



2

Menu

NCAGR.GOV

Search

Close Menu

- [Home](#)
- [Programs](#)
- [Services](#)
- [Divisions](#)
 - [Divisions](#)
 - [Back](#)
 - [Agricultural Statistics](#)
 - [Agronomic Services](#)
 - [Budget & Finance](#)
 - [Emergency Programs](#)
 - [Environmental Programs](#)
 - [Farmland Preservation](#)
 - [Food and Drug Protection](#)
 - [Food Distribution](#)
 - [Human Resources Office](#)
 - [Internal Audit](#)
 - [Marketing](#)
 - [Meat and Poultry Inspection](#)
 - [NC Forest Service](#)
 - [NC State Fair](#)
 - [Plant Industry](#)
 - [Property and Construction](#)
 - [Public Affairs](#)
 - [Research Stations](#)
 - [Small Farms](#)
 - [Soil and Water Conservation](#)
 - [Standards](#)
 - [Struct. Pest Control & Pesticides](#)
 - [Veterinary](#)
- [Newsroom](#)
- [Contact](#)
- [Jobs](#)
- [Services](#)



N.C. State Fair Division

[N.C. State Fair canceled for 2020](#)

[N.C. State Fair canceled for 2020](#)

When we started planning for this year's State Fair last November, no one would have guessed what the next few months would bring. We've been monitoring the guidelines from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. We've thought through how we could hold a Fair in October and stay true to what has always been our ultimate goal: a safe and entertaining event for families to enjoy.

We hoped our state's numbers would turn around. We've hoped for the health of our friends and families as we see so many struggling. We've hoped we'd find a way to give everyone something to look forward to. The N.C. State Fair means so much to so many. Our staff has struggled through work groups looking for solutions. How can we manage food lines? How can the carnival be successful with cleaning between each rider? How can we successfully sanitize? How can we work with our partners to get people to the Fair safely? Are there any parts of the Fair that could follow guidelines and still go on? The discussions have been complex and difficult.

What we ultimately determined is that our correct course of action to do our part for the health and safety of our community and to mitigate the potential spread of COVID-19 is to cancel the 2020 N.C. State Fair. We are disappointed for all that annually look forward to the largest event in North Carolina including the N.C. State Fair staff that work all year to bring the best to our visitors.

We know this does not come without consequence. The State Fair is a vital economic engine for local non-profits, community groups, small businesses, individuals and artists. Competitors have been working all year to perfect their exhibits to show. These people who pour their talents into the Fair are the foundation on which we are built and are true partners in lock-step with Fair staff to produce a tradition in North Carolina that dates back to 1853. We could not be more grateful for them or more saddened by this outcome..

Our staff will begin planning for the 2021 N.C. State Fair in the coming weeks. We will come out of this stronger with new ideas and events for you to look forward to. As guidelines allow, we will continue reopening the Fairgrounds for year-round events. We look forward to seeing you October 14-24, 2021 for the 153rd North Carolina State Fair. Until then, stay healthy and be kind to each other.

For additional details, our full press release is available at
https://www.ncagr.gov/paffairs/documents/7_29_20StateFairPressRelease.pdf

[Fairgrounds Map](#)

Please note that Gate 11 off Blue Ridge Road is permanently closed due to an upcoming NCDOT roadway project. Access to the Fairgrounds that previously used Gate 11 will now be primarily routed through Gate 9 off Trinity Road. See the [N.C. State Fairgrounds Map](#) for more information on accessing the fairgrounds.

[COVID-19 Facility Update](#)

Following the Executive Order from Governor Cooper and the recommendations of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, at this time, limited events will be taking place at the North Carolina State Fairgrounds. Events held will comply with all requirements in the Executive Order and NCDHHS Guidance to reduce the risk of person-to-person transmission of COVID-19.

The safety of our guests is always our highest priority at the Fairgrounds, and we believe following these requirements and guidelines is in the best interest of our community.

We will continue to closely monitor the course of COVID-19 and will resume normal operations as soon as possible. Updates will be announced on our website and through social media.



Please click through for all updates regarding the [2020 N.C. State Fair Livestock Show](#)



As we alter our lives in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, take a look at some fun you can have from the comfort of home!

[Check it out.](#)



Future N.C. State Fair Dates

October 14-24, 2021

October 13-23, 2022

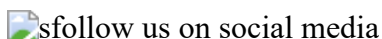
October 12-22, 2023

October 17-27, 2024



With over 500 events year-round, we've got just what you're looking for!

[Click through for our events calendar.](#)



N.C. State Fair, G. Kent Yelverton, Manager
Mailing Address: 1010 Mail Service Center, Raleigh NC 27699-1010
Physical Address: 1025 Blue Ridge Rd, Raleigh NC 27607
Phone: (919) 821-7400; **FAX:** (919) 733-5079



Browse Section

- [NC State Fairgrounds Home](#)
- [2020 State Fair Livestock Show](#)
- [2020 State Fair Horse Shows](#)
- [2019 State Fair](#)
- [Events Calendar](#)
- [Fairgrounds Facilities & Rental Rates](#)
- [Hunt Horse Complex](#)
- [Accommodations](#)
- [Staff Directory](#)
- [Contact Us](#)
- [Fairgrounds Map](#)
- [Driving Directions](#)
- [Member of the International Assn. of Fairs & Exhibitions](#)
- [N.C. County Fairs](#)
- [Sign up to receive State Fair News](#)

[How can we make this page better for you?](#)

Hide user feedback form

Contact the NCDA&CS

Found a bug? Have a suggestion? Fill out the form below and we'll take a look!

Your Name:

Your E-mail:

Subject:

Question or Comments:

Send Comments

Clear Form

[Back to top](#)

 [email icon with notification indicator](#)

[Get Email Alerts](#)

Stay up to date with NCDA&CS.; Sign up to receive the latest news and upcoming events via email.

Information

North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services
2 West Edenton Street, Raleigh, NC 27601
(919) 707 - 3000

Activity Feed

[Tweets by @NCAgriculture](#)

Follow Us

- [Facebook](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [YouTube](#)
- [Blog](#)
- [Linked-In](#)

- [Home](#)
- [Jobs](#)
- [Mission Statement](#)
- [Accessibility Statement](#)
- [Disclaimer](#)
- [Privacy Statement](#)

 [Got to be NC](#)