



**News Release**

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**Agricultural Recognition Award Nominations Being Accepted**

**Santa Maria** – Nominations of people who have made important contributions to the agricultural industry of Santa Barbara County can be submitted for the 37<sup>th</sup> District Agricultural Association’s Agricultural Recognition Awards until Friday, April 15. Awards will be distributed in the categories of Agri-Business Person of the Year, Farmer of the Year, and Livestock Producer of the Year. The Fair with the theme of “Bright Lights and Magical Nights” will be held July 13 –17, 2011.

To support the nomination, it is asked that background information about the nominee be submitted with the name of the individual. Award recipients will be selected based on past accomplishments, including professional activities, dedication to the agricultural industry, and commitment to the community. Recipients will awarded a Santa Barbara County Fair belt buckle, jacket, and lifetime pass to the Fair.

Applications are available on the Fairpark website [www.santamariafairpark.com](http://www.santamariafairpark.com) or at the Fairpark office 937 South Thornburg Street, Santa Maria.

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