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DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Michigan's fair industry, welcome to the 2017 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 maintain a much-needed connection to rural traditions while highlighting modern agriculture practices. Our state's nearly 90 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 each 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 or exhibitor, or simply to enjoy the livestock shows, food, midway rides, and entertainment awaiting you at the fair, I wish you great adventures during the 2017 fair season.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jamie Clover Adams".

Jamie Clover Adams
Director