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2016 Indiana State Fair Ends with Sunshine and Record Final Day Attendance

INDIANAPOLIS—The 2016 Indiana State Fair drew to a close today with a return to “Fair Weather” and the crowds that followed. Proof that good weather brings Hoosiers to the Fair. On the last day of the Fair a new final Sunday attendance record for the 17-day Fair was set with 83,148 fairgoers through the gates.

With an average heat index of over 87 degrees and nine days of precipitation, bringing more than four inches of rain, the overall Fair attendance was 19.4 % off from last year’s 5th largest attended Fair, seeing 731,543 fairgoers.

“The mission of the Indiana State Fair is to promote agriculture and connect farmers with consumers, and this Fair we got a glimpse of what a farmer can deal with during a season with less than favorable weather,” said Cindy Hoye, Executive Director, Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center. “The challenges this year showed how resilient this team can be at still providing a great Fair for those that did come out, even in the heat and rain.”

To close out the 2016 Indiana State Fair, the Indiana State Fair Foundation was able to celebrate the completion of the Coliseum Campaign: Making Memories by raising more than \$10 million towards the \$63 million renovation of the Indiana Farmers Coliseum and addition of the Pop Weaver Pavilion and Cheri Daniels Youth Arena.

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About the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center

The Indiana State Fairgrounds and Event Center is a modern public event facility that annually hosts more than 300 meetings, shows, sports and agricultural events, including the Indiana State Fair. The year-round management of the Fairgrounds is overseen by the Indiana State Fair Commission which is a quasi-governmental agency that was established in 1992, with the mission to preserve and enhance the Indiana State Fairgrounds and the annual Indiana State Fair for the benefit of all citizens of Indiana. Additional information is available at www.indianastatefair.com.