



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### **California Agriculture Fair Season**

Welcome to the 2022 Fair Season!

As we prepare for the next fair season, I want to first and foremost extend my gratitude to the Network of California Fairs and its communities. While the past two years have been anything but ordinary, the California fair industry has strived to provide a sense of normalcy.

Our fairgrounds continued to serve communities throughout the state in more ways than ever before. Most recently, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, California fairgrounds served as testing and vaccination sites, and food bank distribution sites, and they did this while continuing to provide resources for fire camps and evacuation centers during wildfire season. In addition, California fairs found creative ways to keep the fair tradition alive.

Although the fairs' main goal is to provide a central location for the community under any and all circumstances, they offer so much more than just that. Annual fairs are one of the strongest advocates for agriculture education and affordable fun for the entire family! Year after year, the fairs provide exhibitors with opportunities to display their hard work, create memories and friendships, and celebrate traditions and culture.

As an exhibitor of a California fair, you are playing a vital role in California's agricultural industry, as the community learns from you about the bounty and resources our state has to offer. We are excited and hopeful to see what this year will bring us as we all work towards better times ahead.

Thank you again for playing such an important role in California's communities.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom  
Governor of California