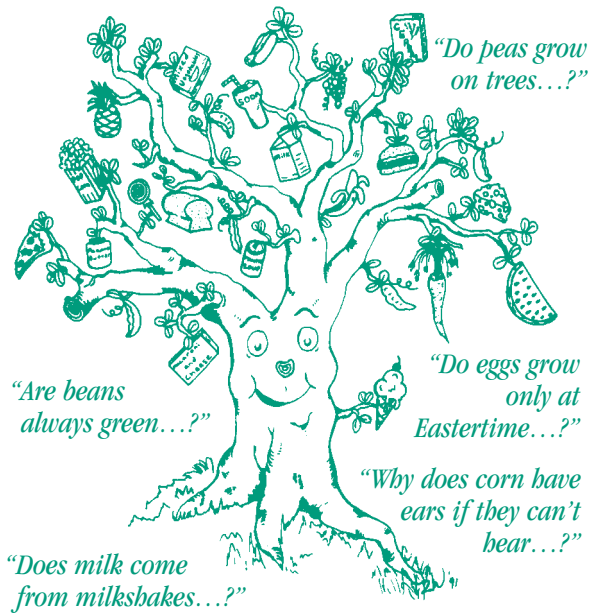


The Questions Kids Ask!



If our children don't understand where our food comes from, where will our food come from in the future?

Centennial Farm

- Demonstrates the important role agriculture plays in our daily lives
- Provides a hands-on multi-faceted educational experience
- Promotes an understanding of the source of our food and fiber

Centennial Farm features a wide array of crops, nursery stock and livestock. Our exhibits offer some visitors their first hands-on, multi-faceted agricultural experience. For others, the Farm provides the opportunity to reminisce about the days when farming remained the county's number one industry. Centennial Farm helps preserve our agricultural roots in an urbanized environment while inspiring some youngsters to pursue agricultural careers.

Our History

The Orange County Fair dedicated three acres to create a miniature working farm in 1989. The Fair and the non-profit Centennial Farm Foundation continue to support and maintain Centennial Farm. This amazing farm recreates the past, represents the present and looks to future trends in farming.

Centennial Farm Foundation

Centennial Farm Foundation works with community volunteers, plus the management and staff of the Orange County Fair, to plan, develop and operate the Farm.

After Centennial Farm was founded in 1989, the Foundation was organized in 1991 to raise support for education programs offered at the Farm. The Foundation solicits, accumulates and disburses funds to operate Centennial Farm and other agriculturally and youth-related educational programs and exhibits of the Orange County Fair.



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Down On The

FARM

Kick up your heels at Centennial Farm!



Visit our simulated working farm located on three acres at the Orange County Fairgrounds.

Featuring:

- Growing crops in a production agriculture environment
- Livestock and farm animals including cattle, chickens, goats, horses, pigs, rabbits, sheep, turkeys
- The Bug Barn
- Agricultural Resource Center featuring educational curriculum

"It's very good for the students to learn where we get the meat we eat, where we get chicken from, and vegetables and the different kinds of fruit. They're fascinated."

*—Kevin Som, Teacher, Bret Harte School
Long Beach, Calif.*

Many youngsters today remain blind to the important role agriculture plays in their lives. Responding to this need for greater understanding, the Centennial Farm at the Orange County Fairgrounds helps open young eyes to see how our food, clothing, housing and quality of life depend on production agriculture.

As California becomes more urbanized, particularly with the rapid development of former farmlands in Orange County, we have accepted the challenge to bring agricultural education to the public, with a special emphasis on children, who will become tomorrow's decision makers and consumers.

Centennial Farm Foundation and the Orange County Fair invite you to join us in this exciting challenge to help educate the youth of Orange County about agriculture in an entertaining, fun and easy way. Their future depends on it!



"We like to come in the spring. It's something the kids enjoy and it doesn't cost anything."

*—Denice Wood, Mother of 5-year-old Matthew
Costa Mesa, Calif*

More than 50,000 children each year tour Centennial Farm. While students in grades kindergarten through sixth dominate its tours, the Farm opens its gates to all ages. In addition, due to its wide, level pathways and easy-access ramps, the Farm often attracts special education classes.

Open to the public with free admission and free parking seven days a week, the Farm offers tours guided by volunteer docents twice a day, five days a week from October through May. Reservations are required for groups of 15 or more for a guided tour.

Whether you visit the farm as part of a tour or whether you simply drop by to wander through the farm operation, you'll enjoy and learn from your experience at Centennial Farm.

To reserve a tour or schedule a field trip, call Centennial Farm at (714) 708-1618.

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