

# FARM-CITY PRO RODEO PROMISES TOP ANIMAL ATHLETES

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**F**ans of the Farm-City Pro Rodeo can look forward to a variety of rough stock at this year's event. Five different companies from various regions are sending animals to participate in the rodeo. Spectators can expect to see impressive animals from Calgary Stampede of Alberta, Canada, Korkow Rodeos out of Pierre, S.D., Corey & Lange/Flying Diamond Rodeo Co. from Moses Lake, Wash., Kesler Rodeo Co. from Helena, Mont. and Palmer-Smith Cattle Co. out of Milton-Freewater.

Veteran stock contractor Mike Corey of Corey & Lange/ Flying Diamond will be bringing his best animals to the Farm City Pro Rodeo.

"They don't hire me to bring the second string animals," he said. "They hire me to bring the best."

One of his best animals coming for bareback competition is his horse, Trip Wire, "He bucks pretty hard," Corey said.

Fans should also be on the lookout for what Corey calls a "special" bull.

Bottle Rocket is a young bull, but has already built quite a resume. Most recently he won "Bull of the Rodeo" at the Calgary

Stampede. He's previously won top bull nods for the Columbia River Circuit and at the National Finals Rodeo.

Aside from hosting events, Calgary Stampede also raises rough stock for rodeo. Kristina Barnes, communications manager for the Stampede, said the company will be bringing 47 horses to Hermiston. Three of those horses have been sired by six-time world champion bareback horse, and six-time Canadian champion bareback horse Grated Coconut. One of those horses, Timely Delivery, was just named best Saddle Bronc horse of the Calgary Stampede Rodeo, with Cody DeMoss scoring an 88 in the finals. Other horses to watch for are Rum Flavoured, a 2015 NFR and Canadian Finals Rodeo competitor, along with Mad Money, who was also a 2015 CFR bareback horse.

The Farm-City Pro Rodeo has developed a reputation for the quality of animal athletes provided by stock contractors to the event.

Farm-City has been awarded the prestigious Remuda Award from the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and voted on by the cowboys for providing a high-quality and consistent pen of bucking horses. Farm-City Pro Rodeo won the award in 2009 and in 2014.

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