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CATTLE-DRIVE IMAGE EARNS TOP PRIZE IN FARM BUREAU PHOTO CONTEST

Capturing the drama of an early-morning cattle roundup near Yosemite, an amateur photographer from San Joaquin County took home the top prize in the 36th annual California Farm Bureau Federation Photo Contest. Emela Brown McLaren of Manteca earned the \$1,000 Grand Prize, and said it's "a real honor" to live in proximity to so many farms and ranches.

The 2017 CFBF Photo Contest attracted hundreds of images from amateur photographers who are members of county Farm Bureaus or supporters of the California Bountiful Foundation.

Andrew Lincoln of Napa garnered First Place and \$500 for his photo of employees at a hillside vineyard, while Second Place and \$250 went to Solvang resident Henry Schulte, who submitted a photo of a Madera County barn painted with the American flag. Kellie Neufeld of Exeter won Third Place and \$100 for capturing a humorous moment between her 9-year-old son and his muddy 4-H hog.

Six photos earned Honorable Mentions and \$50 each, submitted by Amy Blagg of Lodi, Holly Schaad of Dunnigan, Andrea Traphagan of Ravendale and Thomas Gannon of Atwater, plus an additional image each from Lincoln and Neufeld.

In the Budding Artists category for photographers aged 13 and younger, Nathan Blagg of Lodi, the 8-year-old son of Honorable Mention winner Amy Blagg, claimed First Place and \$250 for his portrait of a pig peeking over a fence. A view of a calf peering from underneath its mother earned the Second Place prize of \$100 for 11-year-old Holyn Sylvester of San Luis Obispo. Both prizes were presented by the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom.

All 12 prize-winning photos were published this week in the weekly California Farm Bureau newspaper, *Ag Alert*[®], as well as the organization's bimonthly magazine, *California Bountiful*[®], and will appear on the organization's websites—www.cfbf.com, www.agalert.com and www.californiabountiful.com—and social media pages.

The California Farm Bureau Federation works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of nearly 40,000 members statewide and as part of a nationwide network of more than 5.5 million Farm Bureau members.

California Wine Grape Industry Has High Hopes for 2018

Audio with Nat DiBuduo, President, Allied Grape Growers

The California wine grape industry is looking at the new year with high hopes. Don York reports...tape

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Report: Vertical Farming Happening Now

Vertical farming won't replace conventional farming, but researchers say vertical farming is happening now, and growing. Research by Stanford University shows vertical farming is growing and will likely be needed to complement traditional farms to "meet the food demands of tomorrow." Vertical farming is the practice of producing food in vertically-stacked layers. The farms are in enclosures that provide a controlled environment to grow crops, with high-data monitoring. Stanford says vertical farms offer year-round growing capacities, less water consumption, and improved crop predictability. For example, AeroFarms, a 70,000-square-foot vertical farm in a renovated steel plant in New Jersey, claims 95 percent less water use and 390 times more productivity than a commercial field farm with the same square footage. The vertical farming market is expected to be worth \$5.8 billion, by 2022, according to market research firms.