## Ag Expo Set For January 22-23, 2010

POPLAR BLUFF. MO

ne of the largest farm trade shows in the region, Ag Expo 2010, has been scheduled for January 22 and 23 at the Black River Coliseum in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Booths are now available to rent. This is the 24th year of Ag Expo, which is sponsored by Butler County University of Missouri Extension Council and the Ag Club of Three Rivers Community College.

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

The event will be held Friday, January 22 from 1 p.m. to 8 pm. and Saturday, January 23 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; agriculture seminars; beauty pageants; and toy tractor pedal pull contests for youth ages 4 to 9. There will be tractor driving contests for FFA members; petting farm; an old time auction; a milking contest; an ag photography contest; duck calling contest for adults and youth; and baking contest. An added feature this year will be the Pesticide Applicator Training for private re-certification which will be held at the Expo on Saturday morning at 9 a.m.

So don't forget to attend the Ag Expo on January 22 and 23 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 check our website at www.extension.missouri.edu/butler.  $\Delta$ 



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