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DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2018 county fair season!

Millions of people attend Michigan's county fairs each year, and this year's fair season promises to provide the sights, sounds and activities that have become an annual tradition for many of us.

Michigan fairs are an important part of our state's growing food and agriculture industry, helping to reconnect consumers and communities with agri-food traditions while highlighting modern agriculture techniques. Our state's nearly 90 local, county and state fairs provide safe, family-friendly entertainment and celebrate the bounty of our agricultural harvest.

Fairgoers and local businesses support the nearly 50,000 Michigan youth who participate in livestock and community arts exhibitions each year. Many of our exhibitors use the auction proceeds to help fund their college education or vocational training after high school.

Whether you are here as a sponsor or exhibitor, or simply to enjoy the livestock shows, food, midway rides, and entertainment, I wish you great adventures during the 2018 fair season.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gordon Wenk", written over a horizontal line.

Gordon Wenk
Director