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County Fair

100 years old

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Celebrating a century of livestock barns, produce displays and handicraft exhibits, the 100th annual Santa Cruz County Fair gets under way Tuesday.

Opening day festivities begin at noon at the fairgrounds on Highway 152 east of Watsonville.

Sunday is the deadline for gardeners to enter their late-bloomers in the fruit and vegetable competitions. Fair officials ask anyone wanting to enter beautiful produce to bring it out to the grounds on Sunday between noon and 6 p.m.

The fairgrounds will be open from noon to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

On Friday, the gates will open at noon and close at 11:30 p.m. The following day, Saturday, Sept. 16, the hours are 10 a.m. until 11:30 p.m.

Closing day, Sept. 17, the gates will open at 10 a.m. and shut for the year at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Admission to the fair is \$6 for adults, \$3 for kids ages 5 to 11, free for youngsters 4 and under and \$4 for seniors, except on Tuesday, when admission for seniors will be only \$2. Parking is \$2 per car.

For more information call the County Fair at (408) 724-5671.