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TAKASUGI: FAIRS SHOWCASE THE BRIGHT FUTURE OF IDAHO'S AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY

ISDA DIRECTOR INVITES IDAHOANS TO VISIT THEIR COUNTY FAIR

(BOISE) Idaho State Department of Agriculture Director Pat Takasugi invites all Idahoans to visit their county fairs and see first hand the deep connection Idaho has to its farming and ranching roots.

While several counties have already finished their fairs for the season, there are still several chances throughout the state to take in the tremendous sights and sounds and enjoy all that the fair has to offer.

"County fairs are a fun opportunity for youngsters and adults to see what Idaho agriculture is all about and how important it remains to the state," Takasugi said. "Agriculture has a rich history in Idaho, but at the fair, you can really see how it has a very bright future."

The Western Idaho Fair in Garden City and the Eastern Idaho Fair in Blackfoot will feature the Agriculture Pavilion, now in its 11th year. The Agriculture Pavilion, which is sponsored by the Food Producers of Idaho, contains more than 40 displays about the agriculture industry in Idaho. The Idaho State Department of Agriculture will have four booths at the Pavilion. The agency's booths will provide information about mosquito control, noxious weeds, international trade and marketing, and about the department's new animal identification project.

Visitors will also have a chance to test their knowledge of Idaho's \$4.4 billion agriculture industry by completing the Agriculture Knowledge Quiz.

The Western Idaho Fair is August 19-28. The Eastern Idaho State Fair in Blackfoot is September 3-10. Other fairs are taking place across the state include the Twin Falls County Fair, August 31-September 5.

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