May 2, 2020



The Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs (MAAF), representing the twenty-five (25) Maine agricultural fairs, issues the following statement regarding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the agriculture community.

The safety of our fair partners, participants, guests and community is and always will be the highest priority in producing our annual fairs. After meeting for several weeks with fair presidents (and their representatives), our Maine Fairs have been forced to make difficult decisions.

Although it is not the decision or the outcome that many of us had hoped for, our fairs must do their part to ensure community health and safety.

The following fairs have made the difficult decision to postpone their fairs until 2021:

Acton Fair	Northern Maine Fair
Harmony Free Fair	Ossipee Valley Fair
Houlton Agricultural Fair	Topsham Fair
Litchfield Fair	Waterford World's Fair
Monmouth Fair	

The following fairs are continuing to evaluate the situation following guidelines as set forward by the Maine CDC and the Office of the Governor:

Bangor State Fair	Oxford County Fair
Blue Hill Fair	Piscataquis Valley Fair
Clinton Lions Fair	Pittston Fair
Common Ground Country Fair	Skowhegan Fair
Cumberland Fair	Springfield Fair
Farmington Fair	Union Fair Maine Wild Blueberry Festival
Fryeburg Fair	Windsor Fair
Maine Farm Days	

More specific and up-to-date information can be found at <u>www.mainefairs.org</u> with links to the individual fair websites.

Contact: Barry W. Norris, Executive Director Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs <u>barrywnorrismainefairs@gmail.com</u> 207-462-0857