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**THE POINT REYES FAMILY ALBUM** ©  
*by Art Rogers*



NICASIO SCHOOL'S PRIMARY CLASS VISITS THE 25TH ANNUAL FARM DAY AT MARIN CENTER

Last Thursday, over 2000 people, mostly children, attended up at Farm Day at the Marin Center Fairgrounds. Farm Day was created by the Marin County Farm Bureau as a celebration of National Agriculture Week. They wanted to educate urban Marin about its rich agricultural heritage. After 25 years, it has grown into an event that features over 40 "hands on" environmental and farm activities for children ages 3 through 12. Among the many exhibits and booths are livestock that can be pet, wool that can be spun, garden demonstrations with seeds for planting at home and school, wasp cocoons, live silk worms, tours of the Marin Farmers Market and an essay, mural and poster contest. Marin County Schools are specifically encouraged to participate and arrange field trips and it is also open to the public. From the left to right standing in the back row are Lynn Bagley, Golden Gate Farmers' Market Association; Charlie Barboni, exhibits supervisor,

Marin County Fair; Joyce Leveroni, North Bay Dairy Women; and Caryl Hodges, Marin County 4-H Leader. These organizers have been involved with Farm Day since the beginning. Next, standing in the back row are Mark Pasternak, a farmer in Nicasio who has participated for several years with his Devils Gulch Ranch Summer Camp booth...he gives kids an education in agriculture and nature. Standing next to Mark is Heston Nunes, from Modesto, and Nicolina Mulcahy, both are instructors with the Dairy Council of California and brought out the Mobile Dairy Classroom truck. Sitting in the back, centered from the left are Lianne Nunes, who is one of ten young women running for District Three Dairy Princess; Nicole Nygard, and Amanda Moretti. They are all students at Tomales High and are chapter officers from the Tomales FFA (Future Farmers of America). Next are members of the Grossi Family Ranch of Novato: Dominic Grossi holding his son Bryce, his wife, Nancy, holding their daughter, Paige, and his mother, Annette Grossi. Annette worked with the Farm Bureau back in 1984 to help establish Farm Day. In the Dairy Council Mobile Classroom truck is a 1400 pound Holstein milk cow from Dominic Grossi's ranch. On the far right are Kathleen Roach and Nina Pederson, owners of Rainbow Ridge Llama Ranch. For the past several years they have brought their llamas for the kids to meet and touch and get acquainted with. Pictured in the front row is Laura Rogers' Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade primary class from Nicasio School. This is an annual field trip for them and this year they won 3rd place in the Farm Day Mural competition. From the left are Mary Jo Maendle, long time volunteer; Phoebe Blantz, Tino Vicencio, Ryder Jackson, Cricket Kolb, Elly Padilla, Jamie Kuhn, Winter Snell, Olivia Blantz, Raul Saldana, Jasmine Grady, Russell Pasha-Maxstadt, Cristian Saldana, and teacher Laura Rogers. Not pictured is Ellierose Jackson who was unfortunately sick that day.