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The The Missouri State Fair has been built over the last 100 years on strong traditions. Traditions of eating Fair food on opening day, attending concerts, family fun and, for you, bringing agricultural exhibits that will be showcased throughout the Fair. Nearly 30,000 exhibits play an important role at the Fair every year, including everything from livestock and produce to quilts and tractors. Whether this is your first year or you are a seasoned exhibitor, I would like to personally welcome you to the Missouri State Fair.

The 2020 Missouri State Fair theme “Home is Here” rings true for the Parson family. I remember picnicking in the parking lot as a small child, and my fascination with the Fair continually grew from the first visit. Teresa and I bring our children and grandchildren to the Fair, and it is our hope they continue our family tradition as Missouri State Fair attendees for generations to come. While the Fair changes and grows every year, it is the exhibits and people like you that truly make it special.

Many exhibitors and fairgoers return to the Missouri State Fair every August as part of a family tradition, and we are continually improving the building conditions at the Missouri State Fair to help preserve the traditions we all know and love. Our state’s budget prioritized more than \$8 million in funding to go towards repairing and expanding structures on the fairgrounds. The campgrounds, where many of you stay during your time at the Fair, are being improved and more spots are being added. Renovations to the horse barns will take place, electrical wiring is being replaced in the Swine Barn, and the Sheep Pavilion is receiving a complete renovation. We just broke ground on the new Director’s Pavilion, which is a new permanent structure that will hold the Governor’s Ham Breakfast and Farm Family Day each year. These improvements will not only benefit the Fair, but the entire Sedalia community for years to come.

We have an incredible team working at the Fair on your behalf. I am so proud of each of them, including Director of Agriculture Chris Chinn and Missouri State Fair Director Mark Wolfe. As a team, our goal is to invest in you – the next generation of Missouri agriculture. We want to ensure that more Missourians have the opportunity to gather the necessary education and training they need to enter the workforce and fill high demand jobs in agriculture.

Valued at \$88.4 billion annually, Missouri agriculture is our state’s number one economic driver. As fellow farmers, we both understand the hard work, determination and family values that are so important to farming today. Together, we will move agriculture and our state forward – it’s the Missouri way.

Thank you for helping make the Missouri State Fair our state’s top agriculture showcase.

Welcome home,  
Governor Mike Parson & First Lady Teresa Parson