

Welcome, Exhibitors!

The Georgia National Fair extends a welcome to all exhibitors who make the Fair what it is, a great place for youth and agribusiness to show and compete. You also provide educational opportunities for the general public to learn more about agriculture and where their food comes from. Thank you for being a part of the whole picture.

The Fair would not be possible without all the assistance provided by superintendents and other show personnel, many of whom are volunteers. They make everything run smoothly so that the exhibitors have a good experience while at the Fairgrounds. Thank you for all your hard work!

Georgia National Fair Dates

October 7-17, 2010
 October 6-16, 2011
 October 4-14, 2012
 October 3-13, 2013
 October 2-12, 2014
 October 8-18, 2015
 October 6-16, 2016
 October 5-15, 2017



Georgia National Junior Livestock Show Dates



February 17-21, 2010
 February 16-20, 2011
 February 22-26, 2012
 February 20-24, 2013
 February 19-23, 2014
 February 18-22, 2015
 February 17-21, 2016
 February 22-26, 2017



STATE OF GEORGIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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Sonny Perdue
GOVERNOR

Dear Georgians:

Welcome to the 20th annual, state-sponsored Georgia National Fair, October 8-18, 2009, in Perry!

I am so proud this Top 50 award-winning Fair is in our state. For 19 years, the Georgia National Fair has provided our Georgia families and visitors with a clean, safe environment for us to have fun at affordable prices. This traditional Fair is 11 days of nonstop excitement for the entire family and you're invited to be a part of it.

The Georgia National Fair defines the Peach State like no other event. The role of agricultural-based Fairs is even more necessary and relevant today. The Fair capitalizes on Georgia's youth, livestock, and entertainment all in one central location.

My family and I have enjoyed attending all of the Georgia National Fairs. We look forward to celebrating "20 Years of Georgia's Best" with you this fall.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature of Sonny Perdue in black ink.

Sonny Perdue
Governor





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Dear Friends:

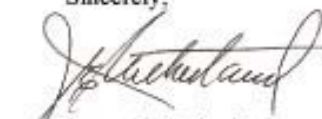
Nineteen years ago, I welcomed my fellow Georgians to the first Georgia National Fair. And now with great pleasure and pride, the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority and I welcome all Georgians to the 20th annual, state-sponsored Georgia National Fair, October 8-18, 2009, in Perry.

As we approach our 20th Fair, I look back with awe at our very first Georgia National Fair, October 5-13, 1990. Former Governor Joe Frank Harris was the keynote speaker at the Opening Ceremony. Former Georgia Representative Larry Walker and former U.S. Senator Sam Nunn were grand marshals in the Farm City Days Parade.

Since the first Fair, we have stayed true to our mission: To produce a statewide Fair. The Authority and I note with pride all of our accomplishments. First and foremost, the increase in exhibitors. In 1990, livestock entries totaled 5,111; last year entries were 10,116. Heritage Hall (4-H, FCCLA, FFA, TSA) entries were 267 that first year. Nineteen Fairs later, Heritage Hall entries totaled 2,179. Georgia Living (home and fine arts) had 2,970 entries for the first Fair. In 2008, entries were 8,840. Approximately 270,677 people drove to Perry for nine days in 1990. Last year, 407,136 people spent 11 days at the Fair.

The Authority, staff, and I are eager to celebrate "20 Years of Georgia's Best" with you, your family, and friends.

Sincerely,



James E. Sutherland
Chairman



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Dear Fairgoers,

The staff and I invite you to visit the Georgia National Fair, October 8-18. The 20th annual, state-sponsored Fair epitomizes a special time of year when Fairgoers make their annual trip to Perry for a taste of the staples — livestock, competitions, food, vendors, fun, family entertainment, and rides — only the Fair can offer.

We are grateful for the continued support of the legislature, former governors, and Governor Sonny Perdue. Back in 1985, they made a commitment, not only to build the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter, but to improve and expand the facility.

In our short 19 year history, the Georgia National Fair has grown. From entries and attendance to the number of rides and food vendors. More than 6.7 million people have attended the Georgia National Fair since its inception in 1990. That number includes, families, exhibitors, competitors, vendors, staff, and volunteers. This is a testament to the value of the Georgia National Fair to a diverse group of people.

We are preparing a great family-oriented Georgia National Fair. Please keep the Fairgrounds in mind year-round for your business and recreational pursuits. We have a lot to offer including horse and livestock shows, commercial events, and facility rentals.

See you at the Fair as we celebrate "20 Years of Georgia's Best."

Sincerely,

Ransom S. Moore
Executive Director



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