

California Fairs At-Risk

In order to measure the impact of Governor Brown's proposed 100 percent cut of state funding for California's fairs, the California Fairs Alliance developed a list of fairs that will be most at-risk for temporary or permanent closure.

The basic formula for selecting the listed fairs relied on their 2009 year-end fiscal statements (latest available). Those fairs whose operating income showed a 20 percent or greater reliance on state support were considered at risk as well as those fairs that experienced a net loss in 2009 and have an operating reserve of less than five percent.

This list is not meant to suggest that the remaining 49 fairs are not also "at-risk" as a result of the elimination of state funding. Fairs that had a difficult 2010 season and/or other factors could easily be added to the most at-risk list. The 2010-11 budget numbers are just now becoming available and we expect this list to grow. CFA will release an updated list next week.

Fairs operate on a calendar year and funding for 2011 is secure. These impacts are projected for 2012.

Most At-Risk List

1. Butte County Fair
2. Colorado River County Fair
3. Colusa County Fair
4. Glenn County Fair
5. Humboldt County Fair
6. Inter-Mountain Fair of Shasta County
7. Kings Fair
8. Lake County Fair
9. Lassen County Fair
10. Mariposa County Fair
11. Mendocino County Fair
12. Merced County Spring Fair
13. Modoc District Fair
14. Monterey County Fair
15. Mother Lode Fair
16. Placer County Fair
17. Plumas-Sierra County Fair
18. Sacramento County Fair
19. San Benito County Fair
20. San Joaquin County Fair
21. Santa Clara County Youth Fair
22. Schools Agriculture and Nutrition Fair
23. Shasta District Fair
24. Southern California Fair
25. Tehama District Fair
26. Trinity County Fair
27. Tulare County Fair
28. Tulelake-Butte Valley Fair
29. The Valley Fair