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“Agrarian Games” Invites Families to Compete Alongside Farmers

Friends, farmers, agrarian athletes. Lend me your ears... of corn.

The fourth annual Agrarian Games kicks off on September 16th at the Petaluma Fairgrounds with hay bale tossing, butter churning, watermelon seed spitting and more. Hosted by The Farmers Guild and Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF), this interactive and educational festival celebrates sustainable agriculture with live music, local food and farm-themed activities for all ages.

“I’ve been training the entire season for this year’s games,” says Colby Accacian of Cotati’s Coyote Family Farm who last year took home a whopping seven first-place medals. “Especially the fence-post pounding competition. This year I’m going home with the gold.”

Whether you’re a farmer or an eater, a country bumpkin or a city-slicker, come test your strength and speed, show off your knowledge of soil types or proficiency with a pitchfork. Stop by the farmers market for organic and edible souvenirs, grab lunch at the food trucks or fill up on some of the North Coast’s finest beer and wine. Activities run from noon to 6 PM.

“This event provides the whole family a fun, hands-on peek behind the scenes of our agricultural community,” says Evan Wiig, Agrarian Athletic Coach (also known as CAFF’s Director of Membership and Communications). “Come find out how working to build a healthier and more just food system can be loads of fun!”

September 16, 12 PM - 6 PM at the **Petaluma Fairgrounds**. \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids under 13, FREE for kids under 5. More details at www.farmersguild.org/aggames2017.

About CAFF: Founded in 1978, the Community Alliance with Family Farmers is a nonprofit organization; recognized nationally and internationally for its pioneering Biological Agriculture, Farm to School, Buy Fresh Buy Local and Public Policy programs. In 2016, CAFF merged with the Farmers Guild and strengthened the economic and social viability for a new generation of farmers. With CAFF’s established history with family farms and Farmer Guild’s youthful energy, we planted a groundbreaking relationship with foreseeable growth. CAFF has played key roles in enacting the nation’s toughest laws regulating pesticide use, promoting the development of organic farming, bringing fresh, local produce into school cafeterias and classrooms, and establishing programs to distribute locally grown produce to community grocery stores, hospitals, restaurants and farmers markets.