



Jessamine County Fair Association, Inc.

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The Jessamine County Fair Association Board of Directors announces the cancellation of the Jessamine County Fair for 2020.

Numerous community leaders, health experts, emergency services representatives and governmental entities offered the board valuable insight and guidance ahead of the May Board of Directors meeting on May 12th. The Board decided the best way to protect the health and welfare of our community is to cancel the fair for 2020. Having thousands of our citizens at the fair could cause harm by facilitating the spread of Coronavirus.

Our priority must be the health and safety of the public during this unprecedented time. The Board of Directors arrived at this decision thoughtfully. We gratefully acknowledge leaders of all types who offered their expertise and guidance in helping clarify all the elements that played into this decision. In the end, the Board felt that we could not sufficiently safeguard the health of the public and our own volunteers, which made this decision an obvious if not necessarily easy one.

The primary mission of our fair is agricultural education and promotion with an emphasis on our youth and youth organizations. In furtherance of those goals, we continue to work towards finding a way to hold our agricultural shows and exhibits this year in a way that respects coronavirus guidelines. Future announcements will be made as we work with the Cooperative Extension Service, Vocational Agriculture, and our other interested partners to find a safe way to conduct these events. We remain committed to conducting these shows and exhibits if possible.

Background: The Jessamine County Fair is an annual fair held at Nicholasville, Kentucky in early July. The 2020 fair was scheduled for July 6 through 11. The Jessamine County Fair Association, Inc. was incorporated in 1962 and has remained steadfast in planning and conducting the event for 57 years. Attendance at the 2019 fair was 12,634 and contributed \$102,746 to the local economy.

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