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## City kids to discover food starts at the farm

TOMORROW over 800 Brisbane primary school students will learn that eggs come from chooks, not cartons, when they take part in the Royal Queensland Show's (Ekka) annual Rural Discovery Day at the Brisbane Showgrounds.

Now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year, students from 14 schools will learn first-hand where their food comes from and the essential role farmers play in feeding and clothing them each day.

It's a popular 'ag-ucational' day which champions Queensland's agricultural industry by bringing farmers to the city. It also gives the kids a sneak peek at what Queensland's biggest classroom – The Ekka – has in store for them in just 80 days.

Queensland farmers and producers will show students how to shear sheep, care for a horse, grow edible plants, set up a worm farm and even make their own lamb meatball wraps.

A trip to Rural Discovery Day wouldn't be complete without a visit to everyone's favourite Farmyard Friends Exhibit, with lambs, chickens, piglets, kid goats and many more for the students to see.

It's a chance to bring the city and country together for some pre-Ekka excitement with a day packed full of entertainment, education and fun!

**WHAT:** Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) Rural Discovery Day

**WHEN:** Thursday May 24 2018

**TIME:** 9.30am to 2.30pm (welcome presentation begins at 9.40am)

**WHERE:** Marquee 1 and 2, Brisbane Showgrounds, Bowen Hills

**PARKING:** Oval 2 – enter through Gate 5 off O'Connell Terrace

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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