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Cal Expo Announces Return of the State Fair in 2022

After a 2-year layoff as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the California State Fair & Food Festival to come roaring back next year

SACRAMENTO — After the California State Fair & Food Festival was cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Cal Expo’s Board of Directors today announced that the event will be back in 2022, running from July 15 through July 31.

“We are thrilled to announce that the California State Fair will come roaring back in 2022,” said Jess Durfee, Chair of the Cal Expo Board of Directors. “While Cal Expo has been honored to provide support and much-needed aid to Californians during this health crisis, our region and state have greatly missed the excitement of the State Fair.”

Since March 2020, Cal Expo has been dedicated to almost entirely to COVID-19 responses, serving as a mass COVID-19 testing site as well as providing shelter trailers and warming stations for the unhoused. Since the availability of COVID-19 vaccines, Cal Expo was also the site of two mass vaccination locations – one led by Sacramento County Public Health department and the other by Kaiser Permanente.

The California State Fair & Food Festival is an international award-winning fair, receiving top honors at the International Association of Fairs and Expositions out of more than 1,100 fairs worldwide. The California State Fair is dedicated as a place to celebrate the best the state has to offer in agriculture, technology, and the diversity of its people, traditions, and trends that shape the Golden State's future.

The 2022 State Fair will include a comprehensive list of competitions, including California’s best-in-class wines, cheeses, craft beers, cannabis, olive oils, and fine arts, among others. For more information, please visit www.calexpostatefair.com

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