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2011 Montana State Fair will be “Something to Squawk About”

GREAT FALLS – Celebrating its 80th year, the Montana State Fair is gearing up for another summer of family fun; and to kick it off, Fair officials are proud to announce the 2011 State Fair theme and night show lineup.

Running from July 29 to August 6, the Fair will look to bring more awareness to agriculture. This year’s fair will be focused on the theme “Something to Squawk About”, starring Charlie the Chicken.

Lisa Bracco, General Manager of the Montana ExpoPark, where the Fair is held, is excited about this year’s theme. “It brings the Montana State Fair back to its roots of agriculture, animals, and family fun,” said Bracco.

The Fair wouldn’t be complete without the lineup of the 2011 night shows. From country music to classic rock, fair-goers will once again get to see their favorite artists for free with our general admission bleacher seating. This year’s lineup will include:

Saturday, July 30	The Charlie Daniels Band with the Great Falls Symphony
Monday, August 1	Eric Church
Tuesday, August 2	REO Speedwagon
Wednesday, August 3	Josh Kelley
Thursday, August 4	Joan Jett and the Blackhearts
Friday, August 5	A Rodeo Dance with Jason Jones

“We got great feedback from the community on the free bleacher seating that we offered last year so we brought it back again this year along with a great variety in the types of concerts we’re going to be offering this year,” said Bracco. “There is going to be something for all ages to enjoy this year.”

A few concert artists, including the act for Saturday, August 6th, are still being determined and will be released once finalized.

For more information about the Montana State Fair, contact the Montana ExpoPark at (406) 727-8900, log onto the www.montanastatefair.com or find the Montana State Fair on Facebook.

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The Montana State Fair, located in Great Falls, brings fun for the whole family with the Mighty Thomas Carnival, the midway’s various food vendors, concerts and five nights of rodeo. The 2011 Montana State Fair will run July 29- August 6.