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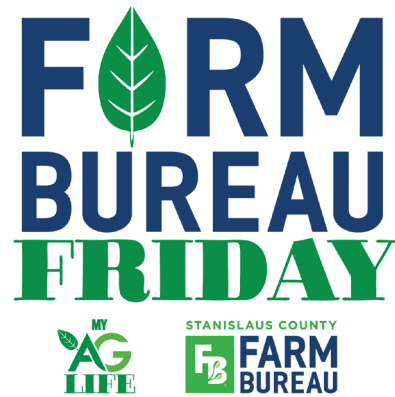
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## Making Memories at the Fair

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## Roger Duncan Retiring

*Roger Duncan, Pomology Farm Advisor, UCCE Stanislaus County*

When I started as a UC Cooperative Extension pomology farm advisor in Stanislaus County, I knew I had a lot to learn. But there were a few things that I was certain of – plant your trees far enough apart so the canopies won't touch and shade each other out, prune almond trees every year to keep them productive, and if you are only going to apply one spray each year, it better be a dormant spray of copper, oil, and an organophosphate insecticide. It turns out I was wrong about all that.

Through many years of field research with outstanding cooperation from Stanislaus County growers, PCAs, and other industry members, we have continued to learn how to make our orchards more productive and our inputs more efficient. Pest management, irrigation, and fertilization is so much more precise and efficient now compared to 30 years ago. Now we know that unpruned almond orchards are as productive as orchards that are pruned every year (maybe more), even after 20+ years. We have seen that trees planted more closely down the row don't decline faster than widely spaced trees – and

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they stay smaller, require less training, are easier to shake, have fewer mummies, and may lead to longer lived, more productive orchards. And even though most almond orchards don't get dormant sprayed anymore, it seems San Jose scale and peach twig borer are rarely the significant problems we feared.

Through my time as the UC Cooperative Extension farm advisor for almonds, peaches, and grapes in Stanislaus County, I have had on-

farm research projects with over 100 Stanislaus County growers. I have listed them, to the best of my recollection, below. Some projects were small and lasted one season. Other projects were very involved and lasted for over 20 years. I want to thank these growers, and all the PCAs, consultants, nursery professionals, and allied industry people who participated in these projects and helped strengthen our industries in Stanislaus County. I also want to thank the Almond Board of California and

the Cling Peach Board for providing much of the funding for so many trials. I hope you will look through the list of growers and thank someone you know for their contribution in helping keep California agriculture the envy of the world.

I want to thank former UC Farm Advisors Wes Asai and Kathy Kelley Anderson for hiring me as their

summer intern in 1988 on a grant from the Norman Ross Horticultural Foundation and later by Jim Stapleton. They helped light the spark that I still have today. I admired their commitment to helping the growers of Stanislaus County, and I was convinced that is what I wanted to do. After returning to school to earn my Master's degree and working at the UC Kearney Agricultural Center with great scientists like Themis Michailides, Ted DeJong, and Mike McKenry, I started as a farm advisor in Sacramento County. I came back to Stanislaus County as a farm advisor in 1995 and was grateful to have the opportunity to serve in the community where I grew up. Although I will be officially retired on July 1, I have asked to serve as an emeritus advisor, which means I will be allowed to keep my UC email account active and participate in research trials, among other things. I can still be reached at raduncan@ucanr.edu, although I may take a little longer to reply... I am happy to say that this position has been approved to be refilled, which means you will have a new po-

mology advisor to help you. I hope you all welcome the new person as openly as you did me.

Thank you all, and I wish you success and bountiful harvests in the seasons to come.  
Roger Duncan

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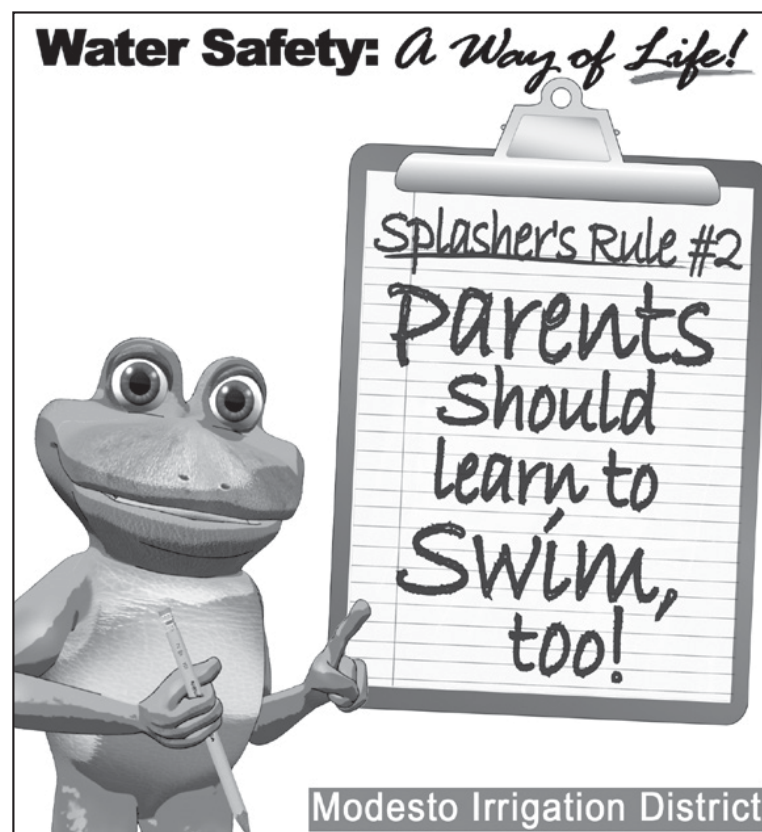
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**Study: Farmers' use of higher-risk pesticides declining in California**

California farmers' use of higher-risk pesticides is on the decline, a new study shows. The state's agricultural pesticide use dropped in both pounds applied and acres treated between 2021 and 2022, with the 5% overall decline reflecting a decade-long trend, according to the California Department of Pesticide Regulation's annual pesticide use report this month. As pesticide use has dropped over a decade, the report noted, California has seen a 77% decrease in groundwater contaminants and a 21% drop in toxic air contaminants.

**Judge temporarily halts state groundwater enforcement in Kings County**

A judge has temporarily blocked state enforcement actions affecting Kings County growers who faced potential state groundwater extraction fees and an order to install water meters to report annual pumping. The California State Water Resources Control Board on April 16 placed the Tulare Lake Subbasin on probation for failing to correct deficiencies in a regional plan to protect groundwater supplies. Kings County Superior Court Judge Kathy Ciuffini issued a temporary restraining order halting state water board orders. A hearing is set for Aug. 20.

**Farmers turn to soil sensors to guide irrigation decisions**

Water conservation agencies and University of California Cooperative Extension farm advisors are advocating adding soil-moisture sensors to create precision irrigation management in drought-prone California agricultural areas. They say the technology has come a long way in the past 50 years and continues to evolve with Wi-Fi connectivity and digital readings. Currently, the Ventura County Resource Conservation District is making the technology available for regional avocado, strawberry and vegetable growers under a state grant program.

**California growers applaud decision to continue tariffs on Spanish olives**  
U.S. antidumping and countervailing du-

ties on Spanish ripe olives will remain in place, the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined. In a five-year review, the commission voted unanimously last week to keep the tariffs, first imposed in 2018. It said revoking them would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury. California table olive growers praised the vote. For years, they have argued that Spain's highly subsidized olives are sold into the U.S. at artificially low prices, flooding the U.S. market and undercutting domestic producers

**Dairy pricing proposals seen as both win and loss for state producers**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's proposed changes to how milk should be priced may be a mixed bag for dairy farmers, with some reforms impacting California producers more negatively than those in other states. Restoration of a so-called "higher-of" formula should raise producer prices on fluid milk, analysts say. Those gains are offset by USDA's proposal to raise make allowances, or what dairy farmers pay manufacturers to process

their milk into the various dairy products. Nearly 74% of California milk is used to make cheese, butter and powder.

**Report: Cover crops offer water-retention benefits to protect groundwater supplies**

As farmers statewide work to prepare for anticipated groundwater cutbacks with implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, or SGMA, they are trying to stretch every drop of water to stay in business. Employing cover crops—any non-income generating crop planted to cover the soil and enrich soil diversity—holds great potential for water conservation such as improved water-holding capacity and infiltration, according to a report analyzing cover cropping as a potential tool for helping safeguard California's depleted aquifers.

**Latest survey says California almond crop could grow by 13%**

California growers are expected to harvest 2.8 billion meat pounds of almonds this year, according to a new report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture National




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Agricultural Statistics Service. The 2024 California Almond Objective Measurement report said the crop estimate is 13% higher than last year's crop of 2.47 meat pounds and down 7% from the agency's subjective forecast in May. Clarice Turner, CEO of the Almond Board of California, said the report "reflects both a good bloom and hard work by California almond growers during trying times."

### *New California Farm Bureau Podcast airs 'Voice of Agriculture'*

A new podcast produced by the California Farm Bureau is giving a voice to the state's farmers and ranchers. The "Voice of California Agriculture," hosted by long-time Farm Bureau field representative Gary Sack, was launched in March to keep listeners informed about the latest news affecting Golden State agriculture. Sack,

who works with farmers and ranchers in 15 counties on a daily basis, brings to the news program more than a decade of radio experience, reclaiming a role he took on when he first joined the Farm Bureau 45 years ago.

### *As heat surges, farmers work to protect crops, livestock*

California farmers are working to reduce impacts of a lingering heat wave that has increased their costs and jeopardized production. With prolonged triple-digit temperatures pummeling the state's key agricultural regions—topping 110 degrees in some areas in recent days—farmers are irrigating fields more frequently. They are deploying misters and fans to cool livestock and shortening daytime work for agricultural employees or working after sundown. Some dairy farmers say milk

production can drop 15% to 20% during peak heat days.

### *Burning phaseout to change ways of disposing agricultural waste*

On Jan. 1, farmers in the eight counties in the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District will be prohibited from nearly all open burning under a state law adopted in 2003. The law aimed to address health impacts of poor air quality on largely Latino farm towns in the San Joaquin Valley, where the air quality is among the worst in the nation. Agricultural burning, which accounts for about 4% of the region's fine particulate pollution, has long been the cheapest and easiest way to dispose of orchard and vineyard removals. Farmers are adapting to new options.

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By: Zippy Duvall, AFBF President

In just a few weeks members of Congress will return home to their states and districts for the traditional August recess. Then after a brief time back in Washington, they will once again be back home to campaign in October. This means Congress has a narrow window left to get business done this year, but it also means farmers and ranchers will have extra opportunities to engage with lawmakers in their own backyards—or even barnyards. Congressional recess is prime time for grassroots advocacy, and I would like to encourage everyone to step up and help drive agriculture forward in this season.

Every year, the American Farm Bureau encourages grassroots members to engage with lawmakers when they're back home. Congressional recess gives you the opportunity not only to share your story with your representatives, senators, and their staff, but also to show them how policies are affecting you and your farm. This can be your chance to invite your members of Congress out to your farm, to help them better understand the challenges you're facing and the critical role that agriculture plays in your community and across the nation.

Visiting even one farm or ranch can make all the difference because it puts a real face, a real family with each issue. It's one thing to tell a member of Congress that farmers

rely on the farm bill, it's another for you to show them the fields you would have lost without risk management tools, or the soil you've restored through voluntary conservation programs. And talking about taxes might sound dry in a Congressional office, but that issue gets heartfelt and personal when you sit across the table from a family who fears losing the farm because of estate taxes. Help your members of Congress see that when it comes to issues that matter to agriculture, a soundbite and a handshake won't save your farm, but sound policy can.

I urge you to make the most of every opportunity to engage off the farm too—whether that be inviting members of Congress and their staff to your county Farm Bureau meetings or showing up to a townhall that they are hosting in your area. With August also being peak county fair season, that's another great opportunity for our lawmakers to engage with agriculture, meet farmers, and learn about how we care for our land and animals.

Finally, one of the most fundamental ways we as Americans can make our voices heard is through the ballot box. As we near election season, our team at the American Farm Bureau is committed to helping you connect with the resources and information you need

to ensure your voice is heard. Our iFarmiVote page is a great one-stop shop for the latest updates and information on voting in your area. Our newest tool makes it easier than ever to understand the voting rules and timelines for your state and district. Several state Farm Bureaus also have great voter resources, and we also connect members to state-level iFarmiVote programs through our website.

You might think one voice can't be heard when it comes to government. But, as the leading Voice of Agriculture, we have seen time and again that our strength as an organization comes from farmers and ranchers showing up to tell their stories. When your voice is joined by countless others across the Farm Bureau family, lawmakers will hear—all the way from your home to the halls of Congress.

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## Sonoma Family Dairy Farmers Unite Against Outside Threat To Their Community

*Preserving what makes our county special benefits the economy, environment and our future*

SONOMA COUNTY, CA, July, 2024 — The family dairy farms who have called Sonoma County home for generations have joined together to launch the Sonoma United campaign opposing Measure J. Along with agriculture, labor and local residents, Sonoma United will protect the cultural, economic and environmental interests of the county from outside groups seeking to destroy our way of life.

Resoundingly defeating this measure will reinforce what makes Sonoma County special and the place residents choose to call home. This campaign is about protecting Sonoma's rural county feel with a rich agricultural history and vast open spaces that is also full of specialty grocery stores, world class farm to table restaurants and a flourishing farmer's market scene stocked with fresh, organic milk, cheese and other dairy products produced in Sonoma County. Measure J jeopardizes the future existence of these locally produced dairy products and brands that have become synonymous with this community.

"When Measure J qualified for the ballot, dairy farmers knew we had to take action to protect dairy farming and production in Sonoma County," said Anja Raudabaugh, CEO of Western United Dairies who represents the family-owned dairy farms in

Sonoma County that would be forced to shut down if Measure J passes. "We will fight to protect our local family-owned farms and win, sending a clear message to these outside organizations across the state and beyond."

Eliminating dairy production in Sonoma County would drive up the cost of food and devastate the local economy, resulting in the loss of \$259 million in agricultural production and reduce spending in the region by \$38 million\*. These local revenues



are used by police, fire and other vital social services.

Measure J could also effectively kill 7,200 good paying farm jobs overnight in addition to the ripple effect it would have on the 80 related businesses in the county including veterinarians, mechanics and farm and feed suppliers\*. "Measure J threatens to put thousands of our members out of work from jobs in the dairy industry that offer a living wage, good benefits and help build and maintain the middle class across Sonoma County," said Michael Yates, Representative of the Teamsters 665/Treasurer of the North Bay Labor Council.

For the dairy farmers across the county

who have raised their families here for generations, the passage of Measure J would mean the loss of their homes, livelihoods and a legacy of producing sustainable, organic and locally grown dairy products for their friends and neighbors. "For generations our family has taken great pride in serving our community by providing fresh, local products while using sustainable environmental practices to do so," said Jolynn McClelland, local dairy woman.

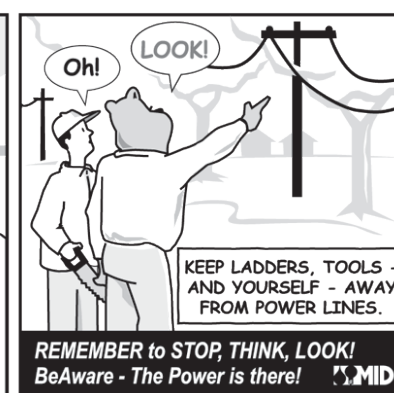
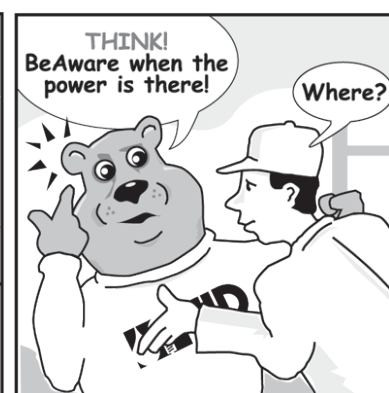
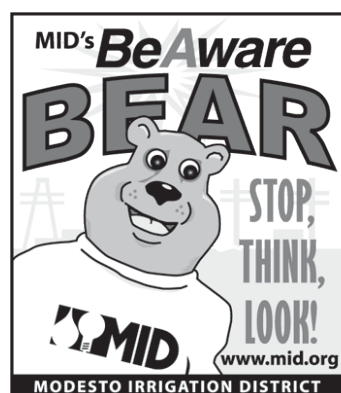
Measure J is a threat that must be taken seriously as the implications would be devastating across the county and beyond. This campaign will ensure every voter understands what's at stake and how as a united force we can protect our community.

About Sonoma United – No on J

Sonoma United – No on J brings together the multigenerational family dairy farms in Sonoma County to oppose this harmful ballot measure that will destroy the industry and this community if passed. In collaboration with other agricultural interests, related industries and labor, Sonoma United is a community-based coalition standing together against this outside attack on what makes our community a special place to live and work. For more information, visit [sonomaunitedvote.org](http://sonomaunitedvote.org) or follow us on social media: Facebook, X and Instagram.

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Neil Durrer - Wood Colony 4H prepares for replacement heifer sale.



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Rylee Larson wins 4H Novice Swine Showmanship!



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Louis Durrer, Wood Colony 4H prepares for showmanship!



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Your 4-H leaders and Members braving the heat work to serve up your favorite milkshakes at the HI 4-H Milk Bar at the Stanislaus County Fair.

## Dispelling the myth: The hidden dangers of rural roads

*The following information is provided by Nationwide®, the #1 farm and ranch insurer in the U.S.1*

What's more dangerous: driving on a rural road or a congested city street? If you picked the latter, you're not alone. According to Nationwide's 2024 Driving Behaviors Survey, less than 5% of survey respondents believe rural areas are more dangerous. However, the reality might surprise you. 2021 traffic safety facts:

- 42,939 motor vehicle traffic fatalities: 17,103 (40%) in rural areas, 25,598 (60%) in urban areas and 238 (1%) in unspecified areas
- 20% of U.S. population lived in rural areas but accounted for 32% of total vehicle

miles traveled (VMT) and 40% of traffic fatalities

- Fatality rate per 100 million VMT was 1.5 times higher in rural areas than in urban areas

For Nationwide, the number one farm insurer in the U.S.2, rural road safety is a particular concern. That's why we surveyed 1,800 consumer and commercial drivers on what they observe and the hazards the landscape and driver behavior pose when traveling on rural roads.

"We conducted the survey to better understand the challenges impacting our customers and agents, and learn how we can better support them," said Nationwide Senior Associate Vice President for Agribusiness Risk Management Laramie Sandquist. The survey revealed, in fact, that rural roads pose unique

and often underestimated dangers for drivers, and in many respects, they can be more hazardous than urban roads. Whether you're a co-op driver delivering grain, a farmer transporting livestock, or a rural resident commuting to town, it's crucial to know and respect the risks associated with rural driving.

Why are rural roads more dangerous?

The Federal Highway Administration attributes the higher fatality rate on rural roads to various factors, including:

- Physical characteristics of rural roadways. Rural roads often have tighter curves, limited visibility, less lighting and lack shoulders and clear zones, which are crucial for vehicle recovery when they veer off.
- Behavioral issues. Drivers on rural roads



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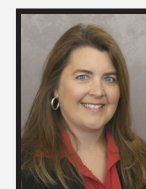
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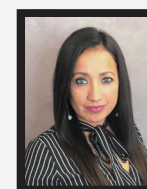
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tend to exceed the speed limit, fail to use their seat belts and drive impaired.

- Longer emergency response times. Crashes on rural roads carry a high risk of severe injury and fatalities due to longer travel distances for emergency responders and greater distances to trauma centers.

"While there are many causes of rural road accidents, staying distraction-free is key," Sandquist said. "Our survey finds one-third of commercial drivers admit they sometimes or often feel distracted behind the wheel. That's why we created the Drive the 5 safety program to help transform driving behavior."

Plan ahead and minimize distractions on rural roads

If you're new to a rural area, plan your route ahead of time. That way, you can know what to expect on the road. Even if you do plan ahead, staying alert is the best way to prevent accidents on the road. The use of cell phones and other electronic distractions such as GPS navigation systems, work-related texts and social media activity are major causes of driver distraction. They're big reasons why Nationwide advocates for hands-free legislation and distracted driving laws around the country.

"Driver error, distracted driving and fatigue are among the leading causes for accidents on rural roads. That's why knowing the hazards of the environment around you, causes of distracted driving, and how to avoid them is so important to us at Nationwide," Sandquist said.

Get resources to stay safe on the road. Geared for drivers in the agriculture, food and fuel sectors, Nationwide's Drive the 5 program guides drivers through five key principles of road safety and offers essential safety training to help improve driver behavior.

Visit [AgInsightCenter.com](https://AgInsightCenter.com) for more resources and expert tips to help you run a successful business and maintain the safety of your operation.

1. Source: A.M Best Market Share Report 2023
2. <https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/Api/Public/View-Publication/813488.pdf>

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## From Past to Present the Evolution of the Stanislaus County Fair

*Written by Kathryn Kim Ramos, Sisbro Innovation Website and Digital Marketing Consultant*

The Stanislaus County Fair, an eagerly awaited event in California's Central Valley, offers an enchanting experience for both kids and adults. This local celebration has evolved remarkably from its humble beginnings in the early 1900s to become a vibrant spectacle in 2024, combining tradition with modern innovations, including digital marketing strategies.

Initially, the fair served as a simple gather-

ing for local farmers to showcase their livestock and crop harvests, fostering community spirit and agricultural pride. Through the decades, it has transformed into a much-anticipated event, encompassing not just agricultural exhibitions but also thrilling rides, diverse food stalls, live music, and arts and crafts, making it a comprehensive community festival.

Historically, the fair was a place where the latest in agricultural techniques and machinery were on display, offering insights into farming advancements. Fast forward to 2024, and while these elements remain integral, the fair has expanded to include high-tech exhibits and interactive educational experiences that engage all age groups.

Kids revel in hands-on activities that blend learning and fun, such as robotics demonstrations and wildlife conservation workshops, while adults enjoy live performances, cooking shows, and wine tasting sessions featuring local vineyards.

A Modern Twist Digital Marketing and the Fair Experience

In recent years, digital marketing has played a pivotal role in reshaping the Stanislaus County Fair experience. With the advent of social media, organizers have found dynamic ways to engage potential visitors' months before the event. Platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter buzz with teasers, event schedules, and behind-the-scenes content, building anticipation and excitement.



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The fair's website has become a hub for information, offering easy access to ticket sales, event maps, and daily schedules.

Email newsletters keep the community informed and engaged, providing updates on special events, discount days, and exclusive offers. These digital tools not only enhance the fair-going experience but also ensure that the fair remains a staple in the community's calendar by reaching a wider audience and encouraging year-round interaction.

### Today's Fair Experience in 2024

Today, the Stanislaus County Fair is a testament to both tradition and innovation. It boasts a unique blend of the old and new, where carnival rides and livestock shows

exist alongside VR experiences and drone racing competitions. Food vendors offer a mix of traditional fair treats and modern, gourmet options, catering to diverse palates and dietary preferences.

Moreover, digital technology enhances the visitor experience with mobile apps that help navigate the fairgrounds, schedule notifications for favorite events, and even locate friends and family. Digital payment options and RFID wristbands streamline purchases and entry, making the fair experience smoother and more enjoyable.

The Stanislaus County Fair has come a long way since the 1900s, growing from a local agricultural showcase to a multifaceted community festival enriched by digital technology. For kids and adults alike, the

fair remains a highlight of the year, a place where fun meets tradition and innovation. As we look towards the future, the fair's blend of rich history and modern tech promises even more exciting evolutions, ensuring that it will continue to delight and educate visitors of all ages for many years to come.

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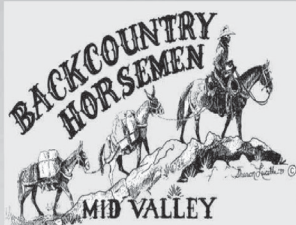
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# It's Time to 'Go for a Ride' to Look at Crops

By Christen Clemson

Whoever said that comparison is the thief of joy never farmed a day in their life. Sure, I admit that sometimes comparisons of certain things have stolen my joy, but those are normally things that I can't change, like wanting curly hair or being thinner.

If you have ever hung out with a farmer after planting season is done, and they are just waiting for the plants to sprout and grow, you have been asked the infamous question, "Want to go for a ride?"

Now, for those of you who think that you are simply hopping into the truck and going to run a few errands, you are sadly mistaken. You could be gone for hours. You could end up one or two states over. You might not even know where you are! See, the infamous question really means, do you want to go ride around with me and look at other people's crops to see how they are doing?

That's really the question you are being asked. This means that you start locally, but once you have surveyed most or all of the local fields, you will head out to parts unknown to see how everyone else is doing.

You have seen these farmers. It's the guy driving slowly, starting out the passenger side window as he drives past farmland. It's the guy who slows down whenever he sees an open expanse of field, and no one behind him can figure

out why.

These, these are your comparers. I've even been guilty of this myself after years of going on these rides with my grandfather and now my brother. In fact, I was recently driving and found myself calling my brother. "Hey Craig, I'm down here north of Columbus, and their fields aren't that much more ahead of us, at least where I'm at."

This followed a lengthy conversation about what the fields looked like, how ours were doing, and what we expected to see in the coming weeks.

Now, I was on the highway and couldn't slow down to the 25 mph that my brother would have desired so that I could really see the field, but I've gotten pretty good at this skill and was able to describe the heights of the corn and beans and the wetness of the fields.

It's too bad there

isn't a place on a resume for this skill.

But, most importantly, this comparison did not diminish what we felt about our fields and the potential of our crops. We simply used it as a guidepost to see where they were and where we were. In fact, we were somewhat cheering them on as I talked about how nice the rows were as they showed off their new bright green shoots. Comparison, in this case, also served as a way to initiate conversation. And sometimes, I think that's the draw for farmers.

In my experience, most farmers will talk for hours about their crops, livestock, weather, diesel prices, and other issues affecting farming. However, getting a farmer



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to do small talk takes a Herculean effort.

Browsing other people's fields and discussing what those farmers did compared to what others have done offers farmers a way to talk to new and different people. I've watched my brother and grandfather start conversations with other farmers they did not know over a mutual field that both happened to see that was doing well. Field comparison is really a mutual bonding tool.

I've even used it once or twice in my life when I had no idea how to begin a conver-

sation. I'm not nearly as good at it as my brother or grandfather was, but I'm sure the longer I live here, the better I will get.

So next time you're driving, and you happen to get behind one of these farmers on a comparison drive, slow down, smile, and maybe even glance at what he's looking at; you might be surprised at what you see. Sure, it might just be a field of beans or corn, but it could also be a herd of deer, an eagle, or wildlife enjoying the farmer's work.

Christen Clemson is a member of the Trumbull County (Ohio) Farm Bureau who completed her doctorate at Pennsylvania State University. She and her family farm in Mecca Township, Ohio. The column was originally published by Ohio Farm Bureau.



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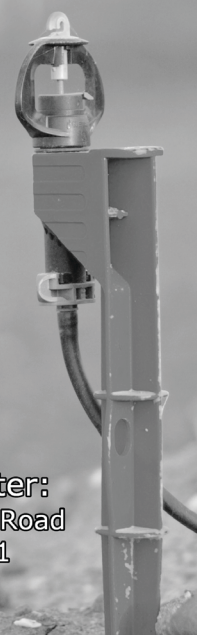


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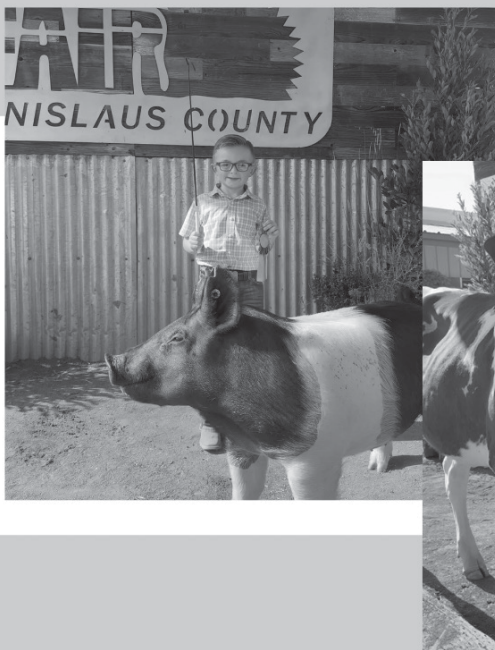


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## Making Memories at the Fair



Nathan enjoyed showing dairy and a pig at kiddie showmanship.



## Making Memories at the Fair



Turlock FFA Sheep Chapter Group



## Good Biosecurity is the Key to Mitigating the Spread of H5N1

*By Tom Vilsack, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture*

The more we learn about H5N1, the more we understand that good biosecurity is a critically important path to containing the virus. Containing, and eliminating, the virus in our dairy cattle is essential – to protect the health of our herds and flocks, our farmers, our farmworkers, our families, and the rural economy they make possible. I'm writing today to ask Farm Bureau members and dairy producers across the country to help control the spread of the virus.

As you likely know, the same strain of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza found in wild birds and poultry flocks – H5N1 – has been found in 115 dairy herds in 12 states.

H5N1 is highly pathogenic in birds, meaning birds that get the virus get very sick, very quickly, and almost always die as a result. This virus has been at the top of the list for risk of global pandemics for years as it has circulated among birds and other species. USDA has been working with poultry and egg producers for a decade to manage the virus and increase biosecurity measures to help control the spread. Sadly, migrating birds bring H5N1 with them so there will likely always be a threat of the disease for our poultry farmers.

H5N1 behaves very differently in cattle. Dairy cows that get H5N1 often have a

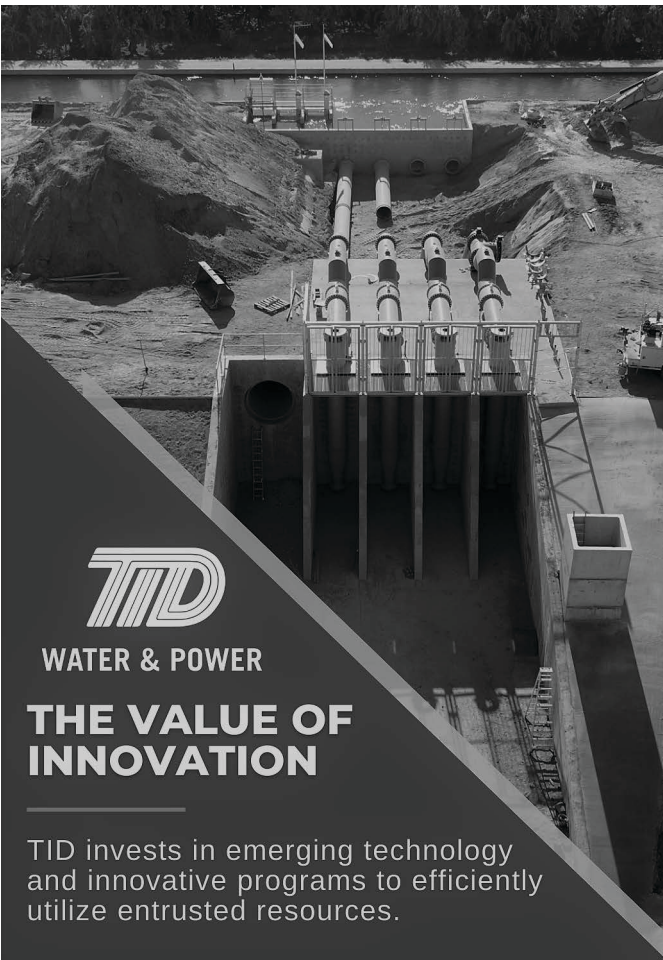
sudden drop in milk production, go off feed, and generally do not feel well. But unlike birds, sick cows do not typically die from the virus and typically recover after a few weeks and return to full milk production. Thus, USDA is making different recommendations to dairy farmers to help them test for and manage the disease in dairy cattle. These recommendations were designed with input from experts, including dairy producers, veterinarians, state officials, and USDA researchers.

Data show that the movement of cows shipped from the Texas panhandle region was initially responsible for the spread of H5N1 to different states. So, USDA put in place a Federal Order – a type of temporary requirement – that directs all dairy farmers to test their lactating cows before moving them across state lines. The Federal Order has led to more producers testing their cows, most specifically for pre-movement to raise assurances, which has the added benefit of providing information so producers and veterinarians can take quick action to limit the impact of the disease and to help us better understand its spread. As producers do more testing, we expect to continue to detect additional dairy herds infected with the virus. This is what USDA expected and is an indication that the system is working as designed.

As producers, USDA scientists, and veterinarians looked carefully at H5N1, including through detailed epidemiological analysis, we learned that the H5N1 virus concentrates in the udder of sick cows and in the cow's milk, which

can contain high loads of the virus. That means even just a small splash of milk can spread the disease. We also came to understand that the disease likely spread between dairies in a community through normal business operations such as the movement of people – unintentionally on items like clothing or shoes – vehicles, and equipment coming and going on a farm.

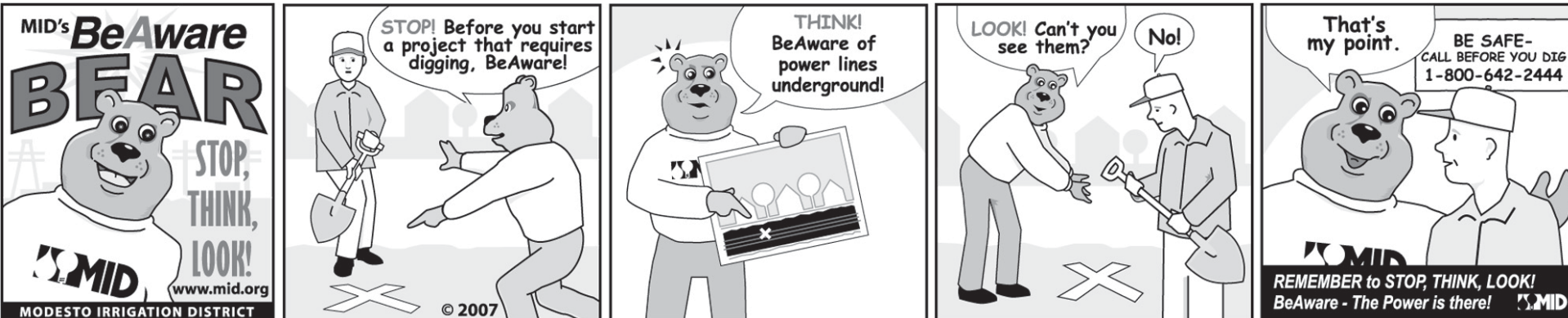
These findings indicate that improved biosecurity is the key to limiting the spread of H5N1 to keep animals, workers, and farm operations safe. Enhanced biosecurity can include practices such as thoroughly cleaning and disinfecting parlors, equip-



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ment, clothing, and vehicles; separating sick cows and limiting movement of cattle; wearing and disinfecting personal protective equipment; and limiting traffic onto the farm.

USDA has many ways to support producers, including the ability to help producers pay for enhanced biosecurity plans, free H5N1 testing for dairy cattle, free shipping to send test samples to the lab, free veterinary costs, free personal protective equipment, and more. Moreover, for producers that have H5N1 in their herd, USDA intends to introduce a program through

the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program – better known as ELAP – that is being developed to compensate eligible producers with positive herds who experience loss of milk production. By statute, ELAP is authorized to pay eligible producers 90% of the value of losses. The program would pay an amount per cow, for a set period of time. Additionally, for producers who want to help contain the disease and reduce the burden on their operations, USDA recently announced a Voluntary H5N1 Dairy Herd Status program. I invite Farm Bureaus across the country to

help us spread the word about the resources available to assist producers, as well as the value of voluntary testing.

When it comes to food safety, studies have confirmed that our system is working well

and that America's food supply remains among the safest in the world. USDA scientists are also working with partners to develop a cattle-specific H5N1 vaccine, an important tool to eventually help to eliminate the virus from the nation's dairy cattle herd, but that process requires many steps and will take time.

The most important step we can take today is biosecurity. I am inviting Farm Bureau members and all producers to use our resources to enhance their biosecurity measures and my hope is that more states and producers will opt in to our support programs and herd monitoring programs, which are designed to limit the spread of this disease in dairy cattle.

Farmers are going to lead the charge, but they won't need to do it alone. USDA is here to support you every day and we will continue to do all we can to protect animal and human health. I am confident that with the right tools and the hardworking spirit of America's farmers and farmworkers, together we can get it done.



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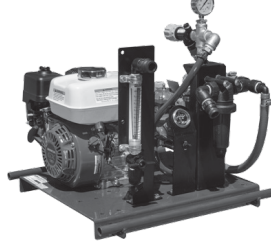
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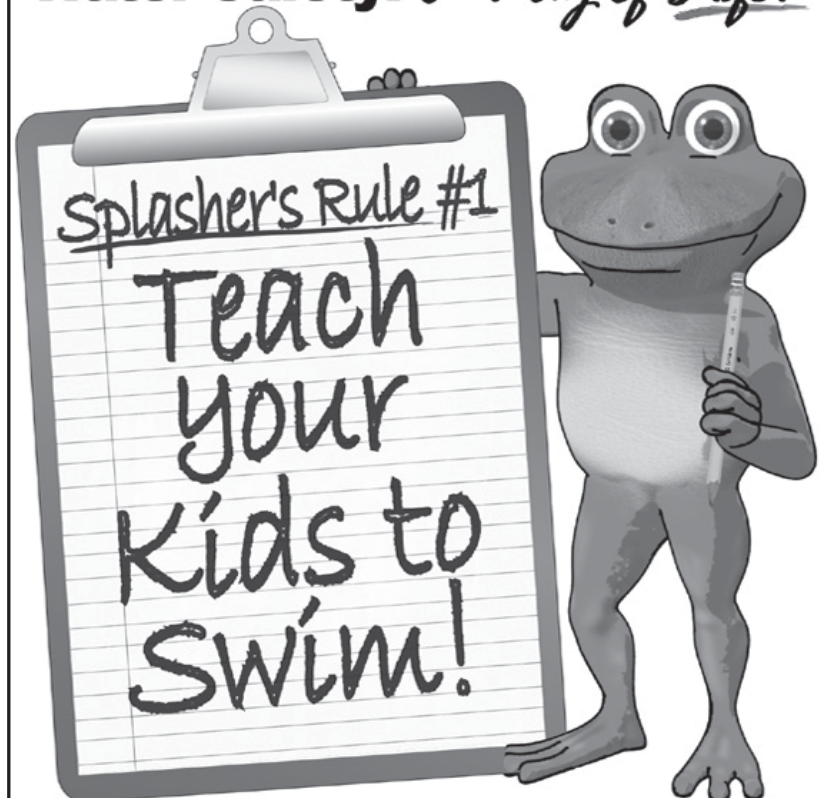


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## The Great Turkey Takeover at the Fair

By Vicky Boyd

In 2023, only about 30 FFA students countywide showed turkeys at the Stanislaus County Fair. This year, Johansen High School staged a turkey takeover July 11 when 42 students from the Modesto area school alone showed their birds.

"It's going to be an interesting day," said a grinning Armando Cervantes, a Johansen agriculture teacher and turkey project advisor.

Likely the result of his unique recruiting style, the number of Johansen students raising turkeys for FFA projects has grown from 10 to 15 the past few years to 52 students and 133 birds this year. A few of the students didn't participate in the fair.

"I'm not like a traditional ag teacher — I coach wrestling too, and it's been cool," Cervantes said.

A Johansen High School alum, he admitted to being a troubled youth and running with the wrong crowd. But Cervantes credited sports — in his case, football — and his ag teachers for redirecting him and keeping him out of trouble.

"Becoming an ag teacher was my way of giving back," he said.

### Turkeys offer entryway to agriculture

As one of four Johansen ag teachers, Cervantes spreads the word about agricultural opportunities to students through standard avenues. But it also goes the opposite direction, and he's recruited some of his ag students for wrestling.

As a wrestling coach, he encounters a different audience and convinces many of his athletes to try an ag project. With turkeys being simpler and having a lower cost of entry than other livestock, such as goats or hogs, they're an easier sell.

"You don't have to know that much," Cervantes said. "A lot of our kids have never taken a single ag class. This is their first one. The big thing for me was making it simple."

For \$165, students can raise three turkeys, which include one to show at the fair and two that are processed and shrink wrapped at

the Rabbit House in Turlock to be taken home to eat. A goat, on the other hand, may run students \$800 to raise to market weight.

Johansen is designated a Title I school, which means that at least 40% of students in the school or residing in the attendance area are from low-income families. Cervantes said he understands that not all students can afford a turkey project, so he also provides guidance on how they can find project sponsors.

"We won't let money be a barrier for them to have a project," he said.

Each year in winter, the school farm receives one-day-old poults. To keep things simple and minimize infighting among birds, Cervantes orders all broad breasted whites, a meat-type turkey, and all females.

Students are not assigned individual birds to care for but instead are given weekly pen schedules to clean the enclosures, feed and water the birds, and work with the animals to prepare them for showing. Shortly before the fair, students pick the individual birds they want to show or enter.

To be eligible for the fair's market class, the birds must weigh between 15 and 30 pounds and not be over 22 weeks old. Contestants compete in separate weight classes so a lighter-weight turkey won't go up against what poultry judge Julia Orlando described as a sumo wrestler-sized bird.

Cervantes said they're fortunate to be one of only two high schools in the Modesto School District with an on-school farm, making it easier for students to perform their chores before or after school.

### Bird care teaches life skills

FFA Chapter President and incoming senior Jazmin Kumler learned about FFA when she was in junior high and high school members came to talk about the program.



Photo by Vicky Boyd - (From left) Roman Peña, Gabriel Urias, Sebastian Ocegüera, Jazmin Kumler and Maritza Gutierrez are among the more than 50 Johansen High School students who planned to show turkeys at the Stanislaus County Fair. Their advisor is Johansen agriculture teacher Armando Cervantes (far right).

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"When I came into high school, I was already excited about it," she said. "But I didn't realize how FFA is more than just animals."

As a freshman, Kumler raised a goat, followed by two years with a goat and a turkey.

"They're a pretty easy project," she said of the birds. "But you still have to take responsibility and be dedicated to feed them and ultimately take care of them."

Kumler also played basketball as a freshman but said she didn't feel comfortable with the team dynamics. When Cervantes heard this, he encouraged her to try girls' wrestling.

This year Kumler completed her second season on the girls' varsity wrestling team and said the team chemistry was more to her liking — she planned to compete again next season.

This summer, she also hoped to receive an unpaid internship at a local veterinary clinic to learn more about the profession. Ultimately, Kumler said she'd like to become a large animal veterinarian.

Incoming senior Sebastian Ocegüera was a freshman when Cervantes encouraged him to go out for the wrestling team. As frequently happens, the ag teacher then suggested Ocegüera try a turkey project as a sophomore. He sold his three birds last year, including the one that took second in the market category, and invested the proceeds into turkey and steer projects this year.

"(The turkeys) are a simple project, but they do take some time," Ocegüera said. "But I'm already here on the farm every day feeding my steer."

Having the animal projects has taught him time-management skills and how to work them into his sports and school schedules. Ocegüera hasn't decided what he'll do when he graduates next year, but "I have an entire year and I just know I want to do something in ag."

Maritza Gutierrez, an incoming sophomore, didn't grow up on a farm. But she said Cervantes taught her about taking care of turkeys, which interested her a lot.

"It also helps us learn to take responsibility for animals," she said. "In that

sense, I think it will help me all through high school."

Incoming senior Gabriel Urias ordered three turkeys this year, moving up from a goat and a turkey last year. After gaining permission from Cervantes, Urias gave one of his birds to his younger brother, Christian, an incoming sophomore, to raise.

A member of the high school wrestling team, Urias grew up nearby and learned of the FFA program while taking an ag mechanics class from Cervantes as a freshman.

"I fell in love with it," Urias said about FFA.

He also learned a hard life lesson when his goat died last year from kidney stones.

"This teaches you a lot of responsibility because these are live animals and they're just like me and you and they get sick," Urias said. "It also taught me time management skills. You have to make sure to have enough to spend some time with them."

In addition to showing a turkey at the fair, Urias also planned to enter a pizza oven he built in his ag mechanics class. After graduation, he would like to train to become a welder.

Incoming sophomore Roman Peña was in a science class listening to several classmates rave about their ag teacher, so he decided to check it out and eventually signed up for a turkey project.

"I've learned time-management skills and communication skills with my pen mates," Peña said. "If I can't feed one day, I have to ask my pen mate to feed them."

With a busy schedule that also includes boxing and concurrently attending barber college, his time-management skills are definitely put to the test. But he's sold on agriculture. Next year, Peña wants to try a market hog project.



Photo by Vicky Boyd

Entrants herded their birds into the show ring for the 26-pound weight class.

## Coleman, Barber Take Home Top Honors in JNHE Owned Female Show

GRAND ISLAND, Neb. – Capping off a ropin' good week at the 25th annual VitaFerm® Junior National Hereford Expo, Kathryn Coleman, Modesto, Calif., won grand champion owned polled female hon-

ors, and Aidyn Barber, Channing, Texas, exhibited the grand champion owned horned female on July 12 at the "Grand Daddy of 'Em All," in Grand Island, Neb. Mark Hoge, Ph.D., Good Hope, Ill., and Clayton Boyert, Seville, Ohio, evaluated the owned female show. The duo sorted 555 polled females and 243 horned females to

find their champions.

An April 20, 2023, daughter of H Montgomery 7437 ET, Coleman's grand champion polled owned female, CFCC HPH Fenty 2126L, also won division VII.

Copeland Paulsen, Preston, Iowa, and FTZS Lettie 310L, a June 5, 2023, daughter of FTZS Fearless 002H, claimed the reserve grand champion polled owned female title and champion division V honors.

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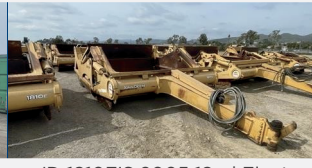
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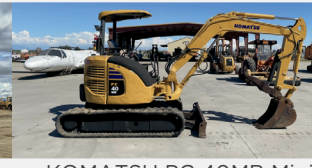
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