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**AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
HOCKING COUNTY**

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To the Board of Directors:

As you are aware, the Auditor of State's Office (AOS) must modify the *Independent Accountants' Report* we provide on your financial statements due to an interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Our Report includes an adverse opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the amounts the statements present are misstated under the non-GAAP basis you follow. The AOS report also includes an opinion on the financial statements you prepared using the cash basis and financial statement format the AOS permits.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Agricultural Society
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1 Fairgrounds Street
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To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of the Agricultural Society, Hocking County, Ohio (the Society), as of and for the years ended November 30, 2006 and 2005. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Society's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the Society has prepared this financial statement using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statement of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

GAAP require presenting entity wide statements. While the Society does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require agricultural societies to reformat their statements. The Society has elected not to follow GAAP statement formatting requirements. The following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statement referred to above for the years ended November 30, 2006 and 2005, does not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Society as of November 30, 2006 and 2005, or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the cash balance of the Agricultural Society, Hocking County, Ohio, as of November 30, 2006 and 2005, and its cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The Society has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 21, 2007, on our consideration of the Society's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

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June 21, 2007

**AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
HOCKING COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGE IN CASH BALANCE
FOR THE YEARS ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2006 AND 2005**

	2006	2005
Operating Receipts:		
Admissions	\$ 139,660	\$ 141,171
Privilege Fees	20,970	19,133
Rentals	19,235	15,814
Sustaining and Entry Fees	11,985	13,349
Utilities Reimbursement	4,447	4,462
Other Operating Receipts	1,972	2,725
Total Operating Receipts	198,269	196,654
Operating Disbursements:		
Wages and Benefits	19,108	17,264
Contractual Services	118,939	145,476
Administrative Supplies	23,120	33,581
Senior Fair	16,489	16,777
Junior Fair	14,348	14,681
Other Operating Disbursements	3,308	12,986
Total Operating Disbursements	195,312	240,765
Excess (Deficiency) of Operating Receipts Over (Under) Operating Disbursements	2,957	(44,111)
Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements):		
State Support	6,451	6,740
County Support	3,000	3,000
Unrestricted Support	9,394	19,590
Restricted Support	8,066	8,103
Investment Income	84	235
Debt Service		(11,306)
Net Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)	26,995	26,362
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	29,952	(17,749)
Cash Balance, Beginning of Year	19,666	37,415
Cash Balance, End of Year	\$ 49,618	\$ 19,666

The notes to the financial statement are an integral part of this statement.

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**AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
HOCKING COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2006 AND 2005**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the Agricultural Society, Hocking County (the Society), as a body corporate and politic. The Society is a county agricultural society corporation formed under Chapter 1711 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Society was founded in 1853 to operate an annual agricultural fair. The Society sponsors the week-long Hocking County Fair during September. Hocking County is not financially accountable for the Society. The Board of Directors manages the Society. The Board is made up of twenty-one directors serving staggered three-year terms. Society members elect Board members from its membership. Members of the Society must be residents of Hocking County and pay an annual membership fee to the Society.

Reporting Entity

The reporting entity includes all activity occurring on the fairgrounds. This includes the annual fair. Other year round activities at the fairgrounds include facility rental and community events such as demolition derbies. The reporting entity does not include any other activities or entities of Hocking County, Ohio.

Notes 5 and 6, respectively, summarize the Junior Fair Board's and Junior Livestock Sale Committee's financial activity.

The Society's management believes this financial statement presents all activities for which the Society is financially accountable.

B. Basis of Accounting

This financial statement follows the accounting basis the Auditor of State prescribes or permits, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. This basis recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

This statement includes adequate disclosure of material matters, as the Auditor of State prescribe or permits.

C. Cash and Investments

The Society's accounting basis includes investments in its cash balances. Accordingly, this basis does not report investment purchases as disbursements or investment sales as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

D. Budgetary Process

The Board of Directors annually prepares an operating budget, including estimated receipts and disbursements. The Board approves the budget in its final form during the first six months of each fiscal year.

**AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
HOCKING COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2006 AND 2005
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Property, Plant, and Equipment

The Society's accounting basis records acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment as capital outlay disbursements when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not include these items as assets.

F. Income Tax Status

The Society is a not-for-profit organization, exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Society is not a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509 (a). Contributions to the Society are deductible per Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v1). Management is unaware of any actions or events that would jeopardize the Society's tax status.

2. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The carrying amount of cash and investments at November 30, 2006 and 2005 follows:

	2006	2005
Demand deposits	\$ 43,986	\$ 14,118
Money Market	5,632	5,548
Total deposits	\$ 49,618	\$ 19,666

Deposits: The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insures up to \$100,000 of the Society's bank balance.

3. SOCIAL BENEFIT PLAN

All employees contribute to Social Security. This plan provides retirement benefits, including survivor and disability benefits to participants. For 2006 and 2005, employees contributed 6.2% of their gross salaries. The Society contributed an amount equal to 6.2% of participant's gross salaries through November 30, 2006.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Hocking County Commissioners provide general insurance coverage for all the buildings on the Hocking County Fairgrounds pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 1711.24. General liability and vehicle coverage is provided by the Ace American Insurance Company, with limits of \$5,000,000. The Society also has bonds for the Secretary and Treasurer in the amount of \$10,000.

5. JUNIOR FAIR BOARD

The Junior Fair Board, which is comprised of 4-H, FFA, Boy Scout, Girl Scout, and Farm Bureau Youth organization representatives, is responsible for the Junior Fair Division activities of the Hocking County Fair. The Society disbursed \$14,348 in 2006 and \$14,681 in 2005 directly to vendors to support Junior Fair activities. These expenses are reflected as a disbursement in the accompanying financial statement as Junior Fair Disbursement.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2006 AND 2005
(Continued)**

5. JUNIOR FAIR BOARD (Continued)

Hocking County paid the Society \$500 in 2006 and \$500 in 2005 to support Junior Club work. The Junior Fair Board accounts for its activities separately. These accompanying financial statements do not include this activity. The Junior Fair Board's financial activity for the years ended November 30, 2006 and 2005 follows:

	2006	2005
Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 3,008	\$ 1,981
Receipts	801	1,599
Disbursements	(828)	(572)
Ending Cash Balance	\$ 2,981	\$ 3,008

6. JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE COMMITTEE

The Junior Livestock Committee is a separate committee charged with running the Junior Livestock Auction. This auction is held during fair week. The Livestock Committee is made up of individuals from the Board of Directors, local businesses, and individuals involved with 4-H. The Livestock Committee checking account is controlled by the Committee. Receipts from buyers and checks to sellers are accounted for in the Junior Livestock Sale Committee bank account. Monies to cover the cost of the auction are generated through a 3 percent commission per animal sold. The commission is retained in the Junior Livestock Sale Committee bank account. The accompanying financial statement does not include the Junior Livestock Committee's activities. The Junior Livestock Committee's financial activity for the year ended November 30, 2006 and 2005 follows:

	2006	2005
Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 5,657	\$ 3,147
Receipts	190,909	185,370
Disbursements	(187,443)	(182,860)
Ending Cash Balance	\$ 9,123	\$ 5,657

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Agricultural Society
Hocking County
1 Fairgrounds Street
Logan, Ohio 43138

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the financial statement of the Agricultural Society, Hocking County, Ohio (the Society), as of and for the years ended November 30, 2006 and 2005 and have issued our report thereon dated June 21, 2007, wherein we noted the Society followed accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Society's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for expressing our opinion on the financial statement, but not to opine on the effectiveness of the Society's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Society's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Society's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with its applicable accounting basis, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the Society's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies resulting in more than a remote likelihood that the Society's internal control will not prevent or detect a material financial statement misstatement.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all internal control deficiencies that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses, as defined above.

We noted certain other matters that we reported to the Society's management in a separate letter dated June 21, 2007.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Society's financial statement is free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We did note a certain noncompliance matter not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the Society's management in a separate letter dated June 21, 2007.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of management and the Board of Directors. It is not intended for anyone other than these specified parties.

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June 21, 2007



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HOCKING COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

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JULY 19, 2007**