## **2025 FAIR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**





We are proud to welcome you to the 76th Montgomery County Agricultural Fair, a weeklong celebration of our rich agricultural roots and the people who keep those traditions alive. This year's theme, "Make a Bee-Line to the Fair," is a perfect reminder to explore everything the Fair has to offer—from livestock barns and agricultural demos to thrilling rides and entertainment for all ages.

At its heart, the Fair remains a tribute to agriculture and youth in our community. Our barns will be bustling with animals cared for by dedicated 4-H and FFA members—young people who spend countless hours preparing their livestock for show and proudly representing Maryland's agricultural future. Be sure to attend the Shepherd's Lead competition on Sunday, where exhibitors showcase their sheep handling skills while dressed in outfits made from wool—blending showmanship with style. And don't miss the Dairy Cattle Supreme Champion Show on Thursday, where the finest dairy animals of the Fair compete for top honors.

Your support matters, and there's no better way to show it than by attending our key youth livestock auctions. The Rabbit and Turkey Auction takes place on Saturday during opening weekend, followed by the Meat Goat Auction on Wednesday evening, and the highly anticipated Livestock Auction on Friday night. These events directly benefit our 4-H youth, recognizing the time, care, and dedication they've invested in their animal projects. Whether you're bidding or simply cheering them on, your presence makes a lasting impact.

Throughout the grounds, you'll find agriculture on display—from the Mooo-ternity Ward, where you might witness the birth of a calf, to the hands-on Farmer's Triangle, featuring honeybee demonstrations, Master Gardener exhibits, and interactive displays. In the Kid Zone, our Wheels of Ag exhibit gives children a fun and educational look at how food makes its way from farm to table.

Of course, no Fair is complete without plenty of entertainment! This year, we're excited to welcome the return of the Powers Great American Midway with rides and games for all ages. At the Sheehy Ford Grandstand, the excitement continues with the Red Eye Rodeo, the high-octane Renegade Monster Trucks, and the action-packed Demolition Derby.

At the Pepco Community Stage, prepare to be amazed by Electrifying Magic and laugh out loud at the Brad Matchett Comedy Hypnotist Show. On the Upper Grounds, enjoy live local music, the thrilling Rock N' Circus aerial acrobatics show, and try your hand at the First Bite Fishing Tanks.

The Montgomery County Agricultural Fair is brought to life each year by our hardworking staff and incredible volunteers, who dedicate countless hours to making this event unforgettable. We thank you for making the Fair part of your family's summer tradition and for supporting Montgomery County's largest and longest-running public event.

We can't wait for you to Make a Bee-Line to the Fair and join us at the 2025 Montgomery County Agricultural Fair—where agriculture takes center stage, and every day is buzzing with Fair magic!

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