

San Joaquin County Office of Education

James A. Mousalimas, County Superintendent of Schools

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 016-013: Manteca AgVenture

October 29, 2015 Contacts: Zack Johnson, (209) 468-4937 Lauren Dinubilo, (209) 986-3837

3,900 Third-Graders from South San Joaquin County Ready for AgVenture

Students from 48 schools in eight districts to learn about farming, nutrition, and much more

Students will tour Manteca Unified School District (MUSD) School Farm and experience agriculture through presentations of plants, animals, and farm machinery while learning about food grown right in their home towns. By forming connections between the food on their plates and the crops grown in the county, students learn how agriculture impacts their daily lives. Students from Banta Elementary, Escalon Unified, Jefferson Elementary, Lammersville Unified, Manteca Unified, New Jerusalem Elementary, Ripon Unified and Tracy Unified school districts will participate.

AgVenture educates county students about the importance of agriculture. It showcases the county's agricultural industry and teaches students the benefits of making healthy eating choices.

AgVenture is jointly sponsored by the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors, San Joaquin County Agricultural Commissioner's Office, San Joaquin County Office of Education, San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation, California Women for Agriculture, and MUSD. Approximately 11,000 third-graders participate in AgVenture in Manteca, Stockton, and Lodi events. To learn more about AgVenture, contact Krista McCoon at (209) 402-5734.

When: Thursday, Nov. 5

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Where: MUSD School Farm

2271 W. Louise Ave., Manteca, behind MUSD District Office

About the San Joaquin County Office of Education:

San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE) provides educational leadership, resources, and services to support schools throughout the county. With its highly regarded programs, innovative staff and community partnerships, SJCOE ensures that every student in San Joaquin County has the opportunity of a quality education. For more information, visit www.sjcoe.org.