

STATEMENT FROM DUTCHESS COUNTY
EXECUTIVE MARCUS J. MOLINARO
on the 168th Annual Dutchess County Fair

“For families across Dutchess County and beyond, next week kicks off the event that so many look forward to all year long... the 168th annual Dutchess County Fair. For six special days in August, we celebrate the traditions of our community with agricultural exhibits, livestock shows, horticultural displays, world class entertainment, midway games and rides, vendors, culinary delights and so much more.

Over the next week, the fairgrounds attract nearly a half million people who come to enjoy the agricultural heritage of our county, the food, and the fun. As one of the largest agricultural county fairs in New York State, the Dutchess County Fair is a major driver for our economy and a proven winner in our tourism efforts.

Each year, the Fair is a massive undertaking for the Dutchess County Agricultural Society including its board, staff and volunteers as the fairgrounds become one of the largest populated areas in the Hudson Valley Region. We are grateful to those from our Departments of Emergency Response and Health as well as the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office who work together with fairgrounds officials to ensure a safe event for all those who come to enjoy all the fair has to offer.

Here's to a week of fun and success as we celebrate the very best of Dutchess County! I look forward to seeing you at the fair!”

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For more information about the Dutchess County Fair, visit www.dutchessfair.com