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The Ohio Fair Managers Association is working diligently on behalf of Ohio's 95 county and independent fairs as well as the Ohio State Fair to re-open Ohio's fairs safely for 2021. Our fairs know how to safely plan and execute agricultural exhibitions, grandstand shows, and our midways safely. We have worked proactively to develop a model to prioritize safety.

The financial losses sustained in 2021, by both the agricultural societies and our partners in the festival industry, if we are not able to operate will be devastating. Not to mention the losses sustained by our associate businesses on the midways: the portable amusement industry, food concessions and our entertainment partners for the grandstands. If fairs are overly restricted in 2021, there will be fairs that will not survive to see 2022.

These fairgrounds are incurring deferred maintenance and repairs on account and have no meaningful cash flow to help them keep up. This deferral will have long term devastating effects. A cash infusion is needed to help fairs get their facilities in shape to operate.

The OFMA looks forward to continuing discussions on how to have safe, full fairs for the 2021 season.

Additionally, we thank the Ohio Commodity Groups, the Ohio Farm Bureau and the State Legislators who are advocating for Ohio's 95 Agricultural Fairs to open in 2021 for full fairs. We applaud this broad group of agricultural champions for their public support. Recognizing the economic impact to our industry as well as the long-term negative effects to Ohio agriculture if we continue to delay our fairs opening

We know our communities value these events that are steeped in tradition and OFMA remains committed to advocating on their behalf.