



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

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TO: All Fairground Managers and Board Chairs

SUBJECT: 2026 State Rules for California Fairs

The California Department of Food and Agriculture's Fairs and Expositions (F&E) Branch is pleased to announce the release of the 2026 State Rules for California Fairs. The 2026 State Rules for California Fairs contain two addendums listed below:

- Addendum I – Summary of Changes for 2026
- Addendum II – Exhibit Program Guidelines for Fair Management & Exhibit Staff

Addendum III – Youth Agreement Letter signed by 4-H, FFA, Grange, and CDFA is in the process of being finalized. Once Addendum III has been fully executed by all parties, the Youth Agreement will be sent out and posted on the F&E website.

Also enclosed is Secretary Ross' welcome letter to the 2026 fair season. Please feel free to include the letter in your fair's Exhibitor Handbook. As soon as Governor Newsom's welcome letter becomes available, it will also be sent out and posted on the website. For future reference, the 2026 State Rules for California Fairs, addendums, and the Welcome Letters can also be found under the Correspondence tab on the [F&E website](#).

Best of luck to all this fair season! For any State Rules questions/clarifications, variance requests, or protest information please contact Mike Francesconi by [email](#), or by phone at (916) 900-5365.

Respectfully,

Mike Francesconi
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Enclosures

