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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the State of Michigan, I would like to welcome you all to the 2023 fair season. Our county fairs provide an excellent outlet for education, local charm, and fun!

Each year, county fairs across Michigan showcase the unique talents, skills, and dedication of our 4-H and FFA members. County fairs provide excellent opportunities for Michiganders to gather in celebration of our agricultural industry, highlighting modern agriculture processes, and honoring years of traditions.

I guarantee that the exhibits from our 4-H and FFA members will impress you and your family. As you gather with family and friends this fair season, I hope you enjoy the delicious fair foods and family-friendly fun that county fairs provide. I have no doubt that your local county fair will offer entertainment and education for the whole family.

I send my best wishes for a fun and educational fair season. Be sure to visit one of Michigan's local or county fairs this summer as part of your summer family vacation plans!

Sincerely,

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Gretchen Whitmer
Governor of Michigan



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GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

KATHLEEN ANGERER
ACTING DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Michigan's fair industry, welcome to the 2023 county fair season!

Millions of people attend Michigan's county fairs each year. I'm confident fairgoers will continue to enjoy the sights, sounds and activities that have become an annual tradition for many of us.

Michigan's county fairs are an important part of our state's growing food and agriculture industry, helping to maintain a much-needed connection to rural traditions while highlighting modern agriculture practices. Our state's 85 local, county, and state fairs provide safe, family-friendly entertainment and celebrate the bounty of our agricultural harvest.

Fairgoers support the nearly 50,000 Michigan youth who participate in livestock and community arts exhibitions each year. Many local businesses and families also support the efforts of our young exhibitors' efforts through youth livestock auctions held at most of our county fairs. Many of our exhibitors use the auction proceeds to help fund their continued education.

Whether you are here as a sponsor, exhibitor, or a fairgoer, there are many family memories awaiting you. I wish you great adventures during the 2023 fair season.

Sincerely,

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Kathleen Angerer
Director