



FEEDBARN GRAND OPENING AT FAIR IN THE AIR FeedBarn Adds to the Educational Experience for School Children

FAIR OAKS, MAY 12, 2017 - Fair Oaks Farms opens its newest addition, a children's dining hall in partnership with Farm Credit and Cargill during its annual kite festival, Fair in the Air.

The new building provides a space for school children, families and guests to enjoy their lunch and dinner breaks during their tours of the Dairy, Pig and/or Crop Adventures. The FeedBarn is filled with numerous educational resources that add to the experience that guests will have.

"Telling agriculture's story is increasingly important in a society where more generations of Americans are removed from the farm," says Bill Johnson, President and CEO, Farm Credit Mid-America. "Fair Oaks Farms provides guests the opportunity to learn about 21st century agriculture in engaging and entertaining ways."

"Cargill is a proud supporter of Fair Oaks Farms and we are excited to see the vision of the FeedBarn become a reality," said Charles Shininger, Cargill managing director. "We feel a responsibility to teach future generations about agriculture, and Fair Oaks provides the perfect environment to foster learning for children of all ages."

"Fair Oaks Farms serves as an educational resource regarding current and future farming practices and a center for dialogue between students, teachers and the farmers who produce the food they eat," says Julie Basich, Fair Oaks Farms' COO. "With over 40,000 school kids visiting annually, we are thrilled to be able to offer this new facility that better facilitates their fieldtrip experience."

About Fair Oaks Farms:

Fair Oaks Farms is the nation's premier agritourism destination located in Northwest Indiana and provides the public with the opportunity to learn about modern farming and agriculture practices. First erected in 2003, the first additions to the experience were the Cowfé and The Dairy Adventure. Since 2013, Fair Oaks Farms has added on The Pig Adventure, The Pork Education Center, The WinField Crop Adventure, the Admissions Building and The Farmhouse Restaurant with plans to add a 100-room hotel in 2017.

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