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Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 2010 county fair season!

Millions of Michigan citizens and tourists attend county fairs every year, which are an annual family tradition for many of us. The smell of fresh popcorn, the sounds of the tilt-a-whirls buzzing, and all the farm animals are there to make your fair experience fantastic. There is much to be excited about in Michigan agriculture and our county fairs are a part of that growing fervor!

Michigan's county fairs are a vital part of growing the agri-food sector by helping to reconnect, or just maintain, our link to the rural traditions of agriculture while also highlighting modern agriculture practices which now help feed the world. Our 86 local and county fairs provide a safe, family-friendly entertainment venue where we can celebrate our communities and showcase the diversity of Michigan agriculture.

Nearly 50,000 youth participate in livestock and community arts exhibitions each year, and many local businesses and families support our young exhibitors' efforts through livestock auctions held at the county fairs with the auction proceeds helping to fund their college educations.

Whether you are a sponsor, an exhibitor, or a fairgoer, there are many activities waiting to welcome you at the county fair!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Koivisto".

Don Koivisto
Director