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Alameda County Supervisor Carson hosts 1st Annual West Oakland Agriculture Day at City Slicker Farms on October 25 for local 2nd Grader



Oakland, CA – The First Annual Agricultural Day in West Oakland was held yesterday at **City Slicker Farms** located at **2847 Peralta Street, Oakland, CA 94608** from **9 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** At Ag Day we hosted over 15 exhibitors who educated students about the rich history and future of agriculture in our local community. 300 2nd graders from local elementary schools participated in hands-on interactive demonstrations, watched presentations on the variety of career pathways in agriculture and saw showcases of local farmers (rural and urban) and agriculture related groups. During lunchtime, Max from a local Berkeley school share his experience, “My favorite part of the day were the cows! There were so many other fun things to do here too.” Teachers were given curriculum packets for teachers to further agricultural education in the classroom beyond the event.

Though our Ag Day drew inspiration from annual Ag Day events held throughout the United States and the Eden Area Ag Day, we wanted to showcase City Slicker Farms in West Oakland especially as it’s an area with strong roots in the urban agriculture movement. Supervisor Carson shared his thoughts on Ag Day, “Not only does it expose the students in District 5 to agriculture, but it also helps them understand the work that goes into building a healthy community and see the potential careers in the realm of agriculture”.



West Oakland Ag Day was organized by the Office of Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson, Alameda

County, in partnership with University of California Cooperative Extension, City Slicker Farms and the Oakland A’s. We hope that the students experienced the possibilities of agriculture and become inspired to learn more about growing food, nutrition and honoring our local history!

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Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson represents the Fifth District, which includes Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Piedmont, and parts of Oakland (North Oakland, Rockridge, Grand Lake, Fruitvale, and Dimond District neighborhoods). For more information about District 5 and Supervisor Keith Carson, please call (510) 272-6695 or visit <http://www.acgov.org/board/district5>