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Bloomfield, Missouri, Jerald and Ginger Sifford and grandchildren of Dudley, Missouri, were among the families honored during the 59th annual Missouri Farm Family Day, at the Missouri State Fair.

The Sifford family was selected as the Stoddard County Missouri Farm Family by the Stoddard County Extension Council and local Farm Bureau.

Each year, the fair sets aside a day to recognize farm families from across the state who are active in their communities, involved in agriculture, and/or participate in local outreach and extension programs such as 4-H or FFA.

The annual event is sponsored by five partner agencies: the Missouri Farm Bureau, the Missouri Department of Agriculture, the Missouri State Fair and Commissioners, the University of Missouri College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, and University of Missouri Extension.

One hundred twelve of Missouri's 114 counties were represented this year, with two counties still dealing with the aftermath of the recent flooding in southern Missouri.

The event showcases the impact Missouri Farm Families have on the economy and heritage of the state. "These families are involved in agriculture activities in

their communities, and are active participants in local outreach and extension,” said Missouri State Fair Director Mark Wolfe. “As the showcase for Missouri agriculture, the Missouri State Fair is most certainly the appropriate place to celebrate these families.”

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