

# MERCER COUNTY *fairgrounds*

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## NEWS RELEASE

### **169<sup>th</sup> Mercer County Fair Will Proceed August 13-19, 2021**

*The Fair Board Members & Staff are busy planning a full-fair in August.*

**Celina, OH-** On Monday, January 11, 2021 Governor Mike DeWine vetoed SB375. This bill would have allowed a committee to meet and make decisions pertaining to safely planning and opening 2021 fairs and expos in the state of Ohio. This bill would have also ceased the Governor's orders given on July 28, 2020 that halted all county fairs to a Junior-Fair only.

Although we are frustrated by this news, we want to assure our community members that this does not mean we will not have a 2021 fair. Since the SB375 was vetoed at this time, the fair will look similar to 2020; however, our board members and staff are continuing to plan for a full fair with rides, concerts, grandstand events, entertainment, etc. We can assure you that we will not back down as we are fighting to ensure our community can experience a full fair in 2021.

If you are skeptical about purchasing fair animals or supplies for your projects, please do not let the decision of the Governor deter you. Our board and staff will continue to fight for our youth. The importance of county fairs is immeasurable as it develops our youth into strong community members by showing them the definition of hard work, perseverance, and determination. We are fully anticipating for clearer directives from the state pertaining to county fairs as summer nears and festivals begin.



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