



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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GOVERNOR

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Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 2016 fair season! Our county fairs are a family tradition for many Michiganders. It's an entertainment staple celebrating our agricultural heritage and showcasing the diversity and innovation of our growing food and ag sector. The fair season is a celebration of all that agriculture contributes to our state.

Millions of Michiganders and tourists attend county fairs every year. These events are wonderful opportunities to experience Pure Michigan at its finest. In fact, agriculture has always been an integral part of our state and its future has never been brighter. There's a lot to be excited about in Michigan's food and agriculture industry today. It uses cutting-edge technology, incorporates environmental practices, and is an industry filled with tremendous career opportunities in a variety of areas from biotechnology, microbiology, soil scientists, veterinarians, metrologists, and more.

I am proud of Michigan's 4-H program and the tremendous accomplishments of our FFA peers who are helping cultivate the agriculture industry's future leaders. Thanks to Michigan's local and county fairs, Michigan youth have the opportunity to showcase their hard work while connecting people to our food and agricultural roots.

Our county fairs are full of local charm, family fun and agricultural traditions. Be sure to visit a local or county fair as part of your Pure Michigan summer travel plans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Snyder".

Rick Snyder  
Governor