2025 DELTA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Message from President Brent Rathwell



It is my great honor and privilege to welcome one and all to the 195th Anniversary Edition of the Delta Fair: a milestone that speaks volumes about the enduring spirit and traditions of our community. This is not just an event; it's a celebration of who we are, where we've been, and the bright future that lies ahead.

For nearly two centuries, this fair has been a cornerstone of life in Delta, a gathering where families, farmers, neighbours, and friends come together to celebrate our shared heritage, innovation, and the values that define us.

Of course, an event of this magnitude does not happen without the hard work and dedication of many hands. First and foremost, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to our incredible Board Members and volunteers. Your countless hours of planning, organizing, and setting up have made this fair possible. You are the heart and soul of this event, and we are truly grateful for your passion and commitment.

To our generous sponsors, thank you for your unwavering support. Your contributions ensure that the Delta Fair continues to grow, thrive, and remain a cherished tradition for generations to come. Your partnership is invaluable, and we could not do this without you.

And let us not forget our exhibitors, concessionaires, performers, and creators who bring this fair to life. You remind us of the ingenuity and talent that make the Delta community so special. From showcasing the best in homecraft and horticultural exhibits to celebrating the craftsmanship, artistry, and photographic skills that enrich our lives to competitions that feature the best in horse, goat, tractor and truck shows, you are the stars of this show.

As we celebrate this 195th anniversary, let us take a moment to reflect on the legacy of those who came before us—those who planted the seeds of this fair so many years ago. During the past year, we lost two members of our fair family: Honourary Director Marie Flood was a 30-year veteran of the Society who made long lasting contributions through the establishment of the first petting zoo and the Saturday barbeque, the formalization of our concession program and for leading the construction project of the office building while Associate Director Hazel Wykes was an avid member of the Homecraft Committee where she excelled in knowledge of baked and canned goods and sewing.

And now let us look forward, together, to ensuring that this fair continues to be a vibrant celebration of agriculture, community, and tradition for many more years to come. I hope you enjoy all the wonderful exhibits, events, and entertainment that this year's fair has to offer. Congratulations to the Delta Agricultural Fair: a testament to our past, a joy in our present, and a promise for our future.

Thank you, and let's make this anniversary one to remember!

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