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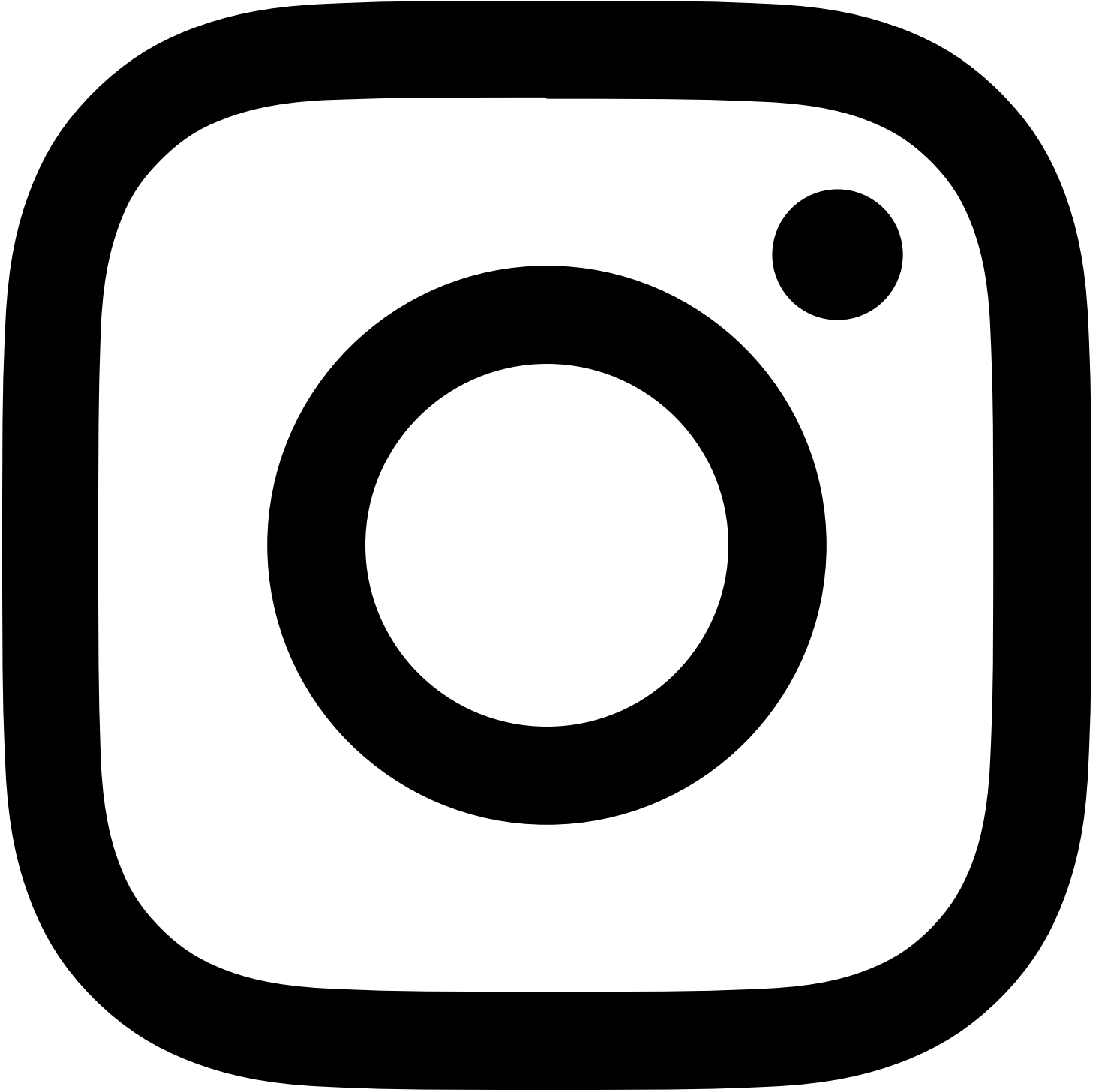


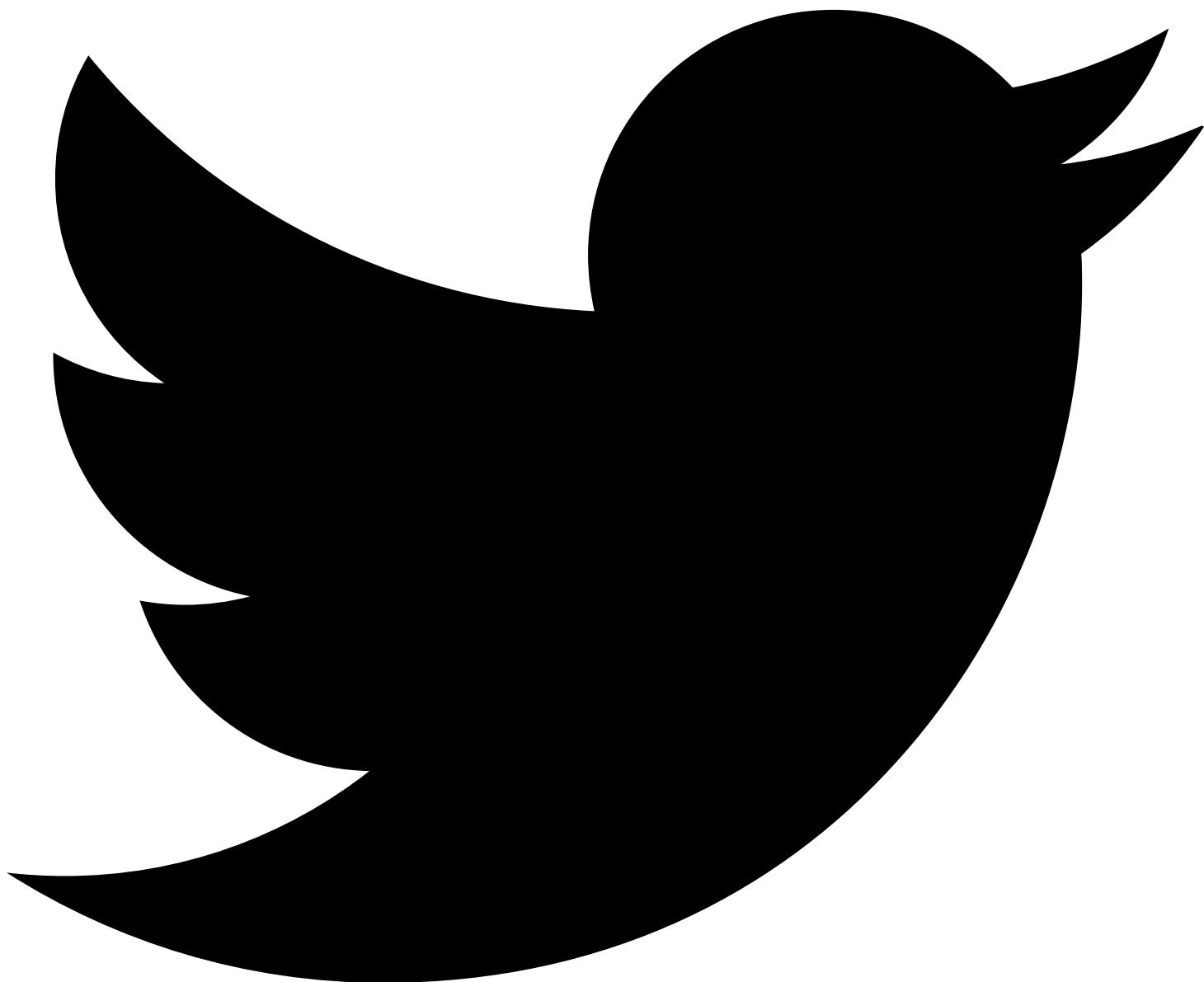
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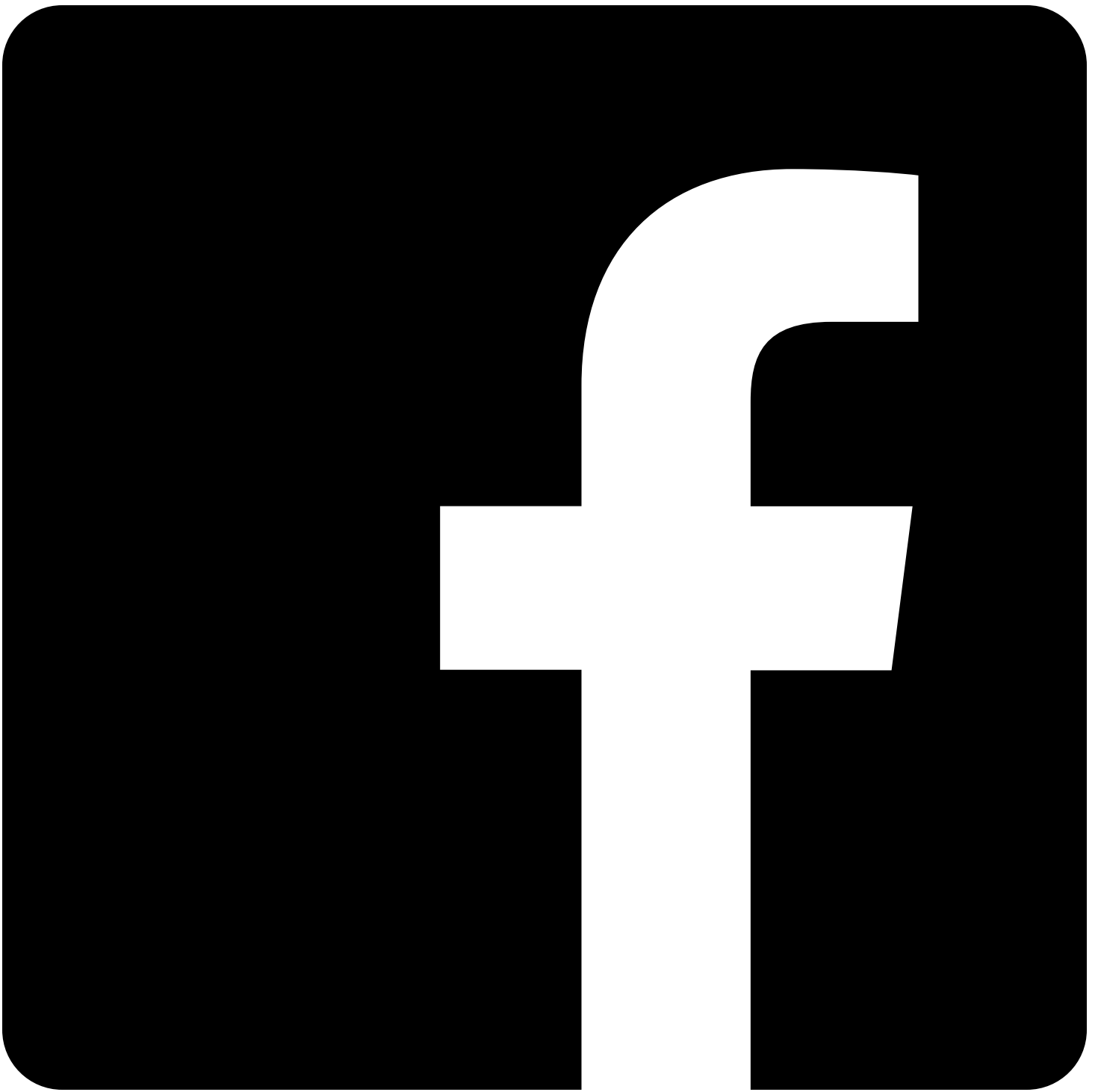
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**August 17-19, 2021**

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## **Dakotafest 2020 Has Been Canceled**

To the partners and friends of Dakotafest:

Over the past ten months, the Dakotafest team has worked very hard preparing for Dakotafest 2020 and the celebration of the show's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As the COVID-19 pandemic has affected the world, we have carried

on, optimistic for the future. It takes thousands of exhibitors, partners, sponsors, volunteers and attendees to make Dakotafest great and the safety, health and well-being of everyone involved with the show, their families, and surrounding communities is paramount. Therefore, it is with great disappointment and heavy hearts that we share that Dakotafest 2020 is cancelled. This decision was not made lightly, but rather in collaboration with officials and event partners. The uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and the precautions required to prevent future outbreaks, makes it impractical to hold a successful, engaging, and safe show. We understand that cancelling the show impacts the ag community but simply put, it is the right decision to make in these uncertain times.

### **Dakotafest Virtual Opportunities**

While the in-person Dakotafest event is canceled, we are working on ways to bring some aspects of Dakotafest to our audience in a virtual format for 2020. As plans progress, we will distribute more information about how to take advantage of virtual opportunities. Please [sign up](#) for updates.

### **Dakotafest 2021**

And while Dakotafest 2020 will not take place in the traditional way, we look forward to using this extra time to work with our exhibitors, sponsors and speakers to bring Dakotafest back in 2021 better than ever. We are going to postpone the celebration of our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary until the 2021 event scheduled for August 17-19. We are already planning for new programs, live demonstration space, specialty crop and livestock showcases and much more to make Dakotafest the premier ag event for 2021.

### **Pulling Together**

The COVID-19 pandemic has created a truly unprecedented situation around the world. Our thoughts are with those who have been directly affected by the virus, and all of those who are struggling with the ramifications of this global health crisis. Our country has a long tradition of pulling together to overcome crises and we will do so again to get beyond this one.

Sincerely,

Dakotafest Management

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