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Robert Rickman Marks the 48th anniversary of National Ag Day Tuesday, March 23, 2021

STOCKTON – San Joaquin County’s Fifth District Supervisor Robert Rickman marks the 48th anniversary of National Ag Day and acknowledges a local congressman’s visit to the San Joaquin County Agricultural Center with this statement;

“I am proud to celebrate America's Farmers on National Ag Day. This year’s theme is "Food Brings Everyone to the Table.”

Here in San Joaquin County, agriculture is our economy’s top industry and is as integral to our future as it is to our region’s legacy. The reported estimated gross value of agricultural production for 2019 was \$2,617,815,000. We recognize our agriculture industry’s importance with the support of an interactive Ag Commissioner’s Office, an active Ag Advisory Board, and a strong Right to Farm Ordinance. San Joaquin County AgVenture is a county-sponsored agriculture and nutrition education program for youth in San Joaquin County.

I represent a diverse set of farmers and know of the difficulties and burdens our farmers face due to regulations imposed by government. My office has maintained communications with the Ag Commissioner, Ag community, Assemblymember Villapudua’s office, and representatives of ag labor, noting the importance of vaccinations for our food and agriculture sector populations. On this day, we can all offer our appreciation for the role our agriculture industry plays in providing safe, abundant, and affordable products because we all consume them on a daily basis.

I want to thank our County staff for their tireless efforts to serve our food and agriculture sector populations and all our residents to ensure they have every opportunity to be vaccinated, within the constraints of the state’s rules. Our staff is ready and eager to provide more vaccinations, and I welcome our state and federal officials to join our efforts to receive larger allocations of vaccine doses so that we may protect our deserving residents.

In conclusion, I offer my thanks to the residents of San Joaquin County for their patience as we meet the challenges of ever-changing state rules and guidelines, and wish you all good health.”

For more information about Supervisor Rickman, please visit the [District 5 webpage](#).

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“I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain (what I consider the most enviable of all titles), the character of an honest man.”
- George Washington -