



Pomona, CA (Feb. 1, 2016) – Did you know most of life’s necessities – food, fiber, clothing and shelter – start with agriculture? As part of National Agriculture Week, which is celebrated March 13-19, Fairplex is proud to present Grow Pomona, a community outreach event from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 19 at The Farm. Students, educators, agricultural professionals and families are encouraged to attend this event and celebrate the abundance provided by agriculture.

Grow Pomona will have everything from educational workshops and family activities to food and live entertainment. Event is free to the public and perfect for all ages. Here is more on what you can enjoy:

- Goat milking demo – learn about the benefits of goat milk and the value dairy goats provide to the homestead.
- Sheep sheering demo – watch as professional shearers remove the sheep's wool and discuss the products made from their wool.
- Family activities including hay bailing, corn grinding and rope making.
- Square foot gardening workshops for those interested in planning and creating small but intensively planted vegetable gardens.
- Food trucks, Dr. Bobbs Ice Cream and olive oil and cheese tastings.
- Petting Zoo
- Cal Poly Pomona, Huerta da Valley, Tri-City Mental Health, Pomona Farmers Market, Pappas Astisinal and the Youth Science Center present for educational workshops/booths.

By hosting Grown Pomona, Fairplex hopes to help the community understand how food and fiber products are produced, to value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy and to recognize and celebrate the role agriculture plays in our lives, and as an extension, our world. Free parking is at Gate 12, off White Avenue.

The Farm at Fairplex is a five-acre organic working farm located on the campus of Fairplex, home of the LA County Fair and more than 300 year-round events. With more than 150 California specialty crops, The Farm serves as a community educational component of The Learning Centers at Fairplex and as an abundant garden whose seasonal bounty is used in the delicious cuisine of McKinley's Grille and the Sheraton Fairplex Hotel & Conference Center's catering menu. The Farm at Fairplex also features alfresco dining at its finest. Farm events feature custom menus inspired by in-season herbs, fruits and vegetables harvested from our organically grown five acres of plantings.

CALENDAR LISTING:

Grow Pomona, March 19 9 a.m.-3 p.m. In honor of National Ag Week, visit The Farm at Fairplex and celebrate the role agriculture plays in our lives with food, games, workshops on gardening and composting, petting zoo, goat milking, sheep shearing and olive oil tastings. Perfect for all ages. Free admission and parking through Gate 12 on White Avenue. For more info: www.fairplex.com.

Fairplex is a private, non-profit 501(c)5, self-funding organization that is not governed by the county or state, and receives no government subsidies for daily business operations. Under the direction of the Los Angeles County Fair Association, we exist to build stronger communities and, through our businesses and The Learning Centers, provide education, entertainment and fun to Southern California.

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