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## Terry Lindley to receive Western Fairs Association Blue Ribbon Award

*Sonoma County Fair recognizes Lindley as lifetime friend of agriculture*

SANTA ROSA, CA – June 21, 2017 – The Sonoma County Fair is pleased to recognize outstanding individuals and organizations for their support with the prestigious Western Fairs Association Blue Ribbon Award. This year, the Fair Board is honoring Terry Lindley for his lifetime support of all things agriculture.

“It’s impossible to say enough about Terry and his support for Sonoma County agriculture and the Sonoma County Fair, says Katie Young, Deputy Manager. “With the heart of a true farmer and the intellect of a keen businessman, Terry’s impact on our local Ag industry and community is immense.”

Lindley is newly retired from his longtime position as Chief Marketing Officer and Senior Vice President of American Ag Credit, a company he worked with for 40 years. During his tenure, he played a key role in growing American Ag Credit from a hometown farm lending agency to one of the largest Farm Credit Associations in the nation. He also played an invaluable role in shaping the North Bay agricultural industry as it is today.

Lender, leader, rancher, agricultural visionary, benefactor and friend, Lindley has made it his life’s passion to help other people be successful—starting first with dairies and livestock ranches and moving into vineyards and wineries. He’s dedicated countless hours to ensuring that agriculture maintains its important place in the economy and way-of-life of Sonoma County and his dedication to the Sonoma County Fair in particular has been commendable.

“For decades, Terry has generously invested time and resources to promote agricultural education programs and fair activities, such as Sweet Lil’s Farm and Farmer’s Day. He has positively impacted many generations of youth with his tremendous support of the fair’s Junior Livestock Auctions. Most recently, Terry has been a champion for the Sonoma County Fair Foundation, playing a pivotal role in the fundraising campaign for Saralee and Richard’s Barn,” says Young.



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While retired, Terry is far from slowing down. He continues to operate his ranch of roughly 250 beef cattle, was recently re-elected for another four-year term on the board of trustees of Santa Rosa Junior College—a position he’s held for 20 years, is raising four children with wife Misty and remains a steadfast advocate for Sonoma County agriculture.

For his dedication and support of the Sonoma County Fair, the Sonoma County Fair Board is honored to present Terry Lindley with a Western Fairs Association Blue Ribbon Award.

Every day is a holiday during “Holidaze at the Sonoma County Fair!” Get ready to celebrate from August 3 – August 13. You won’t want to miss this year’s FREE Community Concert Series, the thrill of live horse racing, excitement of an ALL NEW giant carnival, nostalgia of “Holidays in Bloom” themed flower show, live entertainment, incredible food, fun contests, new games and more. For details, visit [SonomaCountyFair.com](http://SonomaCountyFair.com) or call (707) 545-4200. Like us on Facebook, and follow us on Instagram and Twitter to keep up with the fun. See you at the Fair!

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