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Bloomfield, Missouri - Bobby and Jackie Harmon and daughter, Miley, of Puxico, MO were among the families honored during the Missouri Farm Family Day, Aug. 15 at the Missouri State Fair.

The Harmon 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 participate in local outreach and extension programs such as 4-H or FFA.

The annual event is sponsored by five partner agencies, including 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.

This was the first year in its 58-year history that all 114 counties participated by nominating a family.

The event showcases the impact Missouri Farm Families have on the economy and heritage of our 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."

Pictured: Front Row – Bobby, Miley and Jackie Harmon.

Back row dignitaries include: Rob Kallenbach, Asst. Dean of Ag Extension, MU College of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources, Todd Hays, Vice President, Missouri Farm Bureau, Ted Sheppard, State Fair Commissioner, Lani Ogle, 2016 Missouri State Fair Queen, Jack Magruder, State Fair Commissioner, Barbara Hayden, State Fair Commissioner, and Lloyd Wilson, Deputy Director, Missouri Department of Ag

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