, June 20, 2011**, and continue **through Sunday, June 26** in the Fair's **FoodMaxx Arena**. These pre-Fair **events are free**.

"The pre-Fair horse events are a much anticipated part of the Fair season," said Adrenna Alkhas, spokesperson for the Stanislaus County Fair. "It is a great opportunity for horse exhibitors to show their stuff."

The arena **horse shows and judging events** include:

- 4-H & FFA English – Monday, June 20, 7:30 a.m.
- Open English followed by Quadrille – Monday, June 20, 6:30 p.m.
- 4-H & FFA Showmanship followed by 4-H & FFA Western – Tuesday, June 21, 7:30 a.m.
- Open Western Show – Tuesday, June 21, 6:30 p.m.
- 4-H & FFA Gymkhana – Wednesday, June 22, 7:30 a.m.
- Open Gymkhana – Wednesday, June 22, 6:30 p.m.
- Jr. Rodeo (hosted by Turlock Horsemen's Club) – Saturday, June 25, 8 a.m.
- Cutting Horse Competition followed by Branding – Sunday, June 26, 7:30 a.m.
- Open Cattle Classes – Sunday, June 26, 6:30 p.m.

In the face of the recent outbreak of the EHV-1/EHM, our Fair has been one event fortunate enough to be able to continue with our regularly scheduled horse shows.

“According to our sources the equine herpes-1 infection is no longer present in Stanislaus County,” said Chris Borovansky, Stanislaus County Fair CEO.

Make plans to be at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds for the free pre-Fair horse events June 20 – 26 before the 10-day run of the Fair officially opens.

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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