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FUN FACTS AND FAIR STATISTICS FOR THE 2009 BIG FRESNO FAIR

Fresno, CA....October 18, 2009...The Big Fresno Fair, a twelve-day event that caters to patrons from all ages and includes hundreds of vendors and exhibitors, plus a variety of attractions and entertainment, is the largest event in the Central Valley. The following information has been prepared as of Sunday, October 18, and includes a snapshot of interesting and unique facts and statistics from the 2009 Big Fresno Fair.

The Big Fresno Fair hired 939 employees for the months of September and October. In 2008, The Big Fresno Fair employed 1,048 people. NOTE: This does not include the local employees hired by our carnival provider, Shamrock Shows or food vendors.

Livestock Pavilion

- More than 2,000 animals were exhibited with more than 558 shown for auction at the 2009 Junior Livestock Auctions held Saturday, October 10th and Saturday, October 17th.
- Animals in the Livestock Pavilion used more than 4,000 bales of straw and ate more than 2,000 bags of feed
- Approximately 100 gallons of soap was utilized at hand washing stations
- More than 10,000 hours worked by Livestock employees during the 12 days of the Fair

Crystal Ag Ventureland

- 55 pregnant sheep (ewes) were brought to the Fair and 60 lambs were born onsite; 20 sheep did not lamb.
- Approximately 128 baby chicks were hatched during the Fair

The Fair Education Program

This annual program draws students, teachers and parents from Fresno County Elementary School classrooms who take part in educational tours of the Fair. Young participants visit each exhibit

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building and they are taught about the rich agricultural history of The Big Fresno Fair while using an interactive and educational guide and having fun all at the same time.

- 33,397 Fresno County parents, teachers and students toured the Fair this year as part of the Fair Education Program. This is the 17th year of the Program.

Home Arts Building

- More than 100 woodcarvings were created during the Fair
- There were 155 homemade quilts that were entered for display
- There were 5 food contests: the Chili Cook Off, BBQ Contest, Fleishmann's Yeast Bake for the Cure Contest, Malt-O-Meal Recipe Contest, Hidden Valley Ranch Contest and *new* in 2009 the Lindsay Olive Lovers Challenge
- There was an average of 4 demonstrations per day

Inside Kids' Town

- 192 All-Alaskan Pig races were run
- Mutton Bustin'
 - 75 sheep were brought in for this new Fair attraction
 - More than 500 kids tried their luck at Mutton Bustin'
 - "Buster," the Mutton Bustin' mascot, did the moonwalk 51 times during the Fair.

Wild America

- 25,002 crafts were made at Mary Lee's Make and Take Center
- 100 different reptiles were on display at Brad's World Reptiles

Gem and Mineral Exhibit

- 1,300 pounds of polished rocks were handed out to children during the Fair Education Program
- More than \$4,500 in scholarships were awarded to Fresno State and Fresno City students

SPCA

- 63 animals were adopted by Fair patrons.

Colossal Gelato

- 12,000 scoops of Gelato were served
- 3,000 waffle cones were made
- 150 World's Largest waffle cones were made
- 800 lbs of waffle mix were used to make the waffles

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- 560 gallons of milk were used to make the gelato
- 6,500 biodegradable cups were used

Cotton Candy

- A total of 1,000 pounds of sugar was used to make cotton candy

Hot Dog on a Stick

- 21,021 pounds of batter was used
- 15,000 pounds of regular corn dogs and 2,500 pounds of jumbo corn dogs were sold and eaten at the Fair

Jack Frost Ice

- An estimated 400,000 pounds of ice was used during the Fair

Chicken Charlie

- 1,000 pounds of frog legs were sold
- More than 5,000 pounds of chicken (more than 400 pounds a day) was consumed
- 2,000 White Castle Sliders were made
- More than 2,000 deep fried avocados were made
- 6,000 kabobs were sold
- 10,000 zucchini weenies were made

Papa Magdaleno's Coffee Stand

- 144 pounds of coffee was sold

Old Tyme Kettle Korn

- 5,750 pounds of corn kernels were popped (at least 300 pounds were free samples)
- 2,875 pounds of sugar were used

Too Cool Ice Stands

- 25-30 gallons of syrup was used
- 2,106 refillable sports bottles were sold

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