

**Weekly Radio Ag Report**  
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Good Morning. This is Cheryl Lauritsen with this week's Agriculture Report. I want to start off with a heartfelt thank you to all the men and women, past and present, and their families, who have sacrificed so much to keep our country a free and safe place to raise our families. I hope that all of you listeners had a great Memorial Day weekend. And what about that great weather that we had! I can't believe that the kids are almost out of school for the summer! Many of you are already making summer plans.

As a Lassen County Fair Board Member, I would like to give you a few ideas for some great ways to spend some of your evenings and weekends. The Susanville Blue Grass Festival is just around the corner. This is a great way to relax and spend time with family and friends. Bring a blanket or chair, and relax in the shade while you enjoy the stage entertainment which begins on Friday June 24<sup>th</sup>. The quilt room opens at 9am on Monday June 21<sup>st</sup> and will remain open for sewing until Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup>. It's a great place to work on that quilt you will be entering in the County Fair. Band camp also starts on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Jam sessions will be going on throughout the week and are a great way to perfect your musical skills.

The Lassen County Fair will be in July. In the past, the county fair was where housewives, ranchers and gardeners showed off their prize winning baked goods, home preserves, quilts, sewing projects, steers, lambs, bales of hay, cut flowers, zucchini, carrots and many other items that they raised. This year's fair opens on July 20<sup>th</sup>. With all of the livestock, art, home arts and industrial exhibits, the horseshoe tournament, concerts, the Jr. and Sr. Chopped competition and a few new contests, there will be plenty to do and see.

New this year, will be the STEAM exhibit provided by the Lassen County Office of Education. This will be an ongoing exhibit with some interactive activities that should be fun for all. For those of you that don't know, STEAM is the acronym for Science, Technology Engineering and Math. Also new is the "Revamped Business Decorating Contest". The Fair Board is inviting all Lassen County businesses to help us kick off the 2016 County Fair with this contest. Decorations should cover both the inside and outside of your business, and should depict this year's fair theme "Red, White and Moo, Lassen County Fair Wants Ewe", (Ewe as in a female sheep). The winning decorated business will receive VIP passes for 10 people of your choice and will include the Friday night concert with backstage passes as well food and drink vouchers. Entry forms for this contest will be available at the Fair Office or online. They will be due by Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. Entered businesses will be judged by Fair Board members the week of July 5<sup>th</sup>.

August will bring about the Blues and Brews event sponsored by Lassen County Farm Bureau and Every Bloomin' Thing. And don't forget the Diamond Mountain Speedway races that will be held throughout the summer.

Along with all of the camping and fishing in our beautiful backyard, there is no reason to look elsewhere of things to make this summer one of your best. Congratulations to all 2016 graduates! Thank you, and have a great summer!