

**Weekly Radio Ag Report**  
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**Cheryl Lauritsen, Lassen County Fair Board**

Good morning. This is Cheryl Lauritsen with this week's Agriculture Report. Well, it's been over a month since the fairgrounds shut their gates signaling the end of the 2016 Lassen County Fair. It's kind of like Christmas. You plan, work, plan and work some more until you think that everything is just perfect. You can't wait until it gets here, then it's over before you know it. We had some new attractions – the tractor/truck pull, barnyard races and the STEAM interactive exhibit for kids provided by the Lassen County Office of Education. Over all, I think it was a very successful county fair. Oh, and by the way, I want to give a big thank you to all of the businesses who participated in the Revamped Business Decorating Contest. I can't wait to see who enters next year, and what their decorations will be.

Of course you know that the County Fair is just one of the many uses that our local fairgrounds provide our community. For starters, the fairgrounds are the home of the Diamond Mountain Speedway and The Susanville Blue Grass Festival. Most recently, as well as in the past, it has been the home of the many firefighters who worked so hard to put out the Willard Fire. It also provides the venue for many other events that not only draw in locals, but also people from all over. When people from outside of our community visit the Pow Wow, craft fair, horse shows or other activities, they do business here and give a little boost to our local economy.

And don't forget, besides providing another location in town to store your boat or RV, it has buildings and lawn areas that can be reserved, at a nominal fee, to be used for weddings, meetings, birthday parties and any other gathering that you might imagine. The annual Winter Craft Fair along with the Festival of Lights will be taking place in December. Check out the Fair website for an application and more information.

Okay, I've said enough about the current and possible uses of the fair grounds. Jim Wolcott and the members of the Lassen County Fair Board would like to thank the entire community for their great support throughout the years. Not only does it help to keep the fairgrounds viable, but your support provides the basis for the future of this important part of the community. We would like to invite all of Lassen County to give us your feedback as well as your suggestions for the future. If there is a contest, entertainment, event or activity that you would like to see at the County Fair, or at any other time of the year, please contact the fair office at 251-8900 or visit our webpage.

Last but not least, I would like to thank all of the emergency personnel who have been working so hard throughout this fire season and every day of the year. Thanks for your hard work and for keeping us all safe. I hope everyone has a great day.