



# Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs

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Dear Senators and Representatives,

The Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs and each of Maine's twenty-five licensed historic agricultural fairs respectfully ask your considered support of the bill being introduced by President Jackson entitled "An Act to Regulate, Tax and Control Sports Wagering"

Fair Association Executive Director Barry W. Norris has worked with the leaders from affected industries, regulators, and others to fashion a sports wagering bill that will protect and enhance Maine and the wonderful agricultural fairs that are a vital part of the state's proud and unique heritage.

The bill will:

1. Formally recognize and help fund the work of the Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs, an organization essential to the twenty-five fairs spread throughout Maine;
2. Tax and regulate a wagering activity that is here to stay;
3. Generate millions in tax revenues for the state of Maine; and
4. Require that the wagering be associated with a well-regulated business with real on-ground Maine presence (our tracks, casinos, tribes and OTB's).

As our member fairs enter their third century, we respectfully ask the Maine Legislature to pass this modern sports wagering bill that puts Maine and her rich history of agriculture fairs first.

Respectively Submitted,

Rusty Weymouth, President MAAF,  
Piscataquis Valley Fair

April Boucher, Common Ground Country Fair

Randall Hall, Farmington Fair

Nick Crane, Houlton Fair

Diana Morgan, Monmouth Fair

Henry Jackson, Oxford County Fair

Kirk Ritchie, Springfield Fair

Lisa Fox, Waterford Fair

Melissa Conner, Acton Fair

Lyle Merrifield, Cumberland Fair

Roy Andrews, Fryeburg Fair

Charles Smith, Litchfield Fair

Lynwood Winslow, Northern Maine Fair

Hope Ricker, Pittston Fair

Leon Brilliant, Topsham Fair

Thomas Foster, Windsor Fair

David Gray, Blue Hill Fair

Shawn Buck, Clinton Lions Fair

Jeff Chadbourne, Harmony Fair

Kimberly Wright, Maine Farm Days

Bill Jones, Ossipee Valley Fair

Thomas Dillon, Skowhegan State Fair

Ron Hawes, Union Fair