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June 10, 2020, Altamont - **Fair Board votes to cancel the Altamont Fair**

From the Board of Directors of Albany, Schenectady, Greene County Agricultural & Historical Societies, Inc.:

Due to the evolving COVID-19 situation and its impact on our community's health and well-being, we have made the incredibly difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Altamont Fair. Now and always, the health and safety of our guests, participants, volunteer, staff and community is our highest priority.

"Although we held off making this difficult decision as long as we could, we knew that despite our best efforts to create a safe path to host the Altamont Fair, it is clear we must cancel for this year to do our part to minimize the spread of COVID-19." said Kathleen Stanton, Board President.

We know the impact of the Altamont Fair cancelation will be felt far beyond our own personal disappointments.

We are heartbroken for the small businesses, family farms, 4-H clubs, competitors and exhibitors, entertainers, vendors and carnival who rely on the Altamont Fair. We will take this next year to prepare for the next Altamont Fair scheduled for August 17-22, 2021.

As we all learn to navigate this new landscape, we look forward to brighter, better days ahead when we can gather again to celebrate all that is agriculture and history in the Capital Region.

Please stay safe, be well and support each other. We will miss you.

#FairStrong #AltamontFair

Stop in to the Altamont Fairgrounds and participate in the Porter Challenge in June and our Fair Food Drive-Thru Festival every weekend in July. Check www.altamontfair.com and our Facebook page for details.

In 1918 the local authorities prevented youth under 16 from attending the Albany County Fair and Exposition due to the polio endemic in New York State. The Altamont Fair was canceled only one time in 1943 during World War II.

The Altamont Fair is a three county fair representing Albany, Schenectady and Greene Counties. It is a non-profit, public educational and historical society supported entirely by admissions, rentals, contributions and the assistance of hundreds of dedicated volunteers.

The Altamont Fairgrounds is a year round facility hosting events and weddings as well as the annual fair. The fair weaves together the time honored traditions of the past with the some of the best current entertainment and educational experiences available. Fair organizers join past and present in this annual celebration of agriculture, history, and current culture. For more details and information check out www.altamontfair.com.



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