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Dear Fairgoers:

Agriculture has a great tradition in New Jersey and we are glad you came to explore and enjoy this part of the Garden State by visiting the Middlesex County 4-H Fair. New Jersey has a diverse agricultural landscape, ranking in the top 10 in the nation in the production of several fruits and vegetables while also being a leader in horticulture, livestock and so many other sectors of agriculture.

When viewing the many exhibits, and touring the fairgrounds, consider the dedication and hard work of the members of our community. While agriculture continues to evolve, the passion and unwavering commitment of our growers to bring you the best possible products connects each generation of our agricultural families to you.

The fair is a wonderful place for friends and families to enjoy a shared experience while learning about the positive aspects of agriculture and its influence on our everyday lives. The fair highlights what takes place across our more than 720,000 acres of agricultural land. We encourage everyone to support New Jersey agriculture throughout the year by visiting and purchasing Jersey Fresh produce from a local farm market or supermarket, buying Jersey Grown products from a local greenhouse or garden center, or enjoying the many activities that take place on farms during various seasons.

The fair is a place where communities can come together and celebrate the many accomplishments of 4-H and FFA youth and take heart in knowing they have a vested interest in adding to our rich agricultural heritage. Thank them by asking about their various projects and encouraging them to continue on a path that will help New Jersey agriculture thrive now and in the future. It will make your visit an even more rewarding experience.

Enjoy your day at the Middlesex County 4-H Fair.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. H. Fisher".

Douglas H. Fisher