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## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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### The excitement of Aggie Days moves to a new venue

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Calgary, AB – For 31 years the Calgary Stampede's Aggie Days has been bringing the country to the city, and this year it will be doing it in a brand new spot on Stampede Park. Aggie Days will showcase a number of new and familiar hands-on agriculture exhibits in its new home in the Agrium Western Events Centre, April 6-10, 2016.

"For more than three decades our program has been an important connection for agriculture and education. Through live animal demonstrations and interactive displays we educate children, showing them the impact agriculture has on our daily lives," says Grant Northcott, chair of the Agriculture Education committee. "It's even more exciting for us this year, as we make the move from the BMO Centre to the Agrium Centre. It's a great place for all of our guests, both four legged and two."

Approximately 40,000 people are expected to make a visit to Aggie Days April 6-10. The first three days are reserved for pre-registered school groups, with doors opening to the public on April 9-10 for Family Fun Days.

#### New and returning initiatives at Aggie Days 2016:

- See a honeycomb and learn how to judge quality honey
- Enjoy an up-close and personal visit with many adorable spring babies including piglets, chicks and lambs
- Meet some meat rabbits, and learn how they're different from those raised as pets
- Experience the feeling of driving a John Deere combine to harvest grain
- Visit the Grain Academy to learn both history and current information on growing, harvesting and shipping grain.

Also included in the excitement on Saturday is *Clock, Stock and Barrel*, the fast-paced action of stock dog trials. The event begins bright and early at 8 a.m. On Sunday, see the incredible trust between horse and rider in the *Calgary Stampede Spring Extreme Cowboy Race*. Each pair must maneuver through a series of obstacles, demonstrating the rider's horsemanship skills as well as the horse's athletic ability and speed. The Non-Pro class of the Extreme Cowboy race begins at 12 p.m. with the Open class to follow.

Admission is FREE for all visitors! For more information, please visit: [Calgary Stampede Aggie Days](#).

#### **About the Calgary Stampede**

The Calgary Stampede celebrates the people, the animals, the land, the traditions and the values that make up the unique spirit of the west. The Calgary Stampede contributes to the quality of life in Calgary and southern Alberta through our world-renowned Stampede, year-round facilities, western events and several youth and agriculture programs. Exemplifying the theme *We're Greatest Together*, we are a volunteer-supported, not-for-profit community organization that preserves and celebrates our western heritage, cultures and community spirit. All revenue is reinvested into Calgary Stampede programs and facilities.

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