

1999 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

HB 1009

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1009

House Appropriations Committee
Human Resources Division

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 14, 1999

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		20.5-end
1		x	0-end
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Paullette Gussiccas</i>			

Minutes:

HB 1009-- A Bill for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying expenses of the state fair association.

(Tape 1, A, 20.4) Ed Schmidt (President of State Fair) had made opening statements.

(24.3) Rep. Wentz made comments to support Bill 1009.

(25.9) Jerry Iverson (Manager of State Fair) testified in favor of Bill 1009. See attached statement.

STUDENTS OF THE FFA TESTIFIED IN SUPPORT OF BILL 1009

(47.5) Alissa McCay
Greig Mosted
Russel Kremer
Katie Keller
Justin Bentz
Mr. Wenger
Matt O'Neil

(Tape 1, B, 5.5) Rep. Andrew Maragos testified in favor of Bill 1009.

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(6.2) Rep. Gunter testified in support of Bill 1009.

(6.6) Bret Taylor talked about family tradition in the state fair.

(12.6) Steve Zimmerman testified in support of Bill 1009.

(15.7) Connie Hanson testified in support of Bill 1009.

General Discussion

- Committee on Committees
- Rules Committee
- Confirmation Hearings
- Delayed Bills Committee
- House Appropriations
- Senate Appropriations
- Other

Date January 27, 1999			
Tape Number	Side A	B Side	Meter #
1	x		2.3-16.3
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Paulitt Gussieas</i>			

Minutes:

A Bill for Act to provide an appropriation for defraying expenses of the state fair association.

(Tape 1, A, 2.3) **REP. SVEDJAN** opened HB 1009 for discussion, all members were present.

(3.0) **Rep. Bernstein** states the amendment that the committee requested, he can't support it.

(3.2) **Chairman Svedjan** states that the amendment would put an additional 20,000 in the budget, but the state fair could only access it by matching it dollar for dollar.

(14.0) **Chairman Svedjan** end the discussion on the amendment. He took a roll call vote on the amendment and it had failed. The vote was 3 do pass, 3 do not pass, 0 absents.

(15.0) **Rep. Hoffner** recommended a do pass on the bill. Rep. Kerzman seconded the motion.

General Discussion

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(15.4) **Chairman Svedjan** ask for a roll call vote. The vote was 6 do pass, 0 do not pass, 0 absents.

Rep. Timm will carry the bill to the Appropriations Committee.

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House Appropriations Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2/1/99

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
2	x		31
2		x	0
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Kevin Baur</i>			

Minutes:

SUMMARY OF THE BILL: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying expenses of the state fair association.

(31.2) Rep. Kerzman testified in favor of HB 1009, as a DO PASS. He commented that he wished to move some amendments in full committee.

Rep. Delzer moved to pass the amendments, which was seconded by Rep. Wentz.

The amendments, 98009.0101, were passed by the committee, with a vote of 11 yes, 9 no, and 0 absent.

Rep. Tollefson moved for a Do Pass As Amended.

Rep. Kerzman seconded the motion.

HB 1009 was passed as amended with a vote of 17 yes, 3 no, and 0 absent.

The hearing on HB 1009 was closed.

Date: 1-27-99
Roll Call Vote #: 1

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO.

House APPROPRIATION Committee

Subcommittee on Human Service
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number HB 1009 - 98009.0101

Action Taken Do Not Pass

Motion Made By Kerzman Seconded By Timm

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Ken Svedjan		✓			
Vice Chairman LeRoy Bernstein		✓			
Rep. Jeff Delzer		✓			
Rep. Serenus Hoffner	✓				
Rep. James Kerzman	✓				
Rep. Mike Timm	✓				

Total (Yes) 3 No 3

Absent 0

Floor Assignment _____

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

Date: 1-27-99
Roll Call Vote #: 2

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO.

House **APPROPRIATION** Committee

Subcommittee on Human Service
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number HB009

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Rep Hoffner Seconded By Rep Kerzman

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Ken Svedjan	✓				
Vice Chairman LeRoy Bernstein	✓				
Rep. Jeff Delzer	✓				
Rep. Serenus Hoffner	✓				
Rep. James Kerzman	✓				
Rep. Mike Timm	✓				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Kerzman

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

Date: 2/1/99
 Roll Call Vote #: 1

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO.

House **APPROPRIATION** Committee

Subcommittee on 1009
 or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number 98009.0101

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By ~~Delzer~~ Delzer Seconded By Wentz

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Rep. Ole Aarsvold	X		Rep. Ronald Nichols	X	
Rep. LeRoy G. Bernstein		X	Rep. Jim Poolman		X
Rep. James Boehm	X		Rep. Ken Svedjan		X
Rep. Rex R. Byerly		X	Rep. Mike Timm	X	
Rep. Al Carlson		X	Rep. Ben Tollefson	X	
Rep. Ron Carlisle		X	Rep. Janet Wentz	X	
Rep. Al Carlson			Chairman Jack Dalrymple		X
Rep. Jeff Delzer	X				
Rep. Pam Gulleason	X				
Rep. Serenus Hoffner	X				
Rep. Robert Huether		X			
Rep. James Kerzman	X				
Rep. Ed Lloyd	X				
Rep. David Monson		X			

Total (Yes) 11 No 9

Absent 0

Floor Assignment _____

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

Date: 2/1/99
 Roll Call Vote #: 1

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
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House **APPROPRIATION** Committee

Subcommittee on 1009

or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass As Amended

Motion Made By Ben Tollefson Seconded By Wedge Kerzman

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Rep. Ole Aarsvold	X		Rep. Ronald Nichols	X	
Rep. LeRoy G. Bernstein	X		Rep. Jim Poolman	X	
Rep. James Boehm	X		Rep. Ken Svedjan		X
Rep. Rex R. Byerly		X	Rep. Mike Timm	X	
Rep. Al Carlson	X		Rep. Ben Tollefson	X	
Rep. Ron Carlisle	X		Rep. Janet Wentz	X	
Rep. Al Carlson			Chairman Jack Dalrymple		X
Rep. Jeff Delzer	X				
Rep. Pam Gulleon	X				
Rep. Serenus Hoffner	X				
Rep. Robert Huether	X				
Rep. James Kerzman	X				
Rep. Ed Lloyd	X				
Rep. David Monson	X				

Total (Yes) 17 No 3

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Kerzman

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1009: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Dalrymple, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (17 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1009 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 6, after the second comma insert "and from special funds derived from other income"

Page 1, line 10, replace "320,000" with "360,000"

Page 1, after line 10, insert:

"Total all funds	\$570,000
Less estimated income	<u>20,000</u> "

Page 1, line 11, replace "530,000" with "550,000"

Page 1, after line 11, insert:

"SECTION 2. MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRED. The state fair association shall provide matching funds for premiums from a source other than the state general fund in an amount equal to any general fund moneys spent in excess of \$320,000 from the premiums line item in section 1 of this Act for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

DEPARTMENT 665 - STATE FAIR

HOUSE - This amendment increases the premiums line item by \$40,000, \$20,000 of which is from the general fund and \$20,000 of other funds to be raised by the State Fair and used as matching funds for the \$20,000 added from the general fund. To require the matching funds, a section is added requiring the State Fair to raise other funds for premiums to match any general fund moneys spent from the premiums line item in excess of \$320,000. The matching ratio is 1 to 1.

1999 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

HB 1009

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB1009

Senate Appropriations Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 5, 1999

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
2	X		2980-end
2		X	1-1235
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Kathleen C. Kotteleroch</i>			

Minutes:

SENATOR NETHING: Opened the hearing for HB1009; A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR DEFRAYING EXPENSES OF THE STATE FAIR ASSOCIATION.

MIKE TIMM: I am a Representative from District 5 in Minot, ND to testify in support of HB1009 (tape 2, side A, meter 2980-3205). The original bill was for \$320,000. The fair would like a few more dollars to give to kids when they come and display their exhibits. The idea was brought up in our subcommittee to give the fair \$20,000 more in premiums with the idea that they would have an incentive to raise \$20,000 more on their own. The only way they would get the extra money is if in fact they raise the extra money. They would end up with \$40,000 which would increase the original bill amount to \$360,000 in premiums.

TIM FOWLER: I am the Vice President of the North Dakota State Fair Board to testify in support of HB1009 (tape 2, side A, meter 3255-4850). He introduced the State Fair Board members that were present for the hearing. Is the North Dakota State Fair competitive with the local county fairs? The State Fair is the culmination of the fair activities for youth and open class exhibitors on a state basis. Those states that have a good state fair, also have a very good county fair system. The closest example of that would be the Minnesota State Fair and the County Fair system there. The North Dakota Winter Show, starting today, is another good example.

JERRY IVERSON: I am the manager of the North Dakota State Fair to testify in support of HB1009 (tape 2, side A, meter 4855-5075). I want to visit with you about the needs of the North Dakota State Fair. You have several handouts, that you can read on your own. During the past session you have increased some dollars for prizes. We saw an increase in exhibit numbers. We had the most number of 4-H and FFA and Open Class projects at our fair that we have ever had in the history of the fair. The folder you have shows things about the All Seasons Arena. Many of you are aware that complex at the State Fair grounds, had two of the rooms built with local moneys and local involvement. We do not tie the moneys together from State Fair and the Arena. There is also a list of all the capital improvement projects that have taken place on the

fairgrounds and who paid for them. At the end it shows that local funds are now going to be at \$15M, fair funds at \$7M, and the State of North Dakota has provided \$3M worth of support. We are very pleased with the participation we receive from county fairs at the North Dakota State Fair. I can tell you that 73% of every prize dollar goes to children. The other 27% goes to the Moms, Dads and Families that are with them when they show livestock. Some have suggested that the State Fair solicit sponsorships. We think that we are doing pretty well. There is a 1% sales tax in Minot, ND for 2 years. That money goes to the State Fair. That will generate \$7.5M to build a new exhibit hall at the State Fair. When that is completed, we are going to move the 4-H department out of the 3 small buildings on the fairground and move them into the new complex. The city of Minot also provides us with \$160,000 per biennium for maintenance. Ward County gives us \$175,000 for maintenance on the fairgrounds. We get \$320,000 worth of sponsorships from major businesses and corporations across the state. In addition to that we have about \$150,000 with the In-Kind contributions that are given to the fair. Altogether this comes to about \$1.3M in a biennium that comes to the State Fair, counting your assistance and what other folks are doing for us. The North Dakota State Fair received 5 awards from the International Association of Fairs and Expositions for Excellence in Agriculture last year at their convention. We are one of the strongest agricultural fairs in the United States. We had an increase in attendance last year at the fair. We are funded by 93% from other sources and 7% from the state. Our agency returns about \$1M to State Government each year through taxes and the fees. We know that the young people wearing 4-H and FFA jackets are seldom in trouble. They are too busy getting ready for the State Fair. We have done very well as a State Fair over the last 30 years. We do have enough of a cash balance to carry us through a bad year.

SENATOR HOLMBERG: I am glad to see that you are still leaving on your list the grandstand. Some day something will have to be done.

JERRY IVERSON: It is a tough thing to talk about but, the grand stand is getting very old. It is very important that it be safe. We are still OK, but as I pointed out it is not doing well.

ALYSEA McCABE: I am from the Granville FFA Chapter and I am here to testify in support of HB1009 (testimony attached (tape 2, side A, meter 5165-5500)).

SARA VOLK: I am from the Granville FFA Chapter and I am here to testify in support of HB1009 (testimony attached (tape 2, side A, meter 5550-5710)).

MIKE BRANDENBURG: I am a Representative from District 26 to testify in support of HB1009 (tape 2, side A, meter 5746-5888).

DARCY BRANDENBURG: I am the son of Representative Mike Brandenburg to testify in support of HB1009. I have been in 4-H for about 4 years. I have learned many things in that time.

NAOMI JANKE: I am a 4-H club member from LaMoure County and I am testifying in support of HB1009 (testimony attached (tape 2, side A, meter 6008-end, side B, meter 1-153)).

KRISTY JORDE: I am currently serving the North Dakota FFA Association as Secretary. I am also a member of the Towner FFA Chapter. I am here to support HB1009 (testimony attached (tape 2, side B, meter 180-290)).

KARI BITZ: I am the President of the LaMoure Cloverleaf 4-H club, a LaMoure County 4-H Ambassador, and a State 4-H Ambassador. I am here in support of HB1009 (testimony attached (tape 2, side B, meter 312-455)).

MISSY MONTGOMERY: I am serving as the State FFA South East Region Vice President. I am a 10 year Foster County 4-H member and a 5 year Carrington FFA Member, and am here to testify in support of HB1009 (testimony attached (tape 2, side B, meter 478-599)).

RYAN ONES: I am the President of the Kenmare FFA Chapter and I am here to support HB1009 (testimony attached (tape 2, side B, meter 628-720)).

MARGIE JANKE: I am a 4-H Leader and the mother of three 4-H children. I am here to testify in favor of HB1009 (testimony attached (tape 2, side B, meter 735-1149)).

ANDREW MARAGOS: I am a Representative from District 3 and the host city for the State Fair of Minot (tape 2, side B, meter 1170-1235). We are always very appreciative for the support we receive for the State Fair. We think that as a community, we make all sorts of huge contributions to make that the most outstanding showcase for what is good and wonderful about North Dakota. I encourage you to approve this budget.

SENATOR NETHING: Closed the hearing on HB1009.

SENATOR SOLBERG: Move Do Pass on HB1009.

SENATOR NETHING: Motion to Do Pass the budget as presented. Is there a second?

SENATOR HOLMBERG: Seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: 10 YEAS, 0 NAY, 4 ABSENT & NOT VOTING.

Yeas: Nething, Naaden, Solberg, Lindaas, Tomac, Krauter, Grindberg, Holmberg, Kringstad, Andrist.

Absent & Not Voting: Tallackson, Robinson, St. Aubyn, Bowman.

CARRIER: SENATOR SOLBERG.

SENATOR NETHING: Closed the hearing HB1009.

Date: 3-5-99
 Roll Call Vote #: 100001

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
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Senate APPROPRIATIONS Committee

Subcommittee on _____
 or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken _____

Motion Made By SENATOR SOLBERG Seconded By SENATOR HOLMBERG

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Nething, Chairman	✓				
Senator Naaden, Vice Chairman	✓				
Senator Solberg	✓				
Senator Lindaas	✓				
Senator Tallackson					
Senator Tomac	✓				
Senator Robinson					
Senator Krauter	✓				
Senator St. Aubyn					
Senator Grindberg	✓				
Senator Holmberg	✓				
Senator Kringstad	✓				
Senator Bowman					
Senator Andrist	✓				

Total (Yes) 10 No 0

Absent 4

Floor Assignment SENATOR SOLBERG

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 5, 1999 3:39 p.m.

Module No: SR-40-4177
Carrier: Solberg
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1009, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Nething, Chairman)
recommends **DO PASS** (10 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
Engrossed HB 1009 was placed on the Fourteenth on the calendar.

1999 TESTIMONY

HB 1009

Department 665 - State Fair
House Bill No. 1009

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1999-2001 Executive Budget	0.00	\$530,000	\$0	\$530,000
1997-99 Legislative Appropriations	0.00	530,000	0	530,000
Increase (Decrease)	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Major Items Affecting State Fair 1999-2001 Budget

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Funding is provided at the same level as the 1997-99 biennium which includes \$320,000 for premiums and \$210,000 for a portion of the payments on State Fair debt			

Major Legislation Affecting the State Fair

No major legislation has been introduced at this time affecting this agency.

Mr. Chairman and members of the ~~Committee~~
Good Morning! I am Kari Bitz, Pres
of the LaMoore Cloverleaf 4-H
club, a LaMoore County 4-H Amb,
and a ~~newly selected~~ ND ~~State~~
4-H Amb. I represent my 30 club
members, 100 county members, and
all the ~~state~~ ND State 4-Hers.
(# _____ state)

Good Morning! I am Kari Bitz, ①
President of the LaMoore Cloverleaf 4-H
Club, a LaMoore Co 4-H Ambassador,
and a newly selected ND 4-H State Amb.
Naomi has shown you the ribbons
we 4-Hers receive in competition. I
am going to tell you ^{the} "hidden costs"
behind those ribbons now.
Communications Arts is basically
Speech &/or Demonstrations. I am going

to expand on the Food Demonstrations ②
You need 5 posters - a title poster, the
ingredients, the directions, nutritional
value, and a summary. You will also
need the actual ingredients & a finished
product. By the time of the contest
you & your family will have eaten your
project at least 5 times because a 4-Her
needs to practise making and memorizing.
To win at County ~~it cost me~~ \$30.
My expenses were

From county you advance to district.³
Reuse those posters and remake
the food for a cost of \$12.
Next comes County Showcase,
Food Fair Division. This is the
card table display area. You ~~use~~ may
~~the~~ recycle your idea - but you
need different posters and
the food remade. Another \$10.
If you win you get to go to the
State Fair! It's great! The people,

the exhibits, the Midway + enter-⁴
tainment, the food, & ~~our~~ family
vacation for 12 years!

If you didn't bend those posters
pack them + the card table and
2 finished products (just to be safe).
Add another \$8⁰⁰. So far it only
cost \$60. ~~to~~ ^{compete at} the State Fair
Showcase.

If you ~~earn~~ ^{earn} an Award of Excell^s
you receive \$15. Participants
earn \$10. My family compares
4-H to farming. It cost \$60
to make \$15, but it was a
great learning experience and made
me a better person. 4-Hers are
hard workers and ^{we} appreciate your
help and continued support.

Every year LaMoure Co sends⁽⁶⁾ many 4-H and FFA projects to Minot. We have spent many hours on these exhibits and are very proud of our achievements. We hope ND is proud of us!

~~OOO~~

Good Morning Mr. Chairman and
fellow ~~committee~~ ^{senate} appropriation committee
members - - - -

My name is Alyssa McCabe and

I come from the Granville FFA Chapter.

My fellow classmates and I ~~are~~ ^{that are here today} are

~~committee~~ officers of our chapter

and proud of it! Our school has

~~re~~ approximately 65 students 7-12.

Out of those ^{65 students}, 45 of them

are members of our FFA Chapter

I would also like you to realize

that many of these are town

kids, which are just as active

in contest and exhibiting projects at

the Fair, as the country kids are.

The past 8 years our FFA Chapter has received the NDSF Sweepstakes award. This award is based on a point scale. Each Chapter receives points for each ribbon from Grand Champion down to A white ribbon. ~~All~~ All different Areas ^{are judged,} Livestock, Poultry, Garden, Floriculture, Mechanics and so on and at the end are totaled up for the Chapter's Grand Total. Now, I know Granville does realize that we have the advantage of being located so close to Minot, but we do have some other local competition - Minot, Tower,

Des Lucas, Berthold and many others.

If you have ever been to the

Fair and walked through the exhibits,

you could see all of the hard work

put into these projects. When we start

most of these projects we are doing them out

of pure enjoyment, but after all the

hard work it is nice to get a

reward. I remember once in one

of my many Shop classes, we had

to make signs - well you can about

imagine what the guys were thinking

about girls handling power tools?

well, I took this assignment very

seriously - I wanted to do my

best --

~~Once I found what I want~~

Once I was done with my sign -- I was very proud of it. That summer when I was walking through the wood working exhibits, I found my sign -- I had received Grand Champion! I was so excited -- I guess I just had to show those boys! ~~I am~~ ~~that is~~ only one example of the many students that put in all that work, and then get something in Return --

~~Prize money~~

Don't you think we students deserve something for all the hard work?

NDSF PREMIUMS

Good Morning Mr. Chairman + Senate appropriation

HI I'm Sara Volk ^{from Comm Acc} ~~from Comm Acc~~
the Granville FFA Chapter. I have exhibited FFA projects at the NDSF since the 7th Grade. Each year, I get a chance to see all of the projects. The quality has definitely gotten better. The competition for the "grand Champion" or "higher premium" is a good reason for the high quality.

You must remember that we are the future of MD. By exhibiting these projects, we are learning a lot of various skills to help us in the years to come. The premium money definitely gives us an ~~little~~ incentive to work even harder.

The premium money does go towards a good cause. First, I use it to pay for the supplies ^{expenses} for the project, the rest goes in the bank. In the fall, I plan on attending college in MD + plan on using any money that is left to help me further my education.

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee

My name is Naomi Janke and I am 14 years old. I am a 4-H Club member from LaMoure County. My family has been active in 4-H for 7 years. Over the years I have participated in many parts of 4-H. Some I have enjoyed. Some I put up with. Some I have participated in because I wanted to and sometimes because my parents thought it would be good for me. I have always learned skills that would help me out in something else that I do. Like talking to you today.

When you see my 4-H projects at the State Fair, you see only the finished product. The ribbons that are attached to the projects do not tell the whole story about what I went through to finish them. In my family, most 4-H projects involve everyone, including my mom and dad, working with us kids to finish whatever we started. Even though I sometimes complain about having to do things, I love spending time as a family. My grandma, who had 5 kids in 4-H, always says that 4-H makes parents do what they should be doing anyway.

To give you an idea of what is involved in getting to the state fair let me explain one particular event, the speech and demonstration contest, that I participate in every year. The contest is held annually and begins at the local level. Contestants write a speech or demonstration which pertains to one of their projects. They are to be the "expert" in that area, because the judges are allowed to ask you any questions that they feel are appropriate. If you get first or second place you get this ribbon and you are eligible to participate in the district contest. District winners receive this ribbon and this water bottle. There is no more advancement from this contest.

After the completion of the demonstration contest I use my demonstration topic to make a project expo display. This is a card table display based on one subject area. Contestants are judged on their knowledge level, poise, and ability to communicate their topic to adults. Once again we start out at the local level. If you receive first or second you get this ribbon and earn a trip to the state fair. At the state fair, competition is fierce. The top ten percent of the exhibits receive an Award of Excellence. This is the first time a ribbon in the speech and demonstration area has any monetary value. At the State Fair the Award of Excellence is worth \$15.

You may wonder why I go through all of this for these ribbons. When I was younger I wondered the same thing. Especially, in the 6th grade, when the boys in my class identified 4-H as "the nerd squad". But now I realize how much value is attached to these ribbons. Entering these contests year after year has not only developed my ability to speak to you today, but also developed character traits including self-discipline, courage, perseverance, and a good work ethic. I shocked myself this past Christmas when I found myself telling my grandma, I was glad mom and dad made me to do these things all these years.

Through programs such as 4-H and FFA, young people such as myself are developing the skills needed to be leaders in our communities, and our world. Please considerate these things when determining state fair youth funding.

~~It has been my job~~ For the past 5 years
I have been a member of the Turner
FFA chapter and have had the opportunity
to be an exhibitor at the ND State Fair primarily
in horticulture. Through my participation
I have gotten to experience the hard work
that goes into preparing projects for the
fair as well as the time spent transporting
projects and caring for them during
the fair. But the most important thing I
observed through my participation is the
amazing educational skills exhibitors gain not
only in business and industry but also in agriculture.
We are the leaders of tomorrow and by getting
this experience at a young age, we are able
to continue to improve industry and gain the
skills needed to be successful. The premium
exhibitors earn from the fair help pay
for the materials as well as travel
expenses and overnight stays. Without

these premiums, exhibitors simply would not be able to afford to display at the fair and they would not be able to gain this experience. However, by increasing premiums, more people will get the opportunity to exhibit and gain skills that will allow them to improve industries in the future. I strongly encourage you to not only consider premiums as rewards, but rather as an incentive to develop good, quality projects, learn valuable skills, and explore and improve ~~industry~~ agricultural industries.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristy Jarde
ND State FFA Secretary
Towner FFA

Ryan Ores

My name is Ryan Ores and I am the Pres. of the Kenmare FFA Chapter. Over the past few years I have started my ~~own~~ ^{own} cow/calf operation. I know along with everyone else how hard it is to make a living in any agriculture field. Many other producers take some of their animals to show at the State Fair. These exhibits are a big part of the State Fair. In some cases the ~~selection~~ ^{selection} declined, because it is not worth while for the producer to spend 5 days in Minnet when they could be at home working. A lot of people go to the State Fair just to look at the exhibits. With the decline of exhibits ~~the~~ ^{the} State Fair will eventually see a decline in people attending the fair. With the added ~~money~~ ^{money} to the state fair, we may see an increase in exhibitors therefore we hope to see more overall people attending the North Dakota State Fair.

Thank You

Mr Chairman & members of the committee

As a 4-H leader and parent of 3 4-Hers, I stand before you today to tell you about the value connected to the State Fair experience for our family.

The State Fair is something that our kids earn by working hard on their projects. If no one advances with one of their projects, we don't go. This makes them work a little harder to accomplish their goals.

We generally go to the fair on a Friday, leaving with 5 people from our family and 2 extra kids from our county that we take because we have room in our vehicle and that would normally not get to go. We also have poster boards, card tables and maybe a rabbit and/or chicken. After 5 hours of road detours and potty stops, we finally arrive at an aunts house in Minot where we stay.

Saturday morning starts early with the State Fair Parade. Then at noon, everyone gets a dose of dramamine and a ride bracelet for the midway. We have found over the years that if we don't get the midway over with right away, we are hounded until we do it. By the end of the day, the kids are sick of being at the fair, and we are sick of having them there, so it's back the the aunts house to dispose of the kids. The adults then treat ourselves to a well deserved concert.

Sunday starts with a church service at Pioneer Village. The kids like going to church there because they say it is like church on Little House On The Prairie. After church we watch Tilford Kroshus and Daryl's Racing Pigs. We look at 4-H and FFA exhibits and eat malts out of the Dairy Association trailer. Later in the day we go back to Pioneer Village for the old time demonstrations. This has proven to be quite productive. A couple years ago there was a lady there who was demonstrating hardanger. In one quick lesson, she was able to teach this 100% German how to do hardanger, which is Norwegian embroidery.

Finally, Monday comes along. It is the reason that we brought these kids to the fair. Monday is the day of the project expo displays and fashion review. When you enter the building, you immediately see a different world than you have seen over the past 2 days. When on the midway and fairgrounds, you have seen almost everything you can imagine.

*Fun Tractor
Ride
tan table using
hair of animal*

Now you enter a building where there are parents helping kids, and kids helping each other. Young people who are respectfully dressed in black pants and white 4-H t-shirts. Self-confident individuals, not because they have been told to like themselves, but because of their accomplishment. Accomplishments that were probably not as well recognized as if they were the star on the BBall court. But accomplishments that will probably be more important in the long run 10 years from now.

As the day progresses, 4-Her's are judged and awards are granted as they are earned.

The 4-Her's and FFAer's that are here today are the cream of the crop. They are probably not the kids tied up in the courts system. They are our future school board members, community leaders, and state and federal government officials. They are not greedy people who expect great recognition and paid for everything they do. But at the end of a long year filled with hard work, the State Fair is the carrot that entices many of them to work a little harder, to challenge themselves a little more and to accomplish goals that looked out of reach last year. Thank you.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
 ANALYSIS OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES
 AS OF FEBRUARY 18, 1999

BILL #/DEPARTMENT	LINE	EXECUTIVE BUDGET	HOUSE VERSION	HOUSE DIFF TO EXEC BUDGET	SENATE VERSION	SENATE DIFF TO EXEC BUDGET	DIFF BETWEEN HOUSE & SENATE
HB1009	MAJOR IMPROVEMENT	210,000	210,000	0+	0	0+	0+
ND STATE FAIR ASSOCIATION	PREMIUMS	320,000	360,000	40,000+	0	0+	0+
	TOTAL	530,000	570,000	40,000+	0	0+	0+
665	SPECIAL FUNDS	0	20,000	20,000+	0	0+	0+
	GENERAL FUND	530,000	550,000	20,000+	0	0+	0+
BILL TOTAL	TOTAL	530,000	570,000	40,000+	0	0+	0+
HB1009	SPECIAL FUNDS	0	20,000	20,000+	0	0+	0+
	GENERAL FUND	530,000	550,000	20,000+	0	0+	0+

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

DEPARTMENT 665 - STATE FAIR

HOUSE - This amendment increases the premiums line item by \$40,000, \$20,000 of which is from the general fund and \$20,000 of other funds to be raised by the State Fair and used as matching funds for the \$20,000 added from the general fund. To require the matching funds, a section is added requiring the State Fair to raise other funds for premiums to match any general fund moneys spent from the premiums line item in excess of \$320,000. The matching ratio is 1 to 1.

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1999-2001 Executive Budget	0.00	\$530,000	\$0	\$530,000
1997-99 Legislative Appropriations	0.00	530,000	0	530,000
Increase (Decrease)	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Major Items Affecting State Fair 1999-2001 Budget

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. The executive budget recommended funding at the same level as the 1997-99 biennium which includes \$320,000 for premiums and \$210,000 for a portion of the payments on State Fair debt (The House increased funding for premiums by \$40,000, \$20,000 of which is from the general fund to be matched by \$20,000 of other funds to be raised by the State Fair.)			

Major Legislation Affecting the State Fair

No major legislation has been introduced affecting this agency.

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NORTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR



OVERVIEW
&
1998 STATE FAIR

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MARCH 5, 1999

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NORTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR RAISES ADULT GATE ADMISSION BY ONE DOLLAR, SEE INCREASE IN ATTENDANCE

The 1998 NORTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR showcased the best of the best in everything under the bright, hot sun for nine days the latter part of July.. The FAIR also had many attractions including over 600 commercial spaces, free stages of entertainment, big name entertainers in country and rock music and hundreds of thousands of fairgoers taking it all in during the nine day run.

Weather was the best it has ever been during the nine day run. Temperatures ranged in the 80 and 90 degree area for the duration of the fair, with the first Saturday bringing in a great concert from the beautiful Faith Hill. The last day of fair saw good numbers come in to enjoy the many fair activities and attend the concert of the legendary Lynyrd Skynyrd.

Attendance during the 1998 NORTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR, July 24th through August 1st, was up at 236,140 compared with 233,004 last year.

FFA numbers skyrocketed this year. Their building was busting at the seams with static exhibits. Advisors for the department claimed they were overwhelmed with the amount of exhibits entered in their divisions.

Gate prices for adults increased by one dollar to \$6.00, children remained the same at \$1.50 for ages 7-12 with those 6 & under free. A season gate pass for adults was \$20.00, Junior season passes sold for \$13.00 and 4-H & FFA season passes sold for \$4.00. Free parking was offered again this year. Various discounts were offered through the Fair's sponsors during the week.

The NORTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR spent a portion of its advertising budget in Manitoba and Saskatchewan to promote the 1998 event. Over 5 million coupons were printed and distributed in Canada with the help of the State Tourism Department and the Minot Convention and Visitors Bureau. "Our Canadian neighbors have been experiencing a declining dollar value," said Jerry Iverson, fair manager. "We tried to offset that by providing them the opportunity to use coupons for the gate and carnival rides. Canadians at one time made up almost 13 % of our fairgoers, now that is closer to 1 or 2%."

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The entertainment budget for the 1998 NORTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR was \$420,000.00 for paid ticketed entertainment and \$200,000.00 for free to see attractions around the fairgrounds. STATE FAIR concerts were booked through Bob Romeo of Omaha, Nebraska.

The NORTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR added an additional show to the entertainment show pass, making it seven shows on a grandstand ticket selling for \$30.00 for general admission and \$35.00 for reserved seats. Shows included in the pass were Collin Raye (6,600), Faith Hill (8,800), Chris LeDoux (5,800), Enduro Auto Race (4,200), Classic Car Show and Concert (1,900), Clay Walker (6,800), and Sawyer Brown (8,700).

Single ticketed events included Demolition Derby and Monster Trucks (3,250), Pro West Tractor Pull (1,100), a Bull-A-Rama (2,000), 2 nights of rodeo action (3,050), Lynyrd Skynyrd (5,600), and the Party In The Dirt with Joe Diffie, (1,700). Again we offered a free Horse Pull and added a Free Kids Showdeo event.

Santa returned again to vacation at the State Fair for nine days. Each night Santa made a drawing for a daily qualifier to win a restored 1955 Ford-o-matic 4-Door Sedan. Registration was free and each fairgoer could register once a day for all nine days of the Fair. The car was awarded to Deann Brandt from Maxbass, ND.

An Alternative Livestock Display Barn called "Moos, Ewes and More" was a fair favorite in 1997 and returned to a different location in 1998 drew huge crowds daily. This barn featured all kinds of unusual livestock such as emu, ostrich, Dexter cattle, yaks, Painted Desert sheep and much more. The birthday of the calf born at the 1997 State Fair was celebrated on July 26th. Daisy, the birthday calf, enjoyed the crowd who ate cake around her and she got to sample her cake as well. Other opportunities inside the display barn were the opportunity to bottle feed a dairy calf or get your picture taken with your favorite animal.

Stage 1 featured the new giant sandbox sponsored by Sportsworld Stadium of Minot, ND. Easter Seals brought in their puppet program called Everyone Counts which performed twice daily. Also included in Kids Kingdom/Stage 1 were Murphy Bros. Carnival Rides and the Hedrick's Petting Zoo and camel rides from Nickerson, KS.

Stage 2 featured Dickey Lee and the Knights- July 24 through 28, then the Fantastic Convertibles from Minneapolis rocked the stage from July 29 through August 1.

Stage 3 included all types of North Dakota entertainment. This stage featured Cari Flory from Sawyer, ND, Fantasy Fiddlers from North Dakota and Manitoba, Canada, the Dakota Dixie band and this year we had more North Dakota County Fair talent show winners perform. Bottineau, Burke, Pembina, Mountrail, and Divide County Fair Talent Contest winners sent their top performers to perform at the STATE FAIR.

Live deer with Boone and Crockett registry sized racks of antlers came to the Fair from Ohio. This exhibit attracted hunters and animal lovers during its reign at the Fair. Richard English of West Milton, OH came from East of the Mississippi with his large white-tailed bucks and put on a great exhibit. Also the ever popular racing pigs were back again at the STATE FAIR. As Stage 4 became transformed into a race track for three shows daily by Daryl's Racing Pigs.

Stage 5 brought tribute and old time country music to the STATE FAIR. July 24-29 featured a Tribute to Patsy Cline by Janie Miller of Minneapolis. Country recording artist Marvin Rainwater came in to replace the tribute on July 30 through August 1. Dusty Drapes and the Dusters from Minnesota backed up both acts for the duration of the State Fair. Shows were held at Noon, 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

Once again the North Dakota Game and Fish Department contributed to the North Dakota Outdoor Skills and Recreation Park. The park is in its sixth year of operation and new improvements are made on an annual basis. The main attractions of the park is the pond where fairgoers have the opportunity to participate in catch and release fishing. Also, included were daily dog retrieval demonstrations from Ambush Kennels. These demonstrations showed the basics for training an excellent gun dog and retrieval techniques in water.

On the north side of Stage 6 is the Fur Traders Rendezvous. Men and women with that pioneering spirit from long ago gather to bring it all back to life for fairgoers. Every year something new is added to this area. This year the traders built a blacksmith shop, an earthen oven and featured tomahawk throwing and native American educational talks.

You could jump from 140 feet at Stage 7 this year. Lone Star Bungee from Dallas, Texas came to North Dakota to give everyone the chance to take the plunge. They also brought along a climbing rock wall which was a big hit with fairgoers.

Tigers, a Haunted House and the thrill of the circus gave way to great excitement around Stage 8. Bridgeport Nature Center from Bridgeport, Texas brought in the Great Cats of the World display to educate fairgoers about the endangered animals in the cat family. The Haunted House featured at the Minnesota Zoo in October came to visit the State Fair. Haunted Acres set up and gave fairgoers a thrilling, chilling time. The thrill circus act, the Esqueda Brothers, drew crowds daily to their three shows held in the Stage 8 area. Also this year at Stage 8 was Bergren's Dog Sled Display & Demonstrations from Minot, ND.

The North Central Research Center, Towner State Nursery, Cashman Nursery and STATE FAIR put together a educational exhibit about using trees for soil conservation. Several species of trees were featured and gave people an excellent location to take a well deserved break from a long day at the Fair.

The FAMILY FUN CENTER called Trax +, a year-round operation with three go kart tracks on the fairgrounds and a miniature golf course, kept things moving and putting on the northeast side of the fairgrounds.

Carnival receipts were up 3.3 % and over 35 rides were featured on the midway by Murphy Brothers Enterprises. Two new rides were delivered straight from the factory to be used at their first fair in North Dakota.

Carnival discounts were offered by the Minot Chamber of Commerce, the North Dakota Newspaper Association, Minot Daily News, KMOT, Pride of Dakota, KXMC-TV/N.D. Cooperatives and Coca-Cola.

Many contests were featured at the STATE FAIR. The 3rd annual Auctioneer's contest brought in auctioneer's competing for top auctioneer honor at the STATE FAIR. The Country Band Showcase saw bands play to a good crowd in the Flickertail Gardens as the chili judges were judging the 'Anything Goes' chili cook off. The 3rd annual Amateur Talent Contest also featured performers from across the state.

Athletic events included a 5K Race, a 1.5 mile race/walk, bench press, body building contest, an arm wrestling competition, the 3 on 3 basketball tournament and over 65 children pedaling their feet as they competed in the Children's Pedal Pull.

4-H and FFA exhibits exceeded 22,700 in competitive events at the STATE FAIR. The FFA program set an overall record in the number of exhibits entered this year. The STATE FAIR also hosted open class shows in beef, dairy, swine, sheep, llama, rabbits and poultry. Horticulture, foods, needlework, fine arts and crafts and photography complete the list of static open class exhibits showcased.

Other attractions included: daily parades, Classique Miss Pageant, milking parlor demonstrations, John Deere Slow Races, the State Parade and the clown contest. Horse events included team penning, cutting, jackpot barrel racing, team roping, a draft horse pull and 10 days of horse shows.

Three days of successful special promotions were held underneath our festival tents and were very successful. The KMOT/PRIDE OF DAKOTA Festival brought out North Dakota-based goods and services and featured a lunch provided by Cloverdale for a small charge. The Make A Date With Your Kids Parenting Festival offered a fun filled and educational day for families with interactive activities for children and parents alike. The KX Co-Op festival started out the day with a free pancake and sausage breakfast for 1,200 people and then started their festival at 10 am and featured cooperatives from throughout the state.

Senior Festival '98 was held on Thursday and offered gate admission for half price to those 60 and over until 2 pm. The festival offered Seniors the chance to visit booths of interest and be entertained by Gordy "Crazy Fingers" Lindquist, Sherwin Linton and the

Cotton Kings, Western Plains Children's Choir and a visit from Santa Claus. An ice cream social sponsored by Bridgeman was held at 2:00pm.

Other special promotional days at the STATE FAIR included the Farm & Ranch Guide's Country Woman of the Year Banquet held the final Friday of the fair. Cheer Share '98 had local cheer teams coming together to teach each other new chants and cheers. The STATE FAIR also had 2 for 1 at the Fair with the help of KMOT-TV and Coca-Cola. Everyone who purchased a 20 oz. bottle of Coke product was allowed through the gate for half price. A free spaghetti feed was held in the Flickertail Gardens feeding 300 individuals in less than an hour. Additional 2 for 1 deals were held all around the fairgrounds in conjunction with 2 for 1 Day. A donation was made by Coca-Cola to the 4-H and FFA Foundations on behalf of the day.

The Coors Flickertail Gardens featured The Plowboyz nightly and Herb Dixon, the Harley Davidson comedian, performed three times daily outdoors. The Pub had two groups performing with Starting Line-Up the first six days of the fair and Nightlife the last three days.

The North Dakota State Fair receives over \$150,000.00 in cash sponsorship and nearly \$134,000.00 in trade-out sponsorship on a yearly basis.

Amoco Oil Company again provided a generous sponsorship for FFA & 4-H activities as well as funding for leadership scholarships. Other key sponsors are: Trinity Medical Center, Coors Light, Coca-Cola, Keystone Light, Bud Light, Holiday Inn, First American Bank, SRT, Morelli's Distributing, Williams Medical Eye Center and Blue Cross Blue Shield. New sponsors include: Bethke Gardens, CommNet Cellular, Artic Cat, Dodge, Gooseneck Implement, Tractor Supply Company, Cellular One Direct, Sportsworld Stadium and Zip Feeds.

Listing of continued sponsors: Bridgeman Creameries, Cashman Nursery, City of Minot, Cloverdale, Community Ambulance, County of Ward, Dakota Square, Embassy, Farm & Ranch Guide, Farmers Union Oil, Harvest States Cooperatives, HCS Sanitation, International Inn, KCJB/KYYX/Mix 99.9, KMOT-TV, KXMC-TV, Lowe's Gardens, Magic 105/KIZZ/KRRZ, Minot CVB, Minot Chamber of Commerce, Minot Daily News, Murphy Bros. Ent., N.D. 4-H, N.D. Coordinating Council for Cooperatives, N.D. Dept of Agriculture, N.D. FFA, N.D. Game & Fish Dept., N.D. State Parade, NSP, Nodak Race Club, North Central Research Center, Rainbow Photo Lab, Ryan's' Family Dining, SRT, Surge, Inc., Sweetheart Bread, Taco John's, Trinity Medical Center, Wildrose Farm & Auto, Winger Cheese and the YMCA.

State Fair visitors look forward to the completion of a \$6M addition that will include a 40,000 sq. ft. clear span exhibit hall and 50,000 sq. ft. of support space. This 90,000 sq. ft. addition is being added to the 156,000 sq. ft. arena complex. Construction is scheduled for this fall and a \$1.5M remodeling project is scheduled for the fall of 1999. Area residents elected to increase their sales tax by 1%, with a sunset clause to provide the State Fair

with the expanded facility, that will compliment the communities efforts to bring events to Minot throughout the year.

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FAIRGOERS COMMENTS

"Loved the acapella singing group, the rodeo was great, pasta idea was super!"
Karen Hook - Halliday, ND

"Stayed in motorhome for all 10 days. Excellent entertainment!"
Richard B. Newfeld - Winnipeg, MB

"Best fair ever! The sandcastle, lion and tiger show, kiddyland, lots of benches, senior day, RV parking in east parking lot. The entertainment is good and interests the "young" crowd."

Irma Ann Solberg - Ray, ND

"I am very proud of our State Fair. It's all like one big family helping each other. ND proud."

Dorothy Corpron - Stanley, ND

"The exhibits are the most enjoyable part of the Fair for me. They are displayed beautifully."

Beverly Lorenz - Minot, ND

"A great opportunity for the children to strive for excellence and be rewarded."

Evelyn Holland - Minot, ND

"No complaints at all. We are really pleased. There is no place we can go to see that many concerts for 30 bucks."

Bill Rennick - Milestone, Saskatchewan

"It has been great this year."

Dina Butcher - Bismarck, ND

"Enjoyed the Pride of Dakota day."

Sandra Holweger - Arvilla, ND

"Had a blast!"

Paullette Schmidt - Dickinson, ND

"The North Dakota State Fair was great again!"

Lance Van Berkomp - Minot, ND

"Nice fair. Nice parade. Good entertainment."

Mrs. Pat Nolte - Pembina, ND

"Liked the two commercial buildings and extra stages of country and rock-n-roll. Nice clean surroundings and friendly people.

Diane Boit - Mandan, ND

"We think you do a great job!"

Orris & Irene Halvorson - Minot, ND

"We've been coming for 5 years and enjoy every year."

Louise Vandekamp - Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

"Bands for rides are a great idea! Fun!"

Bobbie Gleason - Tolna, ND

"Very good. Good food. Commercial buildings are good."

Beverly Olson - Sherwood, ND

"Wonderful! Driving up each day for the concert pass. Six people!"

Margaret Sitte - Bismarck, ND

"The biggest thing in Minot! Keep it up!"

Kayla Budler - Minot, ND

"I like the free parking lot!"

Jodi Turner - Minot, ND

"We enjoyed all the entertainment on the free stages."

Nancy Thomas - Williston, ND

"Our first time here! Food was great!"

Joni Bixler - Minot AFB, ND

"Great team penning. Increased 4-H participation. Very family directed!"

Nelson Taylor - Karval, CO

"Really had a nice time. Enjoyed the museums."

Tressy Heinle - Tioga, ND

"Enjoyed the Horse Pull. Was Great!"

Carol Kay Moen - Epping, ND

"Thanks for the free parking! Had a good day!"

Linda Berreth - Goodrich, ND

"Kids stuff was excellent. Fiddlers were excellent!"

Linda Dammel - Medina, ND

"Great day, entertainment and organization."
Nadeane & Jim Silbernagel - Bismarck, ND

"This year has been the best so far. I'll keep coming back."
Jessica Fitzgerald - Minot, ND

"Well organized and alot to see."
Tony Lill - Mercer, ND

"Very nice senior entertainment. Everybody very nice to us."
Hilda Isaak - Hazen, ND

"Montana display was different and interesting. Rope guy was cool."
Jeff Robison - Canby, OR

"It's a great fair! A job well done!"
K. Keys - Minot, ND

"Excellent exhibits and hospitality."
Page & Ardith Fenton - Middletown Springs, UT

"We enjoyed ourselves. There's something for everyone."
Pat Henderson - Carievale, Saskatchewan

"We were here four straight days. Great time! Pleased at number of restrooms."
Jan Lerbakken - Beatty, NV

"Very good! Impressed how the garbage cans were being sprayed and kept clean."
Gary McLaughlin - Lankin, ND

"Excellent fair, one of the best we have ever seen. The children's section was super!"
Mrs. Mary Paselk - Minot AFB, ND

"The fair is fun and I enjoy it every year."
Tressa Miller - Bismarck, ND

"Clean, love the benches along the KX/KMOT row."
Cheryl Hagar - Minot, ND

"Enjoyed alternative animals exhibits."
Marla Niemitalo - New Town, ND

"We always enjoy walking around at the fair, watching other fairgoers and seeing exhibits."
Karen Klimpel - Minot, ND

"Excellent job for kids programs. Getting better every year."
Jack Schlosser - Bismarck, ND

"Great fair! We'll be back next year!"
Luanne Lee - Fargo, ND

"The kids tent with activities was great."
Niki Roed - Minot, ND

"Enjoyed every minute."
Marge Royer - White Earth, ND

"Just a fun day to look around especially quilting demo."
Rhonda Daniel - Ray, ND

"Good discounts. Educational venues like NASA and shark exhibit are good."
Rick Stevens - Minot, ND

"The grounds are very beautiful."
Candace Beckman - Minot, ND

"Coming for 10 to 12 years. Excellent organization."
Vernon McLean - Estevan, Saskatchewan

"Been here every year since a child and nothing bad has ever happened. Good Security."
Virginia Tandeski - Devils Lake, ND

"Good time had by all. I thought the fair was kept clean. Employees were clean."
Julie Ebert - Minot, ND

"Gets better every year. Keep up the good work, enjoyed it!"
Clarence Voigt - Bismarck, ND

"We had a fun time and the bands were great. I can't wait for next year!"
Penny Morin - Dunseith, ND

N.M. Legislature Pumps \$8.2 Mil Into State Fair

By James Zoltak

The New Mexico State legislature has failed to pass measures that would have pumped over \$15 million in the New Mexico State Fair in Albuquerque, while imposing state oversight on the event's spending, but lawmakers voted nonetheless to inject the fair with an infusion of \$8.2 million.

That was good news for new fair General Manager Rick Murray, who took over the post Jan. 2 from interim manager John Garcia, the secretary of the state Department of Tourism, who had been filling the post since the departure last year of former manager Dennis Campbell. Campbell had replaced long-time fair manager Sam Hancock.

"The final tally was \$8.2 million. We didn't get any more money than that, but we are extremely excited about the prospect of getting those dollars," he said. "It appears (the legislature is) going to have a special session some time in April or May, when we will most likely receive another \$2 million to \$4 million."

Roughly \$6 million of the allocated funds will go toward improvements and modernization of Tingley Coliseum, Murray said.

While more money, especially \$1.5 million that would have been used to pay down debt incurred as a result of dwindling horse racing revenue, would have been useful, Murray said that as a manager he isn't terribly disappointed that spending control at the fair will not be turned over to the state Department of Finance and Administration.

"We still remain an enterprise fund," Murray told AB. "The infusion of money would have been

welcomed to pay down our debt, but I'm not too upset about not giving up control. The \$1.5 million would have come with strong strings attached."

He said the \$1.5 million outlay and DFA oversight issue could be revisited at the special session.

"We are feeling very fortunate at this point," Murray said. "We received more capital outlay money from the state of New Mexico than any other agency in the entire state. Being that is was the first time out of the blocks for us to ever request any money, we feel tremendously successful."

Murray said he was gratified at the degree of interest among lawmakers in making sure the state fair remains viable.

"There was not a lot of debate or argument on the merits of providing these dollars for capital improvements on the grounds, so my hat is off to all of the legislators," he said.

A big benefit to fair vendors to have the state fair retain control of its spending will be the maintenance of its current 30- to 45-day accounts payable period. With DFA oversight, it could have stretched to 60 or even 75 days, Murray said.

Murray, 38, comes to the New Mexico State Fair after four years as a lobbyist and director of community relations for the Albuquerque Public Schools. Prior to that, he spent five years as a television news reporter at local ABC and CBS affiliates. Before getting into television, he owned a small ad agency and production company for seven years. Murray graduated as a communications major from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales. □

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EDITORIAL

Think spring: Ag Expo helps farmers plan for future

Minot's All Seasons Arena is buzzing. It all began Thursday and it continues through Saturday. The festivities include the latest machinery, technologies and even livestock competitions.

For the 26th year, the KMOT North Dakota Ag Expo is playing host to scores of people during a three-day run at All Seasons Arena.

The event is one of the premiere ag shows in the upper Midwest. Exhibitors sign up on a long waiting list, hoping to gain some space to show off their stuff. This year about 300 booths will be filled by exhibitors.

The show drew more than 30,000 people to the Magic City last year.

As KMOT General Manager Colleen Anderson said: "Agriculture is the backbone of the economy in this part of the state. Events like the expo show it."

Welcome to Minot. We hope you enjoy the show and the Magic City's hospitality.

State Fair deserves help

The North Dakota State Fair got a warm reception at the Legislature this week when State Fair General Manager Jerry Iverson asked that \$119,864 be added to the fair's 1997-99 budget.

The money would go toward contest prizes and to help pay for livestock projects for children.

The State Fair benefits not just Minot and Ward County, but the

entire state. And these kinds of projects directed toward the state's children are definitely positive.

As Sen. Rollie Redlin, D-Minot, said: "This is an extremely worthy organization that helps children. With all the pressures on children to do things that are less worthwhile, we must support projects that give them an alternative."

The State Fair usually has to scratch and claw to get state funding, even though it's a state event.

It's our hope that the Senate Appropriations Committee will carry its warm reception farther, and the fair will get the additional money.

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Legislative report

Senator Harvey Tallackson, District 16

It's fall weather and football weather too. We need rain and yet we don't, because of crops left to harvest. Last week I was on a budget tour of facilities (State) in Devils Lake, Bottineau, Minot and the Peace Garden. Scenery is beautiful as we haven't had a frost. Crops are much later in the North Central area of North Dakota. Lots of combining left to do.

I was impressed by the communities we visited. These communities are wholeheartedly committed to their institutions, both financially and physically (volunteers). For instance, at the Bottineau College, local funds have been committed to the campus totaling \$86,000 for capital needs. Bottineau is a community of 2500 people. In Minot at the State Fair Grounds, the state of North Dakota contributes less than \$200,000, and only for premiums to the youth, of a 3.17 million dollar budget. The fair association and the local people furnish the balance. Walsh and Pembina counties supplied 375 4H exhibits. In Devils Lake, 7700 people, the community is a major

contributor to the Lake Region College and Deaf School.

It seems these communities have a common desire to assist their institutions to the fullest. This has allowed the institutions to make terrific gains in improving their buildings and grounds and their mission.

The communities that will survive are the ones with nearly 100% cooperation and financial support from their residents and businesses.

Lots of events coming up. The lutefisk dinner at the Park River Bible Camp and many church suppers. I plan to attend as many events as possible. It's a great time of year.

A friend told me the other day that "there's a county fair and a state fair--after that nothing is fair in life."

Plans are being completed for the dedication of the Veterans Outreach Clinic at the Grafton Developmental Center, October 11th at 10:30 a.m. We will be honored with the presence of the U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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Fair prize appropriation should be restored

It's unfortunate that our North Dakota State Fair's prize and awards appropriation that provides incentives to good kids to do good things with their families has been cut. The state appropriated prizes given to the winners, who show over 33,000 entries at our State Fair, and they benefit everyone. Over 80 percent of the prize money appropriated is paid to North Dakota's kids - the remaining awards are paid to the adults who compete and provide the examples from which these young people learn.

The State Fair provides the "state championships" for the winners of 25 county fairs. Without good prizes and proper motivation at the fair, our local fairs will see a decrease in participation and our kids will be less likely to be involved in the hundreds of great family activities they host.

Let's urge our local legislators to support the State Fair and to recognize what these competitions mean to North Dakota kids and their families. It would take a 20 percent increase in awards just to get back to the 1991 level of funding.

An investment in worthwhile family actions will pay greater dividends than the money we have to invest in correctional institutions, for those who failed to find the proper motivation.

Connie Hanson
President
North Dakota Association of Fairs
Devils Lake, N.D.

Legislators may cut 4-H award funds

Premiums
necessary for
transportation
of projects

By KATIE VOLK
Press Staff Writer

FFA members repeat "earning to live" in their motto, and 4-H members pledge time and talents to the community in their motto.

What does the state give back?

Gov. Ed Schafer has proposed a bill that reduces premium money for projects the students enter at the North Dakota State Fair.

Since 1992, the legislators have cut premiums, cash awards for winning projects. The students use the money to help with transportation costs, project materials, and the money serves as a strong incentive for youth to complete their projects, 4-H leaders said.

If the state Legislature continues to cut premiums, State FFA Advisor Joel Janke said the number of exhibits at the fair could dramatically decrease.

"If volunteers get the feeling that it's not worth the effort, the exhibits will decrease," Janke said.

Some haul animals and load pickups with projects to showcase at the state fair in Minot, but transporting is expensive.

Without a good incentive, the youth might quit — leaving hog, beef, and other barns only partially full, FFA and 4-H leaders said.

"Where does the state place its commitment in supporting young people in agriculture? What is the reason to support young people and family activities?" Janke said.

"I've never met a gang member who's in 4-H and FFA," Steve Zimmerman, a 20-year FFA and 4-H veteran, said. "With all the emphasis on education, they want to cut it. It's not a real lucrative decision to make that kind of cut.

Sharon Kickertz-Gerbig, a Stark and Billings County extension

"Where does the state place its commitment in supporting young people in agriculture?"

— Joel Janke,
State FFA Advisor

agent, is also concerned.

"For some young people, financial recognition is what some strive for to meet their goals," she said. "When you work with kids, you have a different way of recognizing them, otherwise you lose them."

Of the 325 Stark and Billings County 4-Hers, about 40 percent participate in the state fair, Gerbig said.

The state 4-H and FFA programs each submit about 10,000 projects annually, but the participation has gradually declined since the first premium cut in 1992, Janke said.

The state fair provided the fair exhibitor with \$179,000 in prizes in 1992, but the projected premiums for 1997-98 is projected at \$140,068.

Amy Dukart, a 4-H and Killdeer FFA member said the premium money is divided between the student and the chapter at Killdeer.

"The money helps our chapter so we can use that money toward future trips and activities. The money we get is very important because it's hard to get money from other places," she said. "The people say, 'when is our money going to get here?' They can't wait to get it."

She said the premium money is a reward for hours of hard work and dedication.

The North Dakota State Fair budget hearing is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 10, at 9:30 a.m. The hearing will be held in front of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Rep. Frank Wald, R-37, is the chairman of the committee. A toll-free number to contact local legislators is 1-888-635-3447.

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Fair days fun then, now



PRAIRIE BREEZES

Marcia Sickler

The first time I went to the North Dakota State Fair, it was the summer of 1967, and I was 14 years old. Our county agent, Ole Linnell decided to take a truckload of 4-H steers to the fair that summer to show. We were all a bunch of rednecked, hayseed farm kids, and the big city of Minot and the North Dakota State Fair, seemed like a dream beyond reality. It was also a chance for all of us to get off the farm for a week and to see something new.

All of us were "bug-eyed" as we looked at the barns, watched the car races, clapped at the rodeo, walked through the various exhibits, and listened to musical entertainment.

The delicious smell of popcorn and fried foods soon beckoned us to the midway, where we spent hours enjoying the rides. The lights of the carnival reflected in our eyes. We showed our steers on the green north side of the 4-H building.

Dunn County captured Grand Champion FFA steer, Reserve Champion 4-H steer, and the best pen of five 4-H steers! You can imagine how proud our parents were.

When we got home that night, we proudly unloaded our steers as Adam Gratz and the high school band played the "Washington Post March."

School Superintendent John Hegvik shook hands with each of us and Doreen Wick, "Miss Killdeer Mt. Round-up Rodeo," presented Ole with a new Stetson. My mother still has the photos that appeared in the town newspaper the next day. That night I let my steer out to his quiet pasture and he played and bucked like he was so glad to be back to the farm and away from the city and the city noises.

After that year, the North Dakota State Fair became an annual event

for my family. Even if we were combining or if the weather was raining, we always managed to take in the fair, even if it was just for Sunday afternoon. At least we could say, "We went to the fair."

Sometimes when we go through old pictures and slides of those years of showing at the fair, we laugh and marvel at how many of the kids that showed steers then are now married. Their kids are now exhibiting at the fair.

It is also a little sad to see that some of the people that were with us then are not with us now.

It is also amazing to see how clothes and fads changed through the years and even the style of livestock and cattle that were exhibited then. It is nice to see all the improvements and new facilities that have been added through the years that draw so many exhibitors and North Dakotans to the fair. Many want a taste of the educational, cultural and recreational attractions that are offered every summer.

The North Dakota State Fair is an excellent showplace of the excellent quality of life, livelihoods and opportunities of North Dakota's most valuable resource - its people.

District 28 lawmakers discuss issues of 1997 session at Legislative Forum

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By Verda Seeklander

It was almost two hours of give and take as District 28 legislators fielded questions from constituents at the Legislative Forum held in Linton Saturday. Topics ranged from law enforcement and speed limits to mill levy deducts and a heated discussion on commodity checkoffs.

Representative Tom Freier said he does not expect to see a big downturn in the economy but the updated budget forecast was not as rosy as some legislators had predicted. Unlike the federal government, the state must stay within the framework of a balanced budget, Freier said that calls for frugal spending although people are always asking for more money.

Senator Pete Naaden said people come before the legislature every day with what they consider is "The most important budget in the world and if we can't fund (their budget) we're not worth our salt."

General Fund Appropriations (GFA) have increased dramatically in the past 30 years while the population has decreased by more than 5,000. In 1965 GFA were slightly more than \$119 million and per capita spending was \$183.61. That has increased each biennium except 1987-88 when there was a 6.07% drop in spending. The per capita spending cost for 1995-96 was \$2,099.66.

Freier said some requests for worthwhile projects will have to be turned down to avoid a tax increase.

Representative Bill Kretschmar agreed saying it was imperative to figure a reasonable ending fund balance "so there's money in the bank at the end of the two years." Two years ago that balance was estimated at \$15 to \$20 million. Although that seems like a large amount of money Kretschmar said "that's not so much when you're spending money at the rate of the state of North Dakota." Estimates now show the ending fund balance for July of this year to be approximately \$65 million.

Kretschmar said the healthy cushion gives the Legislature some leeway in funding for the coming biennium but if all the bills before the Legislature now were enacted it would bring the balance down to \$5 million two years from now. Even the estimated \$10 million ending fund balance in Governor Schafer's 1997-99 budget is a little low he said. "It's just prudent to estimate a reasonable amount of money in the bank for the next Legislature to look at in 1999."

A measure that has been approved by the House and is now in the Senate would require that the Legislature place 1% of General Fund money in a trust fund. That could amount to about \$15 million each year providing a sizable amount of interest in a few years. The interest earned would go back into the General Fund. If the measure is approved it will be on the ballot next year for a vote of the people.

A measure to take the names of universities and colleges that must be funded out of the state constitution has a good chance of being on the ballot this year. The House amended and passed the measure after it was passed by the Senate. It now goes to Conference Committee to work out differences.

Freier said the Legislature will not try to micro-manage funding to the university system if it follows through with the \$35 million dollar increase requested for higher education. Instead it would issue a block grant that could be used where it is needed most within the system. A measure for new

buildings and some remodeling projects and a proposal to bond for new buildings were both defeated in the House. "We must be careful not to put more money into the higher education budget than we can afford," said Freier.

Freier said buildings within the university system make up a total of 12,892,630 square feet or almost 320 acres.

The telecommunications reform bill (HB 1067) was introduced because the Federal Government wants to change the way telephones are regulated. Freier said the government wants to remove subsidies that are artificially keeping some prices down or, in some cases up. It wants to get rid of hidden charges with cost of service to be reflected in the actual charges.

The three areas covered by the bill are U.S. West, Souris River Telephone, Minot and North Dakota Telephone, Devils Lake. Freier said our rural telephones "are not, have not, and will not be covered by this legislation."

David Crothers, Executive Vice President of the rural telephone cooperatives which include BEK Telephone, said opponents of the bill have organized telephone banks to deliberately scare senior citizens. Crothers said rural residents enjoy some of the lowest telephone rates in the U.S. because telephone co-ops and other small companies now serving over 70% of the state have not been regulated by the Public Service Commission since the 1950s.

A bill to confine sexual predators to keep them off the streets has passed in the House and is now in the Senate. The cost per person would be between \$200 to \$300 thousand per biennium for one person with information available that there could be as many as ten in North Dakota.

But some constituents in attendance said cost shouldn't be a factor. "It appears they must do something really, really, really bad before they (the courts) pull back on the harness and do something," said one.

"When someone goes to the pen we think they're being punished. Not by the philosophy of the pen. Its rehabilitation."

Kretschmar named incidents in North Dakota where people have committed sex crimes, served time and were released, only to repeat the crime. But he said the bill is still controversial because there must be a balance between curtailing people's freedom and keeping the rest of society out of danger. "We really like freedom in our country," he said. "We don't put people away who haven't committed a crime."

Many of those attending the forum were concerned about the increasing drug problem and some wondered if there should be stiffer sentences while one constituent stated there were already enough laws and that drug offenders should be prosecuted instead of allowing plea bargaining. They felt that judges, the judicial system, defense attorneys, and loopholes in existing laws were all part of the problem and too many exceptions are made.

Naaden stated that \$14 million was appropriated to the Mandan Training School budget for 92 kids—more than \$76,000 year per youngster. He said when they worked on the State Fair budget the following day they "didn't have enough money for ribbons for young people who exhibit at the State Fair."

My personal opinion is we need to get state and federal out of the home and let the home discipline the kids said Sheriff Rueben Richter.

Naaden has introduced a parental rights bill in the last three sessions. "You know who opposed it the most," he asked. "The North Dakota Teachers Association. They came in and literally laughed me off the podium. They said it will allow child abuse."

Total Senate appropriations for education are about \$43 million with an increase of between \$3 to \$4 million for special ed. The Senate also voted to keep the mill levy deduct at 32 mills.

While most of the money

Farmers can stay ahead of the curve and be able to make a living on the farm."

The Senate also approved startup of a small experimental facility at the Carrington station to help the growing buffalo industry. Buffalo breeders will furnish the animals. Those plans must still be approved by the House.

During a heated discussion on commodity checkoffs, Freier said he agreed that there were a lot of things the legislature should not be involved in but he said representatives of the major farm organizations appeared before the Legislature and overwhelmingly supported checkoffs. No one spoke against it. "We have to rely on you people to let us know," he said.

Freier and Kretschmar both voted for HB 1427. "I didn't get one call from District 28 about this bill," said Kretschmar. "People told us this is what farmers wanted."

"We have to sell 60% of our wheat someplace else," added Naaden. "Those are the facts." He said the wheat commission has done a good job in promoting the sale of grain overseas. "If we didn't have export of wheat, wheat would be about \$1.27 a bushel."

Sheriff Richter asked the legislators to support SB 2152 requiring the election of sheriffs and states attorneys as well as support HB 1003 which has to do with appropriation for the Automatic Fingerprint Index System. Kretschmar said he supported the bill but it was defeated in committee and would come to the House floor with a Do Not Pass recommendation.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR SEVENTEEN YEAR COMPARISON

	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	BUDGET 1999
Fair Cash	\$431,849.15	\$416,101.09	\$549,598.28	\$588,402.44	\$591,314.84	\$441,525.31	\$477,588.59	\$455,872.42	\$495,477.30	\$380,195.56	\$722,871.76	\$640,588.11	\$888,357.23	\$935,199.84	\$1,207,767.18	\$885,331.38	\$869,782.38	\$1,052,273.74
Foundation Cash																		
TOTAL																		
10 Yr projection																		
REVENUES:																		
STORAGE	\$22,838.70	\$26,951.00	\$28,260.20	\$31,737.00	\$31,538.00	\$30,134.45	\$34,325.68	\$27,907.78	\$31,382.42	\$23,339.72	\$17,158.80	\$18,380.00	\$20,887.00	\$21,872.80	\$20,771.00	\$21,713.00	\$21,854.00	\$20,500.00
GDS., BLD., EQ. R	\$46,572.40	\$48,140.85	\$65,959.55	\$83,373.04	\$108,900.38	\$120,772.77	\$151,871.88	\$268,813.54	\$328,587.41	\$287,158.70	\$387,283.99	\$400,772.97	\$418,217.81	\$450,751.80	\$388,787.58	\$384,100.02	\$488,859.35	\$435,000.00
CONCESSIONS	\$23,842.55	\$25,249.30												\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NODAK	\$0.00	\$1,914.18	\$4,505.12	\$3,889.17	\$4,227.47	\$5,541.70	\$5,428.20	\$4,573.00	\$4,804.00	\$6,482.72	\$10,516.72	\$7,549.41	\$10,739.37	\$8,900.85	\$5,524.19	\$8,729.27	\$8,891.84	\$8,000.00
PREM BOOK ADS	\$5,402.00	\$4,075.00	\$4,108.00	\$4,284.00	\$5,483.00	\$5,355.00	\$4,558.00	\$8,630.00	\$8,686.00	\$8,108.00	\$8,923.00	\$7,371.00	\$8,830.00	\$8,305.00	\$5,300.00	\$8,145.00	\$5,098.88	\$5,500.00
INDOOR	\$32,595.88	\$35,001.84	\$84,348.97	\$89,473.38	\$103,824.11	\$110,387.10	\$121,447.00	\$130,186.48	\$132,885.31	\$117,739.77	\$127,824.03	\$129,228.78	\$128,458.88	\$132,889.30	\$136,228.01	\$145,753.88	\$152,441.55	\$137,000.00
OUTDOOR	\$27,352.25	\$44,083.10	\$49,723.31	\$57,047.57	\$81,210.97	\$57,798.29	\$50,488.37	\$50,835.37	\$48,785.41	\$48,945.79	\$51,835.19	\$58,499.80	\$81,731.88	\$82,819.28	\$75,629.08	\$81,870.55	\$79,444.98	\$78,000.00
INDEPENDENT	\$49,739.51	\$48,128.87	\$44,458.78	\$45,014.41	\$43,442.32	\$40,861.89	\$45,391.88	\$44,529.18	\$43,441.70	\$44,373.85	\$41,888.80	\$43,883.08	\$55,814.54	\$68,725.14	\$81,833.58	\$72,511.08	\$78,925.14	\$89,000.00
CARNIVAL	\$98,381.80	\$110,828.98	\$121,893.47	\$131,338.10	\$130,085.89	\$117,387.29	\$118,958.41	\$99,724.73	\$122,319.79	\$102,880.84	\$131,149.83	\$135,425.75	\$144,453.57	\$140,970.52	\$141,804.78	\$150,585.00	\$148,959.49	\$145,000.00
GRANDSTAND	\$439,430.58	\$508,874.93	\$655,260.84	\$831,858.53	\$425,597.49	\$442,379.88	\$487,521.90	\$388,849.84	\$338,318.41	\$435,048.80	\$408,845.98	\$441,703.11	\$448,834.40	\$520,338.08	\$488,180.99	\$433,419.44	\$460,802.81	\$650,000.00
OUTSIDE GATES	\$368,872.48	\$404,895.84	\$431,711.88	\$480,700.84	\$418,721.54	\$428,208.88	\$483,537.88	\$455,258.81	\$446,413.32	\$448,585.04	\$553,884.88	\$685,808.54	\$874,787.38	\$725,872.84	\$673,812.54	\$828,884.28	\$898,288.12	\$875,000.00
PARKING LOT	\$21,995.50	\$26,188.50	\$26,888.25	\$28,885.50	\$25,038.55	\$11,889.08	\$43,810.50	\$42,093.01	\$38,850.25	\$40,717.00	\$42,708.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
VIP PACKAGE																\$14,850.00	\$11,880.00	\$18,000.00
CAMPING	\$3,113.00	\$3,308.95	\$4,323.00	\$3,877.00	\$2,991.00	\$3,807.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,007.00	\$8,475.90	\$12,794.39	\$12,043.00	\$14,828.85	\$14,889.30	\$13,345.90	\$16,888.85	\$19,204.88	\$20,441.08	\$18,500.00
STALL & ENTRY	\$30,858.50	\$34,805.50	\$32,852.55	\$34,418.00	\$30,815.00	\$35,081.75	\$30,889.40	\$31,218.18	\$31,853.50	\$38,280.50	\$38,000.50	\$38,030.47	\$34,483.00	\$40,082.58	\$35,110.40	\$35,212.40	\$32,823.50	\$30,000.00
REFUNDS	\$15,081.80	\$7,189.58	\$7,281.41	\$5,794.82		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,470.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SPONSORSHIPS					\$20,814.32	\$45,488.00	\$50,274.92	\$85,023.00	\$71,081.32	\$85,988.98	\$97,741.84	\$101,054.38	\$130,744.40	\$138,988.01	\$138,785.00	\$142,002.88	\$188,844.45	\$150,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$3,828.87	\$14,584.19	\$3,405.70	\$14,818.29	\$4,250.22	\$72,142.58	\$1,043.52	\$19,840.88	\$24,118.72	\$4,475.22	\$0.00	\$4,187.85	\$12,014.07	\$82,882.88	\$57,818.51	\$102,584.71	\$27,389.22	\$0.00
BEER GARDENS	\$115,854.28	\$109,745.88	\$108,243.73	\$137,389.75	\$134,103.35	\$183,340.20	\$182,500.07	\$98,982.52	\$109,418.39	\$132,308.48	\$143,805.81	\$152,802.25	\$174,087.05	\$173,513.14	\$172,227.15	\$182,113.74	\$191,582.05	\$170,000.00
APPROP.	\$81,589.00	\$88,411.00			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$201,027.00	\$210,000.00	\$210,000.00	\$210,000.00	(\$11,108.88)	\$210,000.00	\$210,000.00	\$0.00	\$210,000.00	\$0.00	\$210,000.00	
APP.(PREMIUMS)	\$82,500.00	\$107,500.00	\$107,500.00	\$125,000.00	\$115,000.00	\$115,000.00	\$123,649.00	\$178,935.00	\$138,783.00	\$189,342.20	\$180,857.80	\$147,000.00	\$147,000.00	\$144,400.00	\$144,400.00	\$180,000.00	\$160,000.00	\$180,000.00
LOANS			\$350,000.00	\$250,000.00							\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
INVEST. INTEREST								\$4,188.38	\$24,344.85	\$27,859.88	\$28,115.41	\$10,877.29	\$17,535.22	\$28,521.74	\$38,368.08	\$24,810.83	\$34,135.23	\$29,000.00
PLEDGES													\$8,782.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
WARD COUNTY													\$45,524.23	\$51,484.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
COUNTY MIL LEV													\$12,000.00	\$18,334.80	\$89,849.08	\$88,870.02	\$85,878.82	\$85,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,488,848.77	\$1,829,411.18	\$2,140,920.84	\$2,179,458.00	\$1,884,021.89	\$1,803,173.64	\$1,930,572.19	\$2,152,049.74	\$2,154,487.50	\$2,238,207.85	\$2,252,234.45	\$2,585,789.47	\$2,585,872.14	\$3,070,884.88	\$2,878,818.88	\$2,871,150.80	\$2,900,518.38	\$3,081,500.00
REDEPOSIT								\$300,000.00	\$14,759.42	\$12,413.00	\$8,088.17	\$7,848.88	\$0.00					
CASH																		
CARRY OVER															\$591,274.00	\$221,831.38	\$183,780.00	\$250,000.00
TOTAL	\$1,488,848.77	\$1,829,411.18	\$2,140,920.84	\$2,179,458.00	\$1,884,021.89	\$1,803,173.64	\$1,930,572.19	\$2,907,922.16	\$2,884,734.22	\$2,830,816.21	\$2,983,194.38	\$3,234,236.47	\$3,434,329.37	\$4,008,084.52	\$3,270,082.88	\$3,092,882.28	\$3,084,308.38	\$3,341,500.00

NORTHDAKOTA STATE FAIR SEVENTEEN YEAR COMPARISON

	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	BUDGET
																			1999
EXPENSES:																			
SALARIES & WAG	\$224,481.00	\$217,883.00	\$258,305.83	\$292,039.32	\$308,738.32	\$308,298.43	\$322,229.08	\$337,100.41	\$363,392.21	\$382,954.18	\$402,089.85	\$412,954.02	\$383,972.91	\$445,075.54	\$500,654.23	\$515,168.59	\$518,884.89	\$585,000.00	\$585,000.00
MEETINGS/TRAIN	\$17,988.00	\$17,381.00	\$19,454.54	\$21,631.69	\$26,443.01	\$20,401.48	\$24,015.88	\$29,750.69	\$25,327.80	\$34,308.02	\$28,081.85	\$28,809.38	\$28,513.33	\$35,505.07	\$41,652.79	\$37,455.90	\$41,454.49	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00
UTILITIES	\$55,310.00	\$59,408.00	\$65,192.88	\$66,481.91	\$67,315.18	\$78,052.38	\$83,811.19	\$103,381.38	\$97,404.08	\$97,188.38	\$125,064.82	\$148,304.32	\$158,975.83	\$129,543.40	\$116,489.93	\$162,283.44	\$157,730.49	\$175,000.00	\$175,000.00
TELEPHONE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,828.49	\$7,825.53	\$8,804.70	\$10,583.75	\$9,850.31	\$5,184.30	\$5,454.05	\$9,589.88	\$8,580.34	\$9,789.40	\$10,209.89	\$8,548.87	\$8,755.80	\$10,381.41	\$7,260.68	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
RENT OF EQUIP	\$1,641.00	\$1,547.00	\$2,822.42	\$3,348.55	\$1,883.78	\$2,858.58	\$2,757.49	\$4,443.09	\$4,783.25	\$6,719.53	\$4,814.23	\$4,983.13	\$7,022.55	\$8,844.58	\$7,674.51	\$14,608.59	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
POSTAGE	\$4,873.00	\$5,475.00	\$6,508.70	\$8,759.42	\$7,308.21	\$7,701.35	\$7,283.63	\$10,835.81	\$9,171.77	\$14,177.40	\$11,688.08	\$11,600.89	\$8,288.93	\$9,924.24	\$10,822.94	\$12,568.94	\$14,253.74	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00
REPAIR EQUIP	\$8,842.00	\$5,488.00	\$10,878.12	\$8,328.82	\$11,828.38	\$14,171.31	\$23,108.75	\$18,790.53	\$8,659.81	\$11,438.24	\$28,458.07	\$44,086.81	\$18,872.84	\$27,884.32	\$34,948.57	\$25,008.01	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
BLDG. & GRDS	\$81,748.00	\$43,310.00	\$58,435.87	\$85,649.30	\$43,882.93	\$36,905.79	\$56,722.17	\$57,081.49	\$87,843.55	\$76,531.34	\$98,158.35	\$118,071.81	\$138,091.43	\$274,787.13	\$299,197.28	\$277,884.08	\$269,804.81	\$259,825.00	\$259,825.00
PROFESS FEES	\$38,182.00	\$31,883.00	\$41,388.71	\$32,135.11	\$38,544.13	\$87,784.05	\$57,130.78	\$78,520.48	\$78,980.32	\$100,948.31	\$117,231.34	\$121,055.26	\$113,877.28	\$158,340.11	\$129,019.13	\$88,074.40	\$125,214.82	\$133,000.00	\$133,000.00
INS., DUES, MEMB	\$33,424.00	\$12,328.00	\$12,869.20	\$12,228.44	\$14,800.88	\$11,058.59	\$15,477.03	\$13,207.27	\$20,345.10	\$23,515.43	\$25,858.25	\$17,228.88	\$25,173.75	\$30,474.00	\$28,980.10	\$37,738.88	\$32,388.85	\$38,000.00	\$38,000.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$3,246.00	\$2,836.00	\$5,057.96	\$5,921.74	\$7,263.10	\$8,842.92	\$5,951.22	\$8,404.89	\$7,475.43	\$8,442.82	\$8,389.85	\$4,784.71	\$5,004.07	\$8,843.89	\$8,311.31	\$8,371.77	\$7,304.47	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00
PRINTING	\$19,086.00	\$20,253.00	\$21,178.82	\$5,217.75															
ADVERTISING	\$57,175.00	\$82,917.00	\$83,523.00	\$100,322.03	\$108,979.85	\$123,473.52	\$114,840.31	\$142,550.28	\$127,171.45	\$129,887.34	\$137,340.49	\$137,070.88	\$145,876.13	\$160,428.47	\$154,738.20	\$180,125.84	\$184,568.58	\$185,000.00	\$185,000.00
PR				\$15,026.28	\$5,589.28	\$7,408.13	\$8,871.06	\$38,134.17	\$43,710.34	\$28,788.98	\$42,047.11	\$50,444.03	\$87,482.69	\$7,544.98	\$19,358.28	\$44,897.13	\$48,521.07	\$84,000.00	\$84,000.00
MISC. SUPPLIES	\$3,308.00	\$1,011.00	\$782.98	\$203.38															
MISC. EXPENSES	\$8,789.00	\$9,389.00	\$2,828.29		\$105.49	\$33.50	\$23,845.80	\$983.75	\$372.82	\$173.99			\$1,288.68	\$135,342.43	\$4,177.46	\$3,978.91	\$994.51	\$4,373.70	\$0.00
RIBBON/TROPH	\$1,250.00	\$80.00																	
VIP PACKAGE	\$7,900.00	\$0.00																	
FUEL/MOTOR PO	\$8,850.00	\$8,130.00	\$8,857.17	\$7,020.13	\$5,877.38	\$4,438.88	\$5,036.32	\$8,870.28	\$11,208.87	\$10,018.14	\$10,625.98	\$10,775.03	\$9,976.24	\$9,581.89	\$14,067.10	\$12,500.79	\$12,841.23	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00
REFUNDS	\$362.00	\$1,023.00	\$288.80																
NEW EQUIPMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,811.89	\$38,774.00	\$25,377.83	\$18,370.88	\$11,824.51	\$18,828.31	\$42,488.30	\$37,068.02	\$34,315.90	\$41,220.12	\$13,482.42	\$54,780.24	\$188,618.27	\$54,888.23	\$13,942.18	\$153,975.00	\$153,975.00
CAPITAL IMPROV	\$222,988.00	\$232,987.00	\$562,157.07	\$388,108.43	\$318,508.48	\$57,808.88	\$23,788.78	\$42,685.52	\$150,521.88	\$44,553.48	\$10,103.28	\$288.00	\$40,408.58	\$171,821.34	\$150,929.37	\$37,385.83	\$18,911.87	\$124,400.00	\$124,400.00
GRANDSTAND	\$428,325.00	\$442,843.00	\$828,785.27	\$701,075.87	\$472,808.28	\$430,843.15	\$480,497.99	\$387,723.55	\$370,407.88	\$382,907.87	\$398,878.24	\$344,330.83	\$430,126.80	\$484,584.81	\$477,858.73	\$514,280.28	\$393,981.80	\$650,000.00	\$650,000.00
OTHER ENTERTIP	\$33,375.00	\$33,807.00	\$41,588.08	\$51,008.92	\$38,458.28	\$58,885.27	\$53,308.89	\$49,250.71	\$53,835.31	\$54,884.17	\$58,887.81	\$48,784.84	\$50,750.00	\$148,840.51	\$181,841.80	\$134,143.08	\$144,788.93	\$147,800.00	\$147,800.00
BEER GARDENS	\$36,183.00	\$40,143.00	\$39,154.32	\$54,488.88	\$56,582.92	\$68,185.28	\$74,378.92	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$2,708.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CONCESSIONAIRE	\$2,884.00	\$2,908.00	\$8,187.40	\$8,371.51	\$8,987.71	\$3,385.30	\$3,828.92	\$8,313.92	\$8,281.35	\$8,985.83	\$5,608.37	\$4,850.83	\$3,480.55	\$8,788.83	\$11,800.00	\$7,588.32	\$8,822.57	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
4-H EXPENSES	\$38,989.00	\$43,543.00	\$50,155.87	\$52,824.30	\$54,530.77	\$83,777.89	\$71,479.81	\$78,243.08	\$78,073.16	\$72,808.88	\$75,712.40	\$73,086.04	\$77,131.71	\$69,918.27	\$78,574.13	\$82,768.57	\$81,413.87	\$85,000.00	\$85,000.00
FFA EXPENSES	\$27,480.00	\$28,985.00	\$28,314.48	\$34,079.43	\$31,758.31	\$41,799.87	\$45,978.07	\$47,258.40	\$53,177.80	\$49,125.88	\$47,981.54	\$44,280.13	\$42,883.40	\$42,802.54	\$44,737.75	\$58,737.78	\$88,088.15	\$71,000.00	\$71,000.00
BEEF	\$18,850.00	\$24,217.00	\$25,828.11	\$36,380.29	\$22,140.88	\$32,139.72	\$31,185.11	\$26,823.05	\$22,819.81	\$28,081.88	\$28,220.71	\$23,381.08	\$22,872.73	\$26,574.48	\$20,574.98	\$24,483.72	\$18,083.55	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
DAIRY	\$10,388.00	\$9,180.00	\$9,883.28	\$18,884.07	\$12,889.87	\$13,848.63	\$14,207.55	\$18,078.55	\$14,770.35	\$15,286.51	\$18,078.95	\$9,534.58	\$12,433.22	\$10,008.11	\$9,384.35	\$8,178.79	\$10,888.24	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
HORSES	\$30,294.00	\$35,887.00	\$34,288.30	\$41,589.83	\$40,088.57	\$37,343.97	\$35,448.19	\$36,702.28	\$35,124.50	\$43,338.67	\$39,889.20	\$41,638.88	\$38,384.87	\$47,382.77	\$42,768.53	\$47,732.15	\$42,704.42	\$47,000.00	\$47,000.00
SHEEP & WOOL	\$11,814.00	\$14,824.00	\$12,420.15	\$13,835.87	\$12,714.81	\$15,942.53	\$14,420.78	\$14,357.29	\$14,248.98	\$18,085.32	\$18,588.72	\$18,289.57	\$17,457.49	\$16,159.68	\$18,385.64	\$17,825.38	\$17,009.86	\$18,500.00	\$18,500.00
HOGS	\$3,063.00	\$4,331.00	\$3,298.92	\$4,438.98	\$4,081.45	\$3,155.01	\$5,448.91	\$3,278.85	\$3,288.13	\$1,291.97	\$3,378.09	\$3,858.33	\$4,580.39	\$4,821.14	\$8,189.93	\$5,473.39	\$4,458.58	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
GOATS/LLAMAS	\$735.00	\$1,335.00	\$1,017.55	\$1,190.87	\$1,020.78	\$401.71	\$891.47	\$1,219.82	\$835.78	\$1,459.23	\$2,883.50	\$2,978.18	\$2,828.72	\$2,451.39	\$5,330.71	\$3,751.88	\$2,388.87	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
RABBITS	\$0.00	\$437.00	\$434.53	\$445.55	\$463.72	\$485.47	\$972.47	\$528.37	\$803.01	\$880.88	\$1,398.58	\$819.30	\$884.45	\$989.83	\$2,047.88	\$6,582.15	\$4,915.48	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00
POULTRY	\$0.00	\$798.00	\$418.48	\$1,207.28	\$1,686.84	\$1,478.44	\$2,482.83	\$2,307.54	\$3,243.59	\$4,391.31	\$4,888.89	\$5,887.89	\$3,521.40	\$3,935.48	\$4,248.02	\$4,384.15	\$4,384.15	\$5,200.00	\$5,200.00
ARTS & CRAFTS	\$1,873.00	\$2,582.00	\$1,937.58	\$2,598.01	\$2,538.48	\$2,887.04	\$3,000.42	\$3,884.32	\$3,823.31	\$3,344.87	\$4,934.39	\$4,881.82	\$4,454.14	\$3,895.28	\$4,355.39	\$4,324.03	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00
DOMESTIC ARTS	\$8,307.00	\$8,453.00	\$8,770.20	\$8,617.58	\$8,853.52	\$8,710.51	\$9,921.00	\$10,023.40	\$9,551.25	\$12,588.51	\$11,445.50	\$10,929.02	\$10,432.88	\$10,925.18	\$12,930.79	\$11,827.03	\$11,788.05	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00
EDUCATION	\$2,550.00	\$2,827.00	\$3,880.68	\$3,518.49	\$3,083.98	\$3,517.82	\$4,301.39	\$4,880.60	\$3,913.38	\$3,757.84	\$3,923.78	\$3,574.84	\$3,305.84	\$4,318.72	\$4,111.53	\$4,874.72	\$4,790.01	\$5,200.00	\$5,200.00
PHOTOGRAPHY	\$885.00	\$1,830.00	\$1,238.40	\$1,581.35	\$1,492.88	\$1,548.10	\$1,622.80	\$1,878.41	\$2,516.14	\$2,202.81	\$2,278.84	\$1,938.78	\$2,148.74	\$2,289.54	\$2,250.35	\$2,218.48	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
WRITING	\$900.00	\$1,328.00	\$1,185.18	\$2,001.72	\$1,737.00	\$2,188.43	\$1,824.78	\$1,828.32	\$1,775.09	\$1,750.00	\$1,832.93	\$1,568.55	\$1,838.73	\$1,584.08	\$1,878.89	\$1,785.75	\$2,004.40	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
AG PRODUCTS	\$1,148.00	\$1,882.00	\$1,602.58	\$2,087.89	\$1,989.51	\$1,874.28	\$2,055.03	\$1,874.28	\$2,055.03	\$2,868.71	\$2,658.88	\$2,884.96	\$2,431.04	\$2,368.18	\$2,713.59	\$2,851.38	\$2,085.84	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
GATES	\$20,988.00	\$28,032.00	\$31,807.19	\$40,384.44	\$43,085.12	\$40,283.82	\$41,848.89	\$49,448.88	\$41,888.85	\$38,403.41	\$38,437.98	\$37,524.83	\$37,443.57	\$32,835.28	\$31,842.84	\$38,980.47	\$32,353.80	\$34,000.00	\$34,000.00
BND:BEER GARDE	\$20,593.00	\$20,593.00																	

MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
Source of Revenue

The ND State Fair was authorized by the 1965 State Legislature with the 1st Fair held July 17-23 of 1966.

YEAR	PROJECT	STATE FUNDS	LOCAL FUNDS	FAIR FUNDS
1969	4-H & FFA BARN	\$25,000		
	1/4 Mile Race Track		\$20,000	
1971	Horse Barn		\$16,000	\$39,000
1975	Caretakers House			\$27,000
	All Seasons Arena	\$500,000	\$1,700,000	
1976	FFA Building	\$250,000		
	Horse Barn & Stalls	\$200,000		
	Paving & Lighting		\$94,000	\$200,000
	Interest			\$28,713
1977	New Shop			\$11,000
	Kiddies Barn		\$8,000	
	Interest			\$29,423
1978	Warehouse		\$1,700	\$3,000
	Expo Barn & Stalls & Wash	\$500,000		
	Trailer Park	\$40,000		
	Sewer/Water/Electric System	\$60,000		
	3/8 Mile Race Track		\$30,000	\$25,000
	Security Fencing			\$75,000
	Toilets			\$27,000
	Interest			\$23,779
1979	Grandstand Seats			\$35,000
	Jaycees Building		\$60,000	
	New Sidewalks			\$8,000
	Interest			\$16,658
1980	Avenue of Flags		\$2,500	\$2,500
	Crops & Gardens Bldg			\$70,000
	Parking Lot - Land			\$95,000
	Interest			\$13,976
1981	Fencing			\$5,913
	Paving Around Barns			\$60,170
	Front Sign			\$5,980
	Sewer & Water Drains on Ind. Midway			\$4,125
	Parking Barriers & Signs			\$3,160
	Expanding Outdoor Horse Arena			\$1,000
	Interest			\$12,524
1982	Expanding Outdoor Horse Arena			\$1,000
	Landscape Machinery Area South of Com. Bldg.			\$3,000
	New Aluminum Seats for Grandstand Bleachers			\$40,000
	New Stalls for Goats & Sheep			\$7,500
	New Parking Lot Sign			\$6,250
	Fencing East Lot			\$4,000
	New Stage			\$49,000
	1st Phase of Electrical			\$6,440
	Renovation	\$110,600		

CONTINUED MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

YEAR	PROJECT	STATE FUNDS	LOCAL FUNDS	FAIR FUNDS
	Steel Post & Chain Fences Around Grounds			\$10,038
	Concrete Benches		\$650	
	Beer Garden Addition		\$6,500	\$8,868
	Electrical Service for Oil Show			\$1,400
	Construction Parking Lot N of Grounds			\$7,300
	Stage			\$48,658
	Pave Shuttle Bus Route			\$2,004
	Interest			\$11,847
1983	Stage Cover		\$7,800	\$15,800
	Electrical	\$39,400		\$38,614
	Comfort Station			\$73,022
	Signage			\$5,652
	Sheriff's Office			\$1,029
	Landscaping			\$1,094
	Livestock Pens			\$3,815
	Interest			\$10,007
1984	Parking Lot Landscaping			\$23,852
	Trees & Shrubs			\$1,999
	Signage			\$6,565
	Grandstand Gates & Entries			\$2,710
	Ticket Office Addition			\$4,194
	Pave Front of Grandstand			\$8,800
	Curbs			\$2,970
	In-field Transformer			\$2,700
	Spotlight Stand			\$750
	Commercial Building II			\$473,324
	Comfort Station Architect			\$960
	Landscaping at Stage II, Remove Road			\$6,877
	Interest			\$18,601
1985	All Seasons Arena Companion Structure & Office under contract with interest payments pledged as of 1/8/85		\$1,486,418	\$433,658
	Landscape around Pond			\$590
	Paving Front Grandstand			\$5,325
	Remodel Picnic Area			\$4,459
1986	Signage			\$764
	Trees			\$1,080
	Waterline			\$8,678
	Beer Gardens			\$263,633
	Interest		\$25,950	\$44,338
	Paving West Arena		\$45,000	\$22,961
	Sewer Improvement		\$166,181	\$1,908
	Paving			\$13,775
	Beer Gardens Heating			\$24,611
	Beer Gardens Fencing			\$1,142

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YEAR	PROJECT	STATE FUNDS	LOCAL FUNDS	FAIR FUNDS
	Concessions Area Arena II		\$21,210	
	Land			\$70,000
	Arches			\$6,733
	East Parking Lot Paving			\$420
	Trees			\$320
	Interest		\$88,234	\$70,423
1987	Arches		\$35,000	\$23,673
	Paving by Arch		\$9,845	\$8,600
	Dairy Barn Lighting			\$1,041
	Morton Shop			\$9,357
	Stage III			\$4,800
	Interest		\$78,152	\$120,339
1988	Cultural Concessions Area		\$8,057	
	Cultural Building			
	Theater/Conference Room/ Kitchen/Equipment/Restrooms		\$1,594,660	\$1,377,706
	Parking Lot			
	Gym Dandy's Center	\$70,000		\$330,000
	Dressing Room			\$7,920
	Backstage Bathroom			\$1,884
	Free Stage			\$1,000
	Pedestrian Control			\$3,937
	Restaurant I		\$60,119	
	Honeywell Air Cleaners			\$1,825
	Interest		\$65,595	\$86,831
1989	Carnival Bathroom			\$14,605
	Commercial III/Sidewalk			\$8,424
	Gate Change/Shuttle Route			\$10,055
	Dressing Rooms			\$2,701
	Pepsi Gate		\$15,000	\$1,569
	Restaurant II		\$106,045	
	Visibility Barrier Fence			\$3,135
	Interest	\$201,027	\$73,975	\$71,547
1990	Camping			\$5,176
	Comm II/Heating & Air			\$139,559
	Comm II Restaurant		\$86,706	
	Horse Barn			\$3,000
	Beer Gardens/Concrete			\$443
	Shuttle Route			\$1,849
	Coffee Room			\$495
	Interest	\$210,000	\$72,821	\$37,093
1991	Camping/Elec/Sewer		\$7,200	\$10,000
	Comm II/Heat, Air, Lights			\$5,727
	Horse Barn II/Liner			\$1,312
	Cultural Bldg/Arbitration			\$13,834
	Ticket Booths			\$3,179

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YEAR	PROJECT	STATE FUNDS	LOCAL FUNDS	FAIR FUNDS
	Ticket Office/Electric			\$545
	Handicap Access/Grandstand			\$3,597
	Land			\$5,000
	Surface Drainage/Culverts			\$1,400
	Arena I Retrofit		\$370,000	
	Interest	\$60,125		\$269,758
1992	Expo Barn Concrete		\$27,339	
	Fence			\$6,293
	Ticket Booths			\$3,810
	Interest	\$149,875		\$111,745
1993	Horse Barn Concrete		\$74,116	
	City/Arena Maintenance Repairs		\$30,000	
	Interest	\$210,000	\$11,440	\$17,974
1994	West Lot		\$225,645	\$27,626
	Barn Moving		\$119,350	
	Grandstand Restrooms			\$40,407
	County/Building & Grounds Repair		\$57,524	
	City/Arena Maintenance Repairs		\$80,000	
	Interest			\$303,850
1995	West Lot			\$19,550
	Moving Reader Board Sign			\$7,350
	East Lot	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$91,261
	City/Arena Maintenance Repairs		\$80,000	
	County/Building & Grounds Repair		\$67,818	
	Interest/Debt Service	\$210,000		\$186,333
1996	Midway Transformer			\$1,000
	Midway Parking			\$24,709
	Stage Roof			\$119,233
	Street Lights			\$5,500
	City/Arena Maintenance Repairs		\$80,000	
	County/Building & Grounds Repair		\$69,849	
	Interest			\$179,319
1997	East Parking Lot			\$26,875
	Flickertail Concrete			\$4,358
	Pond Fountain			\$2,324
	Sprinkler System			\$3,828
	City/Arena Maintenance Repairs		\$80,000	
	County/Building & Grounds Repair		\$68,870	
	Interest	\$210,000		\$171,886
1998	Flat Track - Drag Strip		\$290,344	
	County/Building & Grounds Repair		\$85,678	
	City/Arena Maintenance Repair		\$80,000	
	Arena I Restrooms			\$70,000
	Pond Fountain			\$674
	Grounds Keeper's Garage			\$11,008
	Grounds Keeper's House			\$5,230
	Interest			\$165,602
	Expansion		\$241,881	\$4,664

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YEAR	PROJECT	STATE FUNDS	LOCAL FUNDS	FAIR FUNDS
1999	Construction In Progress		\$7,258,119	
1966	Misc. Items Listed			\$835,291
TOTAL =		\$3,076,027	\$15,411,291	\$7,748,995

MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS: Non-specified improvements include the purchase of props, tables, chairs, display curtains, stock panels, tractors, vehicles, and other equipment, the remodeling of the plumbing of 3 bathrooms in the Arts & Crafts Building, the remodeling of the grandstand ticket office, the addition of a mens toilet in the Arts & Crafts Building, \$8,000 worth of hand dryers, new staging, sodding of boulevards, replanting of grass, remodeling of the beer gardens and 4-H building, ticket booths installation of new gates, fences, dividers, the demolition of two horse barns, the old hog and sheep barn, two race barns, an old log barn, two houses and the old office. The construction of a show mobile stage, a new underground drainage system, dredging of the pond, construction of a horse arena, cattle tie outs, new parking lot roadway and lights, aluminum benches, aluminum picnic tables, more portable bleachers, reroofing of dairy barn, painting of domestic arts building, beef barn & dairy barn, new soffits on horse barn, miscellaneous fencing, remodeling pub's bar, diaper stations, painting grandstand, in all over \$835,291 worth of additional significant changes and improvements.

***Major improvements do not include general routine maintenance repairs the purchase of consumable supplies, or replacement of equipment

Footnote: A small portion of the interest credited to the support of Fair funding from 1976-1984 could possibly be credited to local funds.

**MONEY PAID TO STATE GOVERNMENT
BY & BECAUSE OF STATE FAIR**

**1998 ESTIMATE REVENUE TO STATE
GOVERNMENT FOR 12 MONTHS**

\$1,100,000

Taxes collected by state tax department
 Taxes paid by North Dakota businesses on sales made during State Fair estimated to be
 more than three times that of out of staters
 State income taxes paid on income earned at the Fair
 Wages, salaries, professionals and businesses
 Wholesale cigarette license
 Gaming license as required by state law
 Carnival gaming fees paid by Murphy Brothers
 Vending machine licenses and permits
 Permit for bingo
 Permit for tip jars
 Carnival trucking permits
 State Worker's comp. paid by Fair
 State Worker's comp. paid by others because of Fair business
 Taxes on beer paid to state by wholesalers
 Use tax
 State Beer License
 County Beer License
 Fees to Brand Inspector
 Foodstand Licenses
 Sales taxes paid on products for resale
 Unemployment Insurance
 Trucking permits
 Sales taxes because of tourism to and through North Dakota
 gas taxes, etc. (Minot est. \$15,000,000 local impact)
 15% of Fairgoers are from out of state
 Central supply expenditures for forms
 State income taxes paid by those providing services to Fair businesses

A report submitted by the U.S. Travel Data Center in August 1984 for the ND Tourism Promotion, ND Economics Development Commission and the Minot CVB states that 2.1% of new moneys from travel goes to federal government, 3.3% to state and .6 cents for local tax coffers. This means that according to our statements and the reports of traffic impacts \$760,000 went to state government based upon a minimum \$17,000,000 State Fair impact in terms of auto travel, air traffic, lodging, bus tours, etc.

GOALS OF STATE FAIR / SERVICES PROVIDED

Agency mission and goals -

To provide opportunities for involvement, to provide incentive for 4-H, FFA & others to advance and learn by doing, to be the showcase of North Dakota, to present challenges and rewards, to promote North Dakota to utilize our assets to an economic advantage, to cooperate in a year round promotion of 4-H, FFA, agricultural and industrial enhancements, to generate revenues used to benefit State Fair participants. Fair continues to provide a setting of positive enrichments for families.

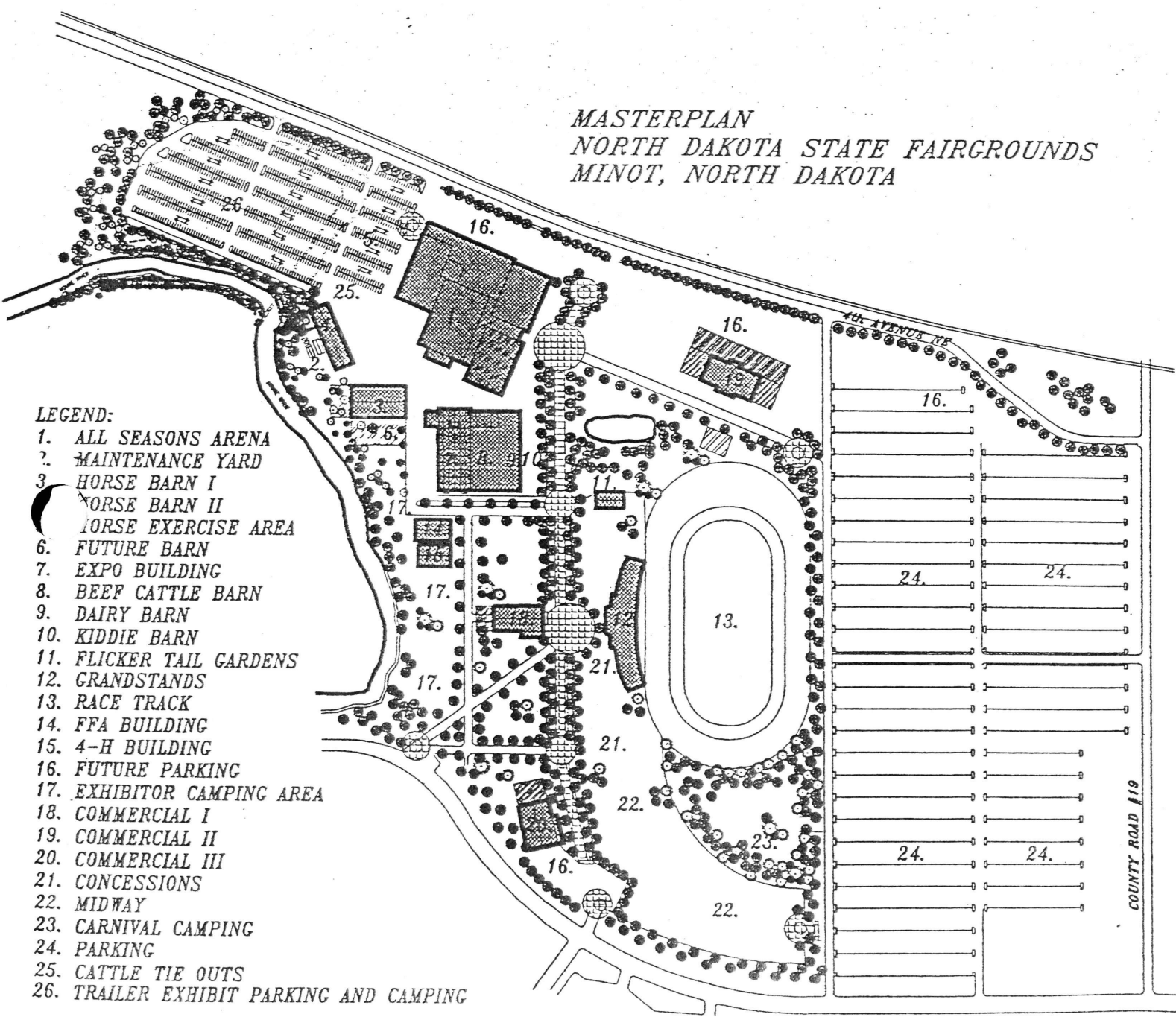
Services provided -

1. Provide year round incentives for our young leaders of tomorrow - 4-H'ers, FFA'ers, school children and young open class exhibitors.
2. To provide something for everyone (in terms of interest and involvement).
3. To be the showplace of North Dakota and promote our traditions, our quality of life, and our future.
4. The State Fair shall present challenges and rewards and shall select and recognize our best.
5. To provide entertainment that will attract viewers for our exhibitors (family orientated entertainment).
6. To promote our state.
7. To utilize our facilities for an economic advantage.

MASTERPLAN NORTH DAKOTA STATE FAIRGROUNDS MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA

LEGEND:

- 1. ALL SEASONS ARENA
- 2. MAINTENANCE YARD
- 3. HORSE BARN I
- 4. HORSE BARN II
- 5. HORSE EXERCISE AREA
- 6. FUTURE BARN
- 7. EXPO BUILDING
- 8. BEEF CATTLE BARN
- 9. DAIRY BARN
- 10. KIDDIE BARN
- 11. FLICKER TAIL GARDENS
- 12. GRANDSTANDS
- 13. RACE TRACK
- 14. FFA BUILDING
- 15. 4-H BUILDING
- 16. FUTURE PARKING
- 17. EXHIBITOR CAMPING AREA
- 18. COMMERCIAL I
- 19. COMMERCIAL II
- 20. COMMERCIAL III
- 21. CONCESSIONS
- 22. MIDWAY
- 23. CARNIVAL CAMPING
- 24. PARKING
- 25. CATTLE TIE OUTS
- 26. TRAILER EXHIBIT PARKING AND CAMPING



BURDICK EXPRESSWAY

COUNTY ROAD #19



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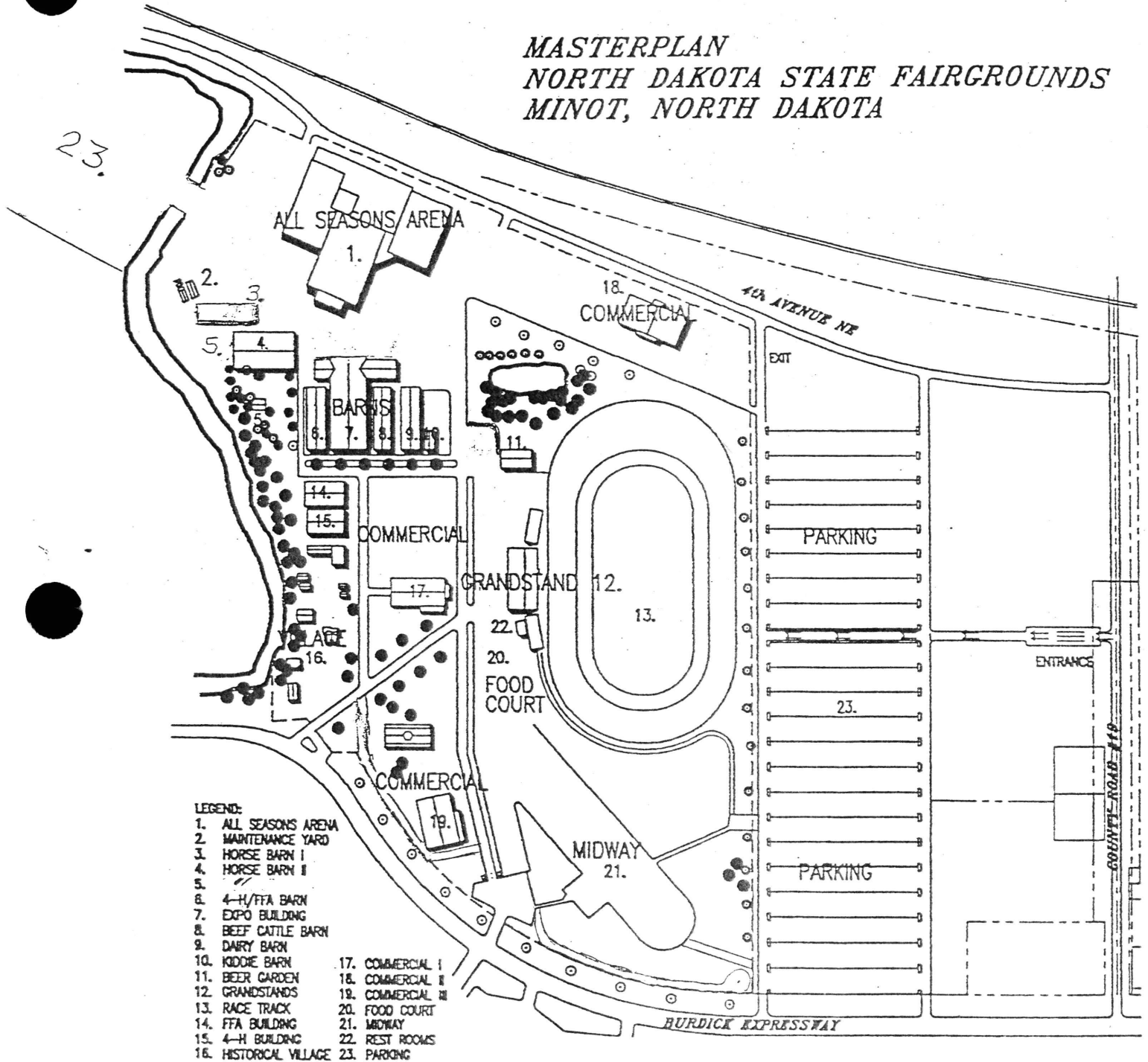
PROPOSED SOLUTION

FINAL ILLUSTRATION PLAN
FINAL ILLUSTRATION PLAN

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MASTERPLAN NORTH DAKOTA STATE FAIRGROUNDS MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA



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SITE FACILITIES PLAN
EXISTING

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NORTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR



BUDGET REQUEST & SPECIAL NEEDS

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MARCH 5, 1999

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GENERAL OPERATIONS/OVERVIEW

State Fair continues to generate revenue for its day to day operations. As a service agency, State Fair hosts the State Championships for 4-H, FFA and other departments with income from admissions and rents.

The North Dakota State Fair and the All Seasons Arena complex are funded through user fees except for State appropriations for:

1. Awards/premiums for competitive exhibitors
2. The assistance on \$3.2 million loan for capital improvement (\$210,000/biennium)
3. Specially approved state capital improvement projects paid by the State of North Dakota
 - A. 1981 - \$150,000 electrical project
 - B. 1978 - \$100,000 sewer/electrical project
\$500,000 Expo Barn
 - C. 1976 - \$250,000 FFA Building
\$500,000 All Seasons Arena
 - D. 1969 - \$ 25,000 Barn

State Fair and the All Seasons Arena have a combined budget of about \$3.4 million annually.

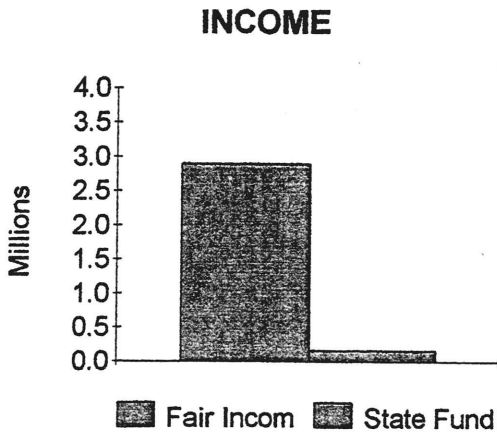
STATE FAIR BUDGET REQUESTED PROPOSAL

ITEM	LAST BIENNIUM	THIS BIENNIUM	PROPOSED FOR NEXT YEAR
Premiums	288,800	320,000	400,000
Capital Improvement			
Loan Assistance	210,000	210,000	210,000
Asphalt Repair	- 3rd year request -		325,000
Grandstand	- Requested for 16 years -		5,400,000
Natural Resource Center	- Requested for 10 years -		490,000

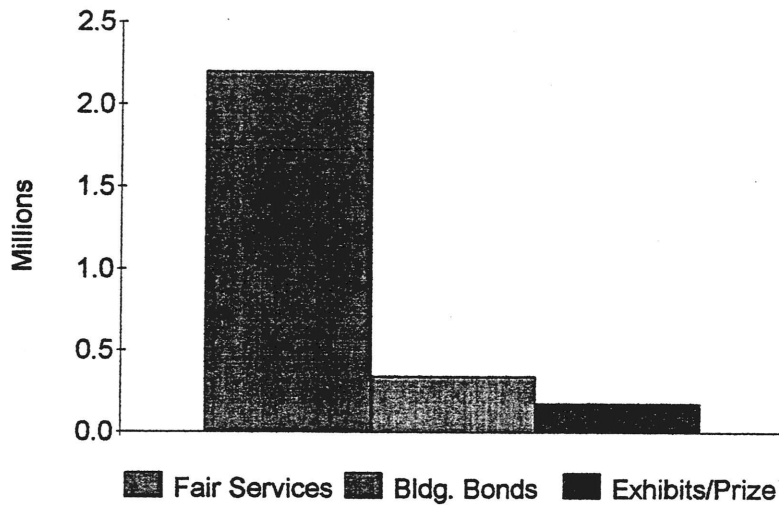
IMMEDIATE GOAL

1. Secure premium and capital improvement bond assistance.
2. To repair the Fair's asphalt surface.
3. To keep the Fair's Grandstand and Natural Resource Center on the list of the State's projects for when or if dollars are available.

**1998 STATE FAIR
\$3.06M INCOME**

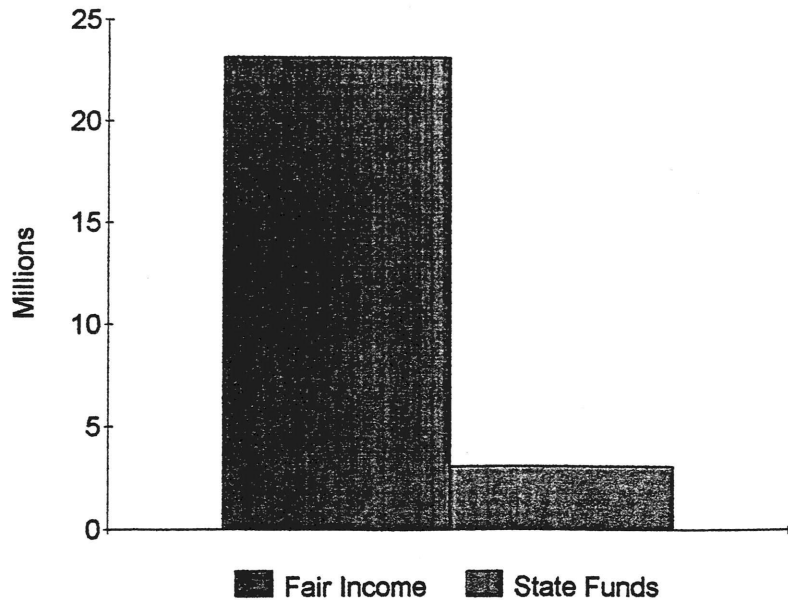


EXPENSES



State Funds can only be used as designated for prizes and payments on our building loans. All other expenses are funded through user fees. Over \$1.1M are generated annually by state and local governments because of State Fair and other events hosted by State Fair.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS
IMPROVEMENTS**



**1965-1998
Summary
\$26M**

Fair's income: net revenues & \$15.4M donated by individuals, City of Minot, the County of Ward, and Support Organizations including work in progress.

State Fair was founded in 1965

STATE FAIR BUDGET REQUEST FOR 1999-2001 BIENNIUM

1. Premium/Awards Request - \$400,000

- A. State Fair cannot spend these dollars on any other project or program.
- B. With 36,851 exhibits at State Fair we have a track record that shows that we can expect an annual increase when awards are not reduced.
- C. The selection of state champions and the paying of awards at State Fair is an integral part of the 4-H and FFA programs. State Fair serves as a motivator for excellence. The money expended on state winners need not be apologized for, it's only fitting that the leaders of today and tomorrow who show at the State Fair be recognized. They shall provide the continuing tax base for the special needs of others.
- D. Awards Overview -

The state's premium/awards appropriation in 1976 was \$5.00/entry and is to date, with our increase in entries and decrease in appropriations, \$4.66/entry.

The state's commitment had increased along with total exhibit numbers until 1993. Unfortunately, inflation had taken 50% of the value of the \$5.00/entry average appropriation away from the exhibitors while the cost of production and travel expenses have continued to grow.

It's impossible for State Fair to budget additional premiums from operating revenues without severely reducing the service we provide to our Fairgoers.

Granted, if we would not have provided the improved facilities requested by our Fair exhibitors, we would have less exhibits. On the other hand, we are expected to provide good services and to be North Dakota's showplace of agricultural, cultural, industrial and human resources.

State Fair's request for an awards appropriation is for the benefit of all exhibitors and not for the operational budget of State Fair.

The 1997-98 increase in awards appropriation though limited to youth was greatly appreciated. State Fair asks that favorable consideration be given our request for more prizes and that older exhibitors not be excluded.

PREMIUMS

	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
AG PRODUCTS	\$1,213.00	\$1,207.77	\$1,174.80	\$1,342.57	\$1,401.17	\$966.77	\$1,144.80	\$1,143.01	\$1,098.89	\$1,096.04	\$1,071.09
ARTS AND CRAFT	\$1,468.50	\$1,566.74	\$1,804.65	\$1,413.54	\$1,855.17	\$1,506.65	\$1,448.82	\$1,439.79	\$1,398.48	\$1,782.75	\$1,873.68
BEEF	\$21,536.06	\$19,127.77	\$17,479.12	\$18,631.23	\$20,384.76	\$14,797.07	\$15,883.72	\$14,209.38	\$10,135.56	\$11,114.75	\$10,407.94
CULINARY	\$1,942.60	\$1,919.00	\$1,931.00	\$1,817.35	\$1,824.11	\$1,573.45	\$1,616.07	\$1,649.70	\$1,347.46	\$1,760.60	\$1,826.47
DAIRY	\$10,028.83	\$11,666.45	\$11,859.40	\$12,058.67	\$13,983.17	\$6,938.81	\$8,423.03	\$6,557.73	\$4,474.04	\$5,083.64	\$8,071.48
EDUCATION	\$2,533.94	\$2,565.06	\$2,433.19	\$2,265.69	\$2,217.52	\$1,759.96	\$1,530.62	\$2,127.10	\$2,236.48	\$3,072.69	\$2,691.50
FLOWERS	\$938.90	\$991.25	\$1,516.00	\$1,237.35	\$1,371.42	\$1,036.43	\$1,186.46	\$1,104.82	\$1,215.46	\$1,166.04	\$1,287.48
4-H	\$45,299.19	\$47,460.92	\$50,334.49	\$48,778.30	\$51,395.38	\$46,475.31	\$46,216.51	\$47,247.36	\$51,020.17	\$56,601.10	\$55,564.26
FFA	\$43,034.23	\$44,543.92	\$45,363.51	\$46,136.99	\$45,045.59	\$41,368.48	\$39,727.59	\$40,331.62	\$41,769.53	\$52,541.79	\$61,451.08
GOATS/LLAMAS	\$330.00	\$170.98	\$141.00	\$627.63	\$1,130.73	\$907.31	\$1,200.31	\$1,057.32	\$1,241.16	\$1,272.12	\$1,280.12
SWINE	\$2,628.69	\$1,498.44	\$1,374.00	\$31.63	\$1,648.23	\$1,974.55	\$1,989.27	\$1,486.59	\$1,698.50	\$1,624.95	\$1,911.54
HORSES	\$12,247.90	\$13,061.58	\$13,737.35	\$15,177.94	\$16,288.80	\$11,156.75	\$9,620.25	\$11,414.35	\$9,521.38	\$13,006.42	\$10,258.85
MEAT PRODUCTS	\$98.82	\$95.06	\$102.00	\$107.00	\$108.67	\$89.35	(Culinary)	(Culinary)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NEEDLEWORK	\$2,438.25	\$2,682.44	\$2,161.00	\$2,142.36	\$2,227.46	\$1,905.01	\$1,690.45	\$1,710.59	\$1,622.97	\$2,117.10	\$2,080.66
PHOTOGRAPHY	\$671.00	\$646.53	\$791.75	\$907.51	\$834.14	\$471.94	\$608.37	\$589.56	\$666.88	\$652.72	\$558.62
POULTRY	\$1,643.00	\$1,360.87	\$1,745.88	\$1,834.28	\$1,913.08	\$1,058.99	\$1,715.13	\$1,424.57	\$1,150.49	\$677.02	\$1,309.88
RABBITS	\$237.50	\$207.15	\$326.80	\$277.13	\$301.23	\$230.19	\$354.37	\$578.00	\$642.20	\$487.64	\$529.06
SHEEP & WOOL	\$10,305.22	\$11,047.33	\$11,101.08	\$12,679.68	\$13,537.63	\$11,871.20	\$11,386.79	\$10,622.86	\$11,072.22	\$10,202.19	\$9,719.60
WRITING	\$1,740.00	\$1,289.82	\$1,605.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,408.55	\$1,638.73	\$1,594.08	\$1,524.69	\$1,488.09	\$1,433.61
OTHER		\$1,066.50	\$188.32								
RIBBONS/AWARD *	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	\$160,335.63	\$164,175.58	\$167,170.34	\$169,216.85	\$179,218.26	\$147,496.77	\$147,381.29	\$146,288.43	\$143,836.56	\$165,747.65	\$173,326.92

*INCLUDED IN DEPARTMENTS

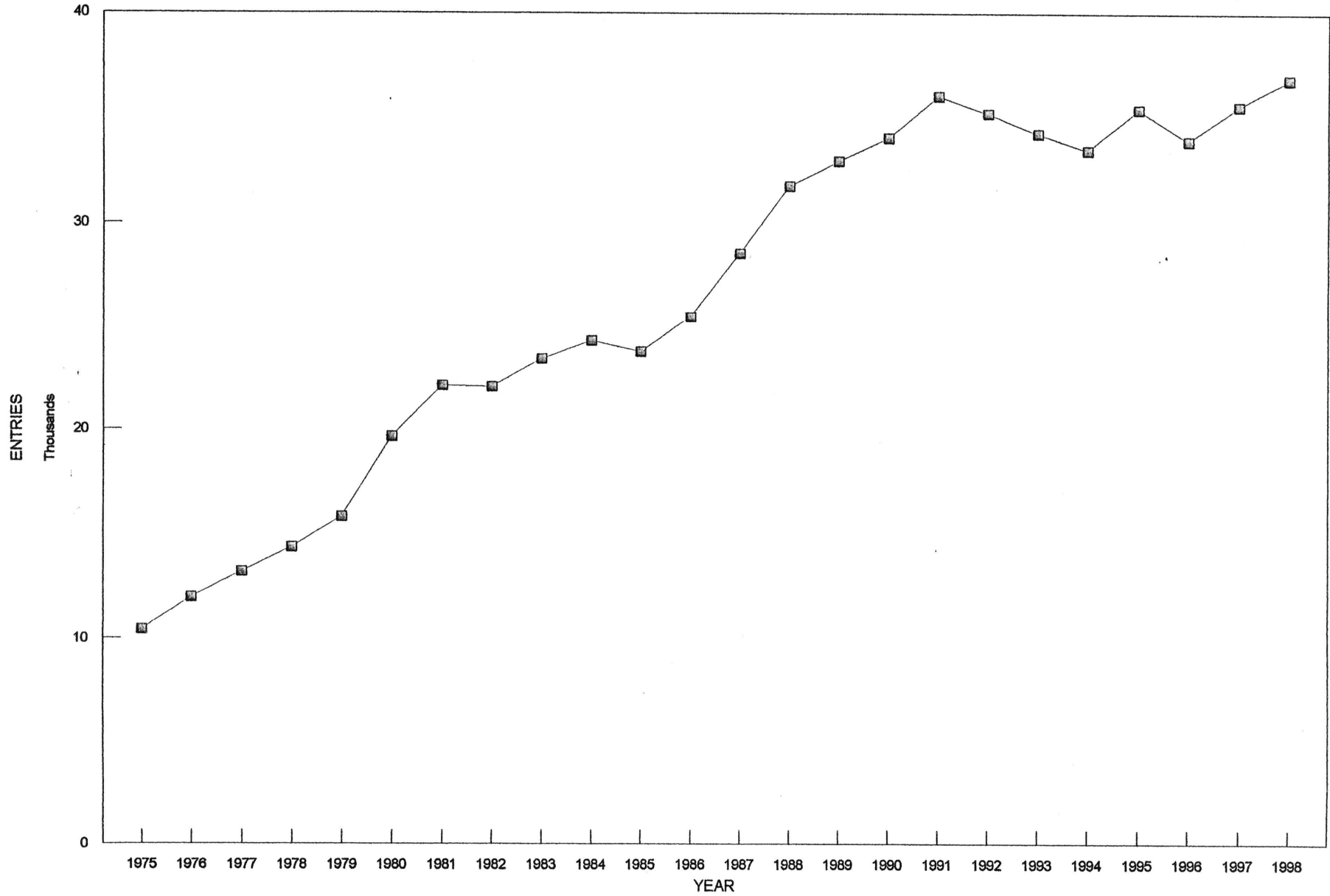
ENTRIES

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
NUMBER OF BEEF	332	479	429	396	337	339	409	291	387	434	569	374	433	374	418	407	371	411	369	339	408	345	336	367
ENTRIES	375	545	490	439	454	485	430	312	408	511	597	465	717	597	457	660	579	736	533	656	584	479	482	536
NUMBER OF DAIRY	160	197	189	165	148	70	118	170	178	122	249	209	151	164	179	169	180	200	135	139	126	84	71	126
ENTRIES	201	376	223	297	225	148	158	228	262	243	363	421	313	335	435	379	391	424	228	254	184	126	124	212
NUMBER OF SWINE	127	105	PSEUD	107	95	114	118	99	107	106	86	70	69	78	69	47	disease	50	92	95	63	80	56	49
ENTRIES	137	119	RABIES	116	185	114	122	126	111	108	106	118	89	99	123	56	disease	89	137	146	107	111	93	90
NUMBER OF SHEEP	230	293	299	313	442	417	463	511	600	492	605	473	562	426	544	563	573	625	639	574	629	683	636	512
ENTRIES	364	476	444	475	889	634	760	786	863	728	827	658	849	670	770	677	844	924	947	1039	772	1115	845	679
NUMBER OF GOATS/LLAMAS								122	107	95	83	55	0	43	25	13	32	36	38	41	59	56	50	46
ENTRIES								139	122	102	120	82	0	79	28	21	82	68	108	114	152	108	112	99
NUMBER OF POULTRY									33	89	159	436	351	813	621	687	766	881	457	663	578	429	269	378
ENTRIES									33	88	158	472	364	813	673	767	878	981	557	713	578	429	269	378
NUMBER OF RABBITS									44	37	42	60	43	113	82	114	124	159	162	168	243	318	1149	1388
ENTRIES									44	41	45	65	41	113	82	127	124	159	182	186	243	318	1149	1388
NUMBER OF HORSES	536	615	587	554	496	666	779	636	778	672	593	601	667	598	593	568	722	647	631	650	637	734	726	755
OPEN CLASS ENTRIES	1241	1602	1705	1376	1224	1391	1872	2155	2603	2437	1910	1741	1821	1916	2137	2285	3510	3060	2805	3283	3862	3874	4030	3559
AG PRODUCTS	288	302	516	571	392	363	468	442	382	315	426	386	488	391	339	390	389	396	292	389	420	533	519	356
DOMESTIC ARTS & MEA	484	577	753	748	726	902	823	863	764	842	678	735	1049	1153	1123	1077	1860	1064	870	857	981	779	718	785
SUNFLOWERS & SNACK											8	12	5	12	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEEDLEWORK	601	512	794	820	822	787	852	849	855	839	750	865	706	1039	1139	851	917	928	833	689	714	584	679	679
FLOWERS	337	443	408	468	349	296	266	418	312	263	399	564	493	490	449	476	471	637	523	542	736	436	396	537
FINE ARTS	223	267	308	349	312	328	329	325	344	335	266	290	304	416	482	475	514	563	556	548	552	511	495	456
PHOTOGRAPHY	226	259	263	322	330	490	297	339	359	444	425	492	468	725	611	575	555	517	354	357	322	426	497	472
NUMBER OF FFA	913	1292	1210	1728	1846	5253	7171	6529	6308	6479	6352	6629	8731	9737	9762	10019	10588	9598	9632	9636	10220	9362	10329	11927
NUMBER OF 4-H	5038	5200	5354	5492	5999	6310	6434	6257	7017	7600	7352	8430	9327	9793	10991	11635	10866	11382	11896	11282	11925	11489	11099	10863
SCHOOL ENTRIES			726	866	833	828	925	1062	1365	1648	1700	1745	2021	2566	2566	2979	2948	3129	3337	2285	2753	2779	3350	3535
WRITING ENTRIES				305	1213	1251	1100	1100	1132	1125	1160	1200	750	780	700	566	475	490	440	451	293	427	365	255
DAIRY BAKE-OFF & SUPER LOAF					23	69	83	95	104	100	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CRISCO CONTEST												32	0	20	27	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SPECIAL FOOD SHOWS															20	0	50	56	16	16	11	12	17	45
TOTAL ENTRIES	10428	11970	13194	14372	15822	19649	22090	22025	23388	24248	23722	25402	28536	31744	32941	34035	36041	35201	34246	33443	35409	33698	35568	36851

4H & FFA ENTRY NUMBERS
BY COUNTY 1998

	FFA	4H	TOTAL
1 ADAMS	14	59	73
2 BARNES	0	217	217
3 BENSON	202	221	423
4 FT. BERTHOLD	0	0	0
5 BOTTINEAU	501	341	842
6 BOWMAN	30	56	86
7 BURKE	48	333	381
8 BURLEIGH	689	248	937
9 CASS	611	788	1,399
10 CAVALIER	0	174	174
11 DICKEY	0	89	89
12 DIVIDE	358	54	412
13 DUNN	53	182	235
14 EDDY	0	170	170
15 EMMONS	0	183	183
16 FOSTER	330	228	558
17 GOLDEN VALLEY	0	0	0
18 GRAND FORKS	8	362	370
19 GRANT	26	61	87
20 GRIGGS	0	54	54
21 HETTINGER	199	50	249
22 KIDDER	59	7	66
23 LAMOURE	43	372	415
24 LOGAN	179	0	179
25 MCHENRY	2,026	609	2,635
26 MCINTOSH	0	7	7
27 MCKENZIE	119	194	313
28 MCLEAN	575	476	1,051
29 MERCER	704	249	953
30 MORTON	675	74	749
1 MOUNTRAIL	247	460	707
2 NELSON	0	231	231
33 OLIVER	373	52	425
34 PEMPINA	0	303	303
35 PIERCE	213	145	358
36 RAMSEY	0	378	378
37 RANSOM	189	78	267
38 RENVILLE	210	157	367
39 RICHLAND	413	106	519
40 ROLETTE	148	171	319
41 SARGENT	0	69	69
42 SHERIDAN	76	158	234
43 SIOUX	0	0	0
44 SLOPE	0	13	13
45 STARK-BILLINGS	266	224	490
46 STEELE	0	35	35
47 STUTSMAN	0	249	249
48 TOWNER	0	203	203
49 TRAIL	3	141	144
50 WALSH	0	101	101
51 WARD	1,235	934	2,169
52 WELLS	754	282	1,036
53 WILLIAMS	351	343	694
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SUB TOTAL	11,927	10,691	22,618
NON EXHIBIT CONTEST ENTRIES		174	174
TOTAL	11,927	10,865	22,792

EXHIBIT ENTRIES



■ ENTRY

2. **Capital Improvement Loan Assistance - \$210,000**

- A. On December 14, 1984, State Fair arranged to borrow \$1,569,420 from the Bank of North Dakota for an addition to the All Seasons Arena, to be used for State Fair's stock shows and as an events center.

This loan was secured with pledges:

City of Minot	\$ 466,717.58
Private Fund Drive	\$ 475,538.20
County of Ward	\$ 344,699.94
Fair	\$ 266,628.40
Project Funds	\$ 189,427.30
Hockey Boosters	<u>\$ 375,973.55</u>
	\$2,118,984.97

Term - 6% for five years

- B. A request from State Fair to North Dakota legislators for funding during the next Legislative Session for the Cultural Exhibit Building was denied. However, funding was provided by allowing the Fair to extend its five year loan to 20 years, further allowing the pledge money to generate interest income until needed. The new loan for \$4,570,000 included the existing Arena addition, and a new Cultural Building and Theatre area.
- C. Several private pledges, including the Hockey Boosters, failed to materialize. The City, County, Fair pledges and some of the private pledges were paid in full.
- D. In July of 1990, State Fair and its bonds council determined that refinancing would be necessary to cover the failed pledges.
- E. In January 1991, State Fair brought its concerns before the Governor's office while the Senate's Appropriation Committee held up its hearing on State Fair's budget. It was decided that the Fair's next step should be to ask the Bank of North Dakota to restructure its loan.
- F. In August of 1991, the Bank of North Dakota provided State Fair with a letter of credit enabling State Fair to bond for \$3.7 million. The Bank of North Dakota did not charge the Fair interest on its account while the details of this bond were being arranged. State Fair paid nearly \$1 million from cash on hand to the Bank of North Dakota to reduce the debt and signed a \$3.7 million bond. The Bank of North Dakota forgave the Fair the interim interest in return for \$1 million cash and \$3.7 million from the bond sale.

- G. State Fair now faces \$1.2 millions in additional debts as it covers the failed pledges from fair income.
- H. State Fair has since refinanced this bond issue to secure a better rate of interest.
- I. State Fair's ability to pay the \$683,970/ biennium payment on the bond depends upon the continuation of the State's commitment to the continuation of a \$210,000/biennium appropriation.

3. **Asphalt Repair - \$320,000**

- A. The State Fair has spent in excess of \$690,000 plus interest to hard surface the Fair's internal roadways and exhibit areas.
- B. State Fair has also spent \$403,000 on developing graveled parking areas west, north and east.
- C. State Fair's cost to repair asphalt surface within the fairground was \$125,000 for 1996, \$90,000 for 1997.
- D. Many of the paved surfaces on the fairgrounds are over 20 years old.
- E. The Fair's asphalt surfaces need to be sealed to prevent further deterioration.

4. **Grandstand Request - \$5.4 million**

- A. State Fair inform OMB and its state legislators that the grandstand will some day need to be replaced.
- B. The grandstand is the hub of State Fair's entertainment.
- C. The structure shows its age and is less than adequate in terms of service and size.
- D. State Fair's grandstand is in need of annual repairs as oxidation takes its toll on the metal decking. This facility was built by the Ward County Fair Board for the Northwest Agricultural Fair. It was not sized to meet the needs of a State Fair operation. The State of North Dakota bought this facility from the County of Ward along with the land and support facilities for \$1.00 in 1965.

- E. A new grandstand that would provide seating for 10 to 11,000 Fairgoers. Along with restrooms and concession areas this facility will cost \$5.4 million.

5. **Natural Resources Center Request - \$490,000**

- A. State Fair has begun to provide a setting similar to that used at other State Fairs where natural resources, tourism, game and fish, federal wildlife, parks and recreation, conservation programs and other such environmental issues such as recycling can be properly promoted.
- B. The area is being built around the pond along with a special exhibit area.
- C. Environmental issues and natural resources at our State Fair have not been given proper recognition. With the green earth movement in full swing, State Fair has been asked to provide an adequate promotional area for enhancing tourism and supporting North Dakota's resources.
- D. State Fair has sponsored a Fur Trader Rendezvous for the past 5 years, just north of the pond. These pioneer traditionalists provide a historic setting while doing educational demonstrations.
- E. The Flickertail area was reduced in size to make room for a cooperative venture with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department in the south side of the pond. Over 1,000 children per day were taught to fish during peak times at State Fair. Fishing skills were put to practice at the pond while young sportsmen spent time at the pellet gun range.
- F. This proposed appropriation of \$490,000 would be offered on a match basis with departments involved in conservation and public education.

MAJOR CONCERNS

1. To provide for our exhibitors in term of facilities, services and awards.
2. To provide for the Fairgoers in terms of safety, comfort and good experiences.

Our major concerns can be further summarized by simply acknowledging that our costs of providing services continues to rise.

As the youngest State Fair we continue to play catch up. Other Fairs across the nation have been building and preparing for the 1990's for over 100 years in terms of land, parking, and buildings. As we approach our 34th Fair, we feel good about what we are and how we look.

The 1992 Master plan re-emphasizes the needs we've already addressed, while indicating that what's been built fits and works.

State Fair includes a sketch of what we hope your fairgrounds might some day look like as we prepare to meet the needs of our State Fair visitors.

State Fair is a bonafide service agency, we provide services to North Dakota's people. Yet, our bottom line has been criticized when we did not fund our depreciation on gifts and appropriated facilities.

State Fair is often seen as being nearly all State funded, even by some legislators. We believe State Government profits because of State Fair. I've been told that our \$1.1 million estimated return to State Government annually because of State Fair is low, unfortunately we have trouble proving more.

The last OMB report indicated that State Fair was 100% state funded, instead of 7.8%. Legislators and fair friends have been told that State Fair received a greater appropriation for awards for children than they asked for, because OMB would only print the governor's mandate. I need your help to see that an accurate story is told.

I wish to invite each of you to attend the 1999 State Fair. I want you to see and experience first hand the good that we do through State Fair. We are grateful for the support we've received. We understand that every state agency tells the appropriations committee a wonderful story. Maybe I don't do that well enough, so please come and see, talk to the families, feel our pride, ask us questions, demand good answers, and enjoy the Fair in 1999.

SUMMARY

Your North Dakota State Fair has surpassed all expectations in terms of what a North Dakota State Fair might be and what it means to the people of our State.

Thirty three years ago North Dakota leaders had a vision that's come true. We shall never have the biggest State Fair because the population is not here, but we are a first class showplace. We can lure people to North Dakota and we can help keep our young people excited about living in North Dakota.

For every dollar expended by State Government for capitol improvements at this Fair, they've received a \$5.00 match. When we complete our expansion project, paid for by a Minot Sales tax, the match will increase to \$7 for every one dollar expended on capital improvements by the State of North Dakota. I believe it's time to admit State Fair has proven itself. With your help we are paying off the remaining three million dollar debt for capital improvements one Fair at a time.

If I thought that someone could legitimately criticize our State legislators, the Fair directors, staff or the Minot community concerning the growth, priorities or successes of our State Fair, I'd probably be less enthusiastic.

State Fair takes great pride in these past 33 years. We believe that together we will continue to be a positive influence on the promotion of North Dakota and the motivation of its people.

Thanks,

Jerry Iverson