

# Ag Expo 2012 Set For Jan. 20-21

## POPLAR BLUFF, MO.

Circle your calendar in red for one of the largest farm trade shows in the region, Ag Expo 2012, which is scheduled for January 20 and 21 at the Black River Coliseum in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Booths are available to purchase. This is the 26th year of Ag Expo, which is sponsored by Butler County University of Missouri Extension Council and the Ag Club of Three Rivers College.

There will be 118 booths available to visit and learn first-hand about agriculture and its importance to the economy. The expo will also feature outdoor exhibits and admission is free. Twelve thousand people attended last year's two-day event.

The event will be held Friday, January 20 from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, January 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free and the two days are packed with activities for the whole family. Entertainment and events include gospel, jazz, and contemporary music; line dancing and clogging; beauty pageants; and agriculture seminars. There will be toy tractor

pedal pull contests for youth ages 4 to 9. There will also be a tractor driving contest for FFA members; petting farm; an old time auction; a milking contest; an ag photography contest; and baking contest. We will again have a Duck Calling contest for adults and youth. This year there will be the Pesticide Applicator Training which will be held at the Expo on Friday afternoon starting at 1:30 p.m. An added event will be a live milking demonstration every two hours during the event. There will be an added youth farm safety scavenger hunt both Friday and Saturday. The Kids Gardening Adventure will also be held Saturday morning until noon sponsored by the Master Gardeners.

So don't forget to attend the Ag Expo on January 20 and 21 and plan to bring the whole family. For more information, to purchase booth space, and to register for the beauty contest, contact the University of Missouri Extension Center, 222 North Broadway, Poplar Bluff (686-8064) or contact us by e-mail at [butlerco@missouri.edu](mailto:butlerco@missouri.edu) or visit our website at <http://extension.missouri.edu/butler>. Δ



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