

# MEDIA ALERT

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## State Fair Audit and Status of 2020 Fair

GRAND ISLAND, Neb. (June 12, 2020) – Today, the Nebraska State Fair Board was provided by its legal counsel the results of a financial investigation report conducted by BKD. The Board is taking seriously the recommendations provided by its legal counsel by instituting financial policies and procedures and hiring an accounting firm to ensure sound accounting practices. Due to other on-going investigations, the Board will not share any further information at this time.

The Nebraska State Fair Board intends to make a decision about producing the 2020 fair by July 1. During today's board meeting the Covid-19 Task Force mentioned six scenarios are being considered for what the fair may look like depending on the yet to be determined guidelines we will face in August.

The safety and well-being of our guests, participants, partners, sponsors and community always comes first, so we are closely following the directives of local and national health agencies: Central District Health Department, Department of Agriculture, the City of Grand Island, Hall County, and the Nebraska Governor's Office.

The Nebraska State Fair is scheduled for August 28 – September 7, 2020. For more information on the state's largest event, visit [www.statefair.org](http://www.statefair.org).

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ABOUT NEBRASKA STATE FAIR

*Nebraska State Fair is an annual 11-day event held in late August ending on Labor Day, at Fonner Park, in Grand Island, Nebraska. Celebrating 151 years of entertaining families, the*

*State Fair is home to the finest facilities in the country, hosting competitive livestock and horse shows, a milking parlor and birthing pavilion, a gift shop and a large indoor shopping experience. Featuring the state's largest carnival, guests will find more than 60 food stands, 8,000 competitive exhibits and a wide variety of equine shows and motor sports.*