

Governor's Letter



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Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

October 6, 2016

To: The Attendees of the Georgia National Fair

GREETINGS:

I am pleased to extend my warmest regards to those attending this year's Georgia National Fair. On behalf of all our citizens, it is a pleasure to be a part of this joyous event during its 27th year.

Please allow me to welcome all those in attendance. The Georgia National Fair has promoted our state's heritage, people, and agriculture since its inception in 1990. This award-winning event is an annual reminder of the culture and festivities that make Georgia such a great place to call home. We are proud of the many artists, vendors, and talents that exhibit their work through this fair and wish them all continued success.

I commend the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter for organizing this event and send my best wishes for a successful and enjoyable event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathan Deal".

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Dear Friends:

Twenty-seven 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 27th annual, state-sponsored Georgia National Fair, October 6-16, 2016, in Perry.

The 2015 Georgia National Fair hit the record books as the largest in the organization's history. Hosting 501,628 guests from October 8-18, the total attendance grew 10% over the previous Fair. The 26th anniversary event also realized a record Monday crowd with the combination of the Columbus Day holiday falling on Patriotic Day with a total of 42,361 visitors. We look forward to continuing our growth with your support in 2016.

Since the first Fair, we have stayed true to our mission: The state of Georgia established the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority to showcase Georgia's agriculture/agribusiness, to promote the agricultural achievements of Georgia's young people, to provide a center for diverse activities to benefit the state's economy, and to stage and promote a statewide fair to accomplish one or more of the above. We encourage you to participate in the many educational aspects of the Georgia National Fair and experience the thrill of winning a blue ribbon!

The Authority, staff, and I are eager to celebrate with you, your family, and friends. We know you will enjoy experiencing why we are "Famous for Fun!" Join us as we revel in 27 years of the Georgia National Fair!

Sincerely,

James E. Sutherland
Chairman



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Dear Fairgoers,

Welcome to the 27th state-sponsored Georgia National Fair scheduled for October 6-16, 2016! I am thrilled you have chosen to be a part of this year's celebration and discover why we are "Famous for Fun!"

The Georgia National Fair appeals to everyone with its livestock and horse shows, competitive exhibits, food, midway rides and games, commercial vendors, major concerts, street entertainers, family entertainment, circus, and nightly fireworks. There are several new exciting attractions this year including the addition of a fifth evening of free concert entertainment on our newly created Georgia National Stage, as well as cutting-edge entertainment only found at the Fair.

The Georgia National Fair is a great value for the entire family. Our educational and entertainment programs are geared towards children, teens, young adults, parents, and senior citizens. There truly is something for everyone while not breaking the budget with over half a million dollars-worth of free entertainment and attractions upon entering the gates!

We are thrilled the young people who grew up making memories during the Georgia National Fair can now bring their own families and continue the traditions. You are an integral part of the fabric that weaves the entire event together each year and assists in creating the unique atmosphere only offered here.

We are here to make sure this is a memorable occasion for all fairgoers and sincerely appreciate you joining us.

Sincerely,

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