

World Ag Expo

Ag tours add to Expo's excitement

Farm tour tickets are available for purchase at <http://www.worldagexpo.com/buy-tickets> while seats last.

Dairy Tour: Elkhorn and Milky Way Dairies

Price: \$45 with box lunch

Times: 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13, and Thursday, Feb. 15

The tour will highlight the technology and state-of-the-art facilities used by California dairies. At Elkhorn Dairy, learn about the carousel milking parlor that milks 3,300 cows three times a day. The tour will also include a visit to the 5-acre solar farm that provides electricity for the operation. At Milky Way Dairy, see how operators use a herringbone-pattern milking parlor to manage two herds.

Almond and Winery Tour: Yribarren Winery and Orchards

Price: \$55 with lunch

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14

Attendees will visit the Central California Almond Growers Association and Yribarren Family Vineyards. During the almond hulling facility portion of the tour, visitors will learn about how almonds are processed. While at the Yribarren Family Vineyards, visitors will learn about the farming and production side of almonds, and will enjoy a boutique wine tasting and tour and will feast on a lunch of barbecue lamb, prepared by Indart Ranch, which prides itself on all natural, pasture-raised lamb.

Citrus Tour: University of California Lindcove Research and Extension Center, McKellar Family Farms and Monrovia Nursery

Price: \$45 with a box lunch

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15

This tour will visit the University of California Lindcove Research & Ex-

tension Center, McKellar Family Farms and Monrovia Nursery. Established in 1959, the research center has more than 100 acres of citrus in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley. Researchers conduct studies on citrus varieties, horticultural techniques and pest management.

The tour will include a display and tasting of citrus varieties. Lunch is provided at McKellar Family Farms, where visitors will tour the citrus orchards, view equipment and get a better understanding of the process from tree to table.

After lunch, visitors will stop at Visalia-area Monrovia Nursery's 1,000 acres of 40 varieties of citrus trees. By the end of the tour, visitors will have an understanding of how much care and forethought goes into producing top-quality fruit, in addition to the research conducted to improve growing conditions.

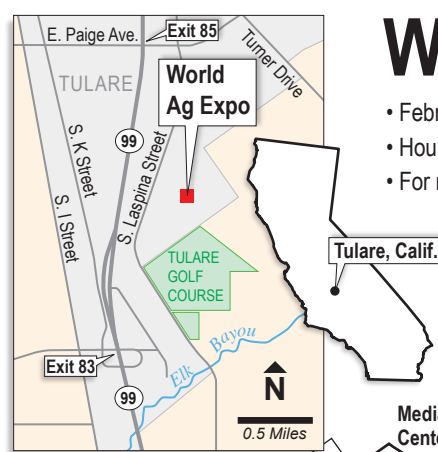
Citrus and Feed Mill Tour: Wonderful Citrus and J.D. Heiskell Mill

Price: \$45 with box lunch selection

Time: 10:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15

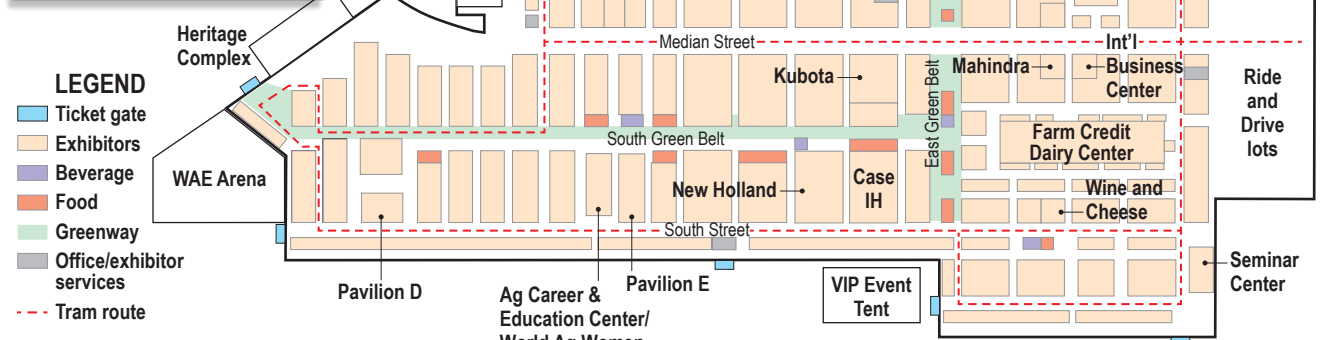
The Wonderful Citrus tour is a guided walking tour through the 700,000-square-foot Wonderful Halos packinghouse in Delano. Guests will watch thousands of California mandarins travel through pre-sort, packaging and shipping in a state-of-the-art packinghouse. Guests must wear long pants and flat, closed-toe shoes to enter the Halos facility. Jewelry, including watches, hairclips, necklaces, earrings, bracelets and rings with stones, will not be allowed into the facility.

Visitors will also stop at the J.D. Heiskell & Co. feed mill in Pixley. The tour will view a feed manufacturing and trans-load facility. On the tour, you will also view the production warehouse and service trucks, and learn about rail unloading and services.



World Ag Expo, 2018

- February 13-15, International Agri-Center, 4500 S. Laspinas Street
- Hours: Tues. and Wed., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thurs., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- For more information, go to: www.worldagexpo.org



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Annual Ag Expo brings the world to California

TULARE, Calif. — The largest annual agricultural exposition of its kind will return this month to California.

The World Ag Expo will present its 51st edition starting Feb. 13, boasting more than 1,500 exhibitors displaying cutting-edge agricultural technology and equipment on 2.6 million square feet of exhibit space.

Last year, 105,780 people from 43 states and 71 countries visited the 50th anniversary of World Ag Expo.

The World Ag Expo Arena will again offer daily Equipment Showcases, where exhibitors will perform live demonstrations of their latest products.

Seminars will be offered in a variety of categories, including dairy, irrigation, international trade, business and farm management, marketing and media and general agriculture.

These seminars are presented by professionals in the industry and provide attendees with valuable information to improve their operations.

At a glance

What: 2018 World Ag Expo

Date: Feb. 13-15

Time: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday

Where: International Agri-Center, 4500 S. Laspinas St., Tulare, Calif.

Cost: \$15 gate admission, \$12 online ticket price with a discount code

Tickets: www.worldagexpo.org

"World Ag Expo has built a legacy of bringing agricultural buyers and sellers together," Jerry Sinift, International Agri-Center's chief executive officer, said in a press release.

The Top-10 New Products Competition, sponsored by Bank of America, is back with products offering new technology and increased efficiencies.

From unmanned spray systems and remote monitoring to new tire traction solutions and ag film recycling, the Top-10 New Products has something to offer every type

of farming operation.

The 2018 World Ag Expo will also host daily events, including the Wednesday evening Bud Light After-Hours Party in the Arena, with a free concert by Craig Campbell.

Attendees can look forward to several new events this year, including a livestock seminar and demonstration on Wednesday afternoon in the Arena, a woodworking demonstration, the Italian Trade Agency pavilion and a wide variety of new seminars that cover everything from organic farming to new tech-

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nology in the ag industry.

Attendees will also be able to take advantage of 20 new acres of parking to the south side of the International Agri-Center grounds. This addition will allow for easier parking and greater attendance.

World Ag Expo attendees can get the latest news, information and updates about the show by downloading the new 2018 mobile app. The free app provides mobile access to the schedule of events, an exhibitor directory, map of the show grounds and other visitor resources.

The app is available for download from the app store by searching "World Ag Expo 2018."

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For more information about show or to purchase tickets for the 2018 World Ag Expo, visit <http://www.WorldAgExpo.org>



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