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Ekka's discovery day showcases a world of learning

The country will come to the city tomorrow as more than 700 Brisbane primary school students descend on the Brisbane Showgrounds to experience the Royal Queensland Show's (Ekka) Rural Discovery Day.

Now in its 12th year, the event offers metropolitan students the chance to discover where their food comes from and to get a taste of what Queensland's largest classroom – the Ekka - has in store this year.

Rural Discovery Day is all about promoting agriculture while giving students a unique, hands-on learning experience, all while discovering how their foods gets from paddock to plate through the help of real Queensland farmers.

Students will learn from these farmers how to milk a cow, prepare cattle for show judging, grow pineapples and shear sheep. They'll even get a chance to visit the much loved baby animals at the Farmyard Friends exhibit, which will include lambs, piglets, baby chicks and kid goats.

The event also showcases beef cattle, alpacas, how to shoe a horse, students will learn how to make their own fruit pizzas while Farmer Gregie will demonstrate how his 200 plus dairy cows are milked by robots!

With just 78 sleeps to go until the Ekka opens, Rural Discovery Day gives students a taste of what the show is all about. It's a chance to bring the country and city together while showcasing the best in agriculture, industry, entertainment and achievement. It's the true heartbeat of Queensland.

- WHAT:** Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) Rural Discovery Day
- WHEN:** Thursday May 21, 2015
- TIME:** 9:30 to 2:30pm (welcome presentation begins at 9:30am)
- WHERE:** Stockman's Rest and Expo Place, Brisbane Showgrounds, Bowen Hills, Brisbane
- PARKING:** John Reid Pavilion (Cnr of Alexandria St and John Reid Pavilion)

News editors please note:

- Media are welcome to attend Rural Discovery Day to film, take vision and interview teachers and students (with permission from carers)
- A selection of photos will be taken by the RNA and will be available to run alongside stories on request

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