



**Auditor of State
Betty Montgomery**

HARTFORD INDEPENDENT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
LICKING COUNTY

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Hartford Independent Agricultural Society
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To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of the Hartford Independent Agricultural Society, Licking County, (the Society) as of and for the year ended November 30, 2002. 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 *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. 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 that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the Society prepares its financial statement on the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the cash balance of the Society as of November 30, 2002, and its cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 3, 2003 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 grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Directors, and other officials authorized to receive this report under § 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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BETTY MONTGOMERY
Auditor of State

February 3, 2003

**HARTFORD INDEPENDENT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
LICKING COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGE IN CASH BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2002**

	2002
Operating Receipts:	
Admissions	\$272,059
Privilege Fees	88,438
Rentals	90,105
Sustaining and Entry Fees	27,710
Parimutuel Wagering Commission	714
Other Operating Receipts	35,413
Total Operating Receipts	514,439
Operating Disbursements:	
Wages and Benefits	71,657
Utilities	32,319
Professional Services	28,875
Equipment and Grounds Maintenance	70,779
Race Purse	62,193
Senior Fair	76,136
Junior Fair	44,878
Capital Outlay	290,252
Other Operating Disbursements	87,409
Total Operating Disbursements	764,498
Excess (Deficiency) of Operating Receipts Over (Under) Operating Disbursements	(250,059)
Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements):	
State Support	38,627
County Support	15,593
Debt Proceeds	50,000
Donations/Contributions	148,554
Investment Income	9,547
Sale of Assets	1,798
Debt Service	(50,515)
Net Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)	213,604
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(36,455)
Cash Balance, Beginning of Year	443,636
Cash Balance, End of Year	\$407,181

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

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**HARTFORD INDEPENDENT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
LICKING COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2002**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The Hartford Independent Agricultural Society, Licking County, (the Society) is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Society is an independent agricultural society corporation formed under Chapter 1711 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Society was founded in 1858 to direct the operation of an annual agricultural fair. The Society sponsors the week-long Hartford Independent Fair during August. During the fair, harness races are held. Licking County is not financially accountable for the Society. The responsibility for management of the affairs of the Society is vested in the Board of Directors. The Board is made up of 24 directors serving staggered three-year terms, elected from the membership of the Society. Members of the Society must be residents of Licking County or designated townships in Delaware and Knox Counties 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 and harness racing during fair week. Other year round activities at the fairgrounds includes facility rental, and track and stall rental. The reporting entity does not include any other activities or entities of Licking County, Ohio.

As discussed in Note 7, Junior Fair Board activity is reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

The financial activity of the Junior Livestock Sale Committee is summarized in Note 8. Its activity is not reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

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 basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

This statement includes adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

C. Cash and Investments

Investments are included in cash balances. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2002
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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.

E. Property, Plant and Equipment

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as capital outlay disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statement.

F. Restricted Support

Restricted support includes amounts that are required by the donor to be set aside for specific uses. Restricted support for the Society included sponsorships of trophies and awards, and donations to help fund the construction of the Society's hog barn.

G. Income Tax Status

The Society is a not-for-profit organization that is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Society has also been classified as an entity that is not a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509 (a) and qualifies for deductible contributions as provided in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v1). Management is not aware of any actions or events that would jeopardize the Society's tax status.

H. Race Purse

Hartford Independent Fair stake races are conducted during the Hartford Independent Fair. The Society pays all Sustaining and Entry fees and the required portion of the cash received from the Ohio Fairs Fund as Race Purse to winning horses.

Sustaining and Entry Fees

Horse owners and Home Talent Colt Stakes pay fees to the Society to qualify horses for entry into stake races. These payments must be made before a horse can participate in a stake race. These fees are reflected on the accompanying financial statement as Sustaining and Entry Fees.

Ohio Fairs Fund

The State of Ohio contributes money to the Society from the Ohio Fairs Fund to help supplement race purse. See Note 4 for additional information.

I. Parimutuel Wagering

A wagering system totals the amounts wagered and adjusts the payoff to reflect the relative amount bet on different horses and various odds. The total amount bet (also known as the "handle"), less commission, is paid to bettors in accordance with the payoffs, as determined by the parimutuel wagering system. The Society contracts with a totalizer service to collect bets and provide the parimutuel wagering system.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2002
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

I. Parimutuel Wagering (Continued)

Parimutuel wagering commission (commission) is the Society's share of total parimutuel wagers after payment of amounts to winning bettors. The commission is determined by applying a statutory percentage to the total amount bet and is reflected in the accompanying financial statement as Parimutuel Wagering Commission. See Note 4 for additional information.

2. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

For the year ended November 30, 2002, the Society had budgeted receipts of \$623,100, actual receipts of \$778,556, resulting in a variance of \$155,456. Additionally, the Society had budgeted disbursements of \$623,100, actual disbursements of \$815,013, resulting in a variance of \$(191,913).

3. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The carrying amount of cash and investments at November 30, 2002 follows:

	<u>2002</u>
Demand deposits	\$45,262
Certificates of deposit	361,919
Total deposits	<u><u>\$407,181</u></u>

Deposits: \$237,826 of the bank balance was covered by Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC). The remainder was uninsured and uncollateralized.

4. HORSE RACING

State Support Portion of Purse

Ohio Fairs Fund money received to supplement purse for the year ended November 30, 2002 was \$25,488 and is included within State Support on the accompanying financial statement.

Parimutuel Wagering

The Society does not record the Total Amount Bet or the Payoff to Bettors in the accompany financial statement, rather, it records the Parimutuel Wagering Commission (commission) which is the Society's share of total parimutuel wagers after paying winning bettors. The expenses of providing the parimutuel wagering system are called Tote Services, and these expenses are included in Professional Service Disbursements, State taxes, which are also paid from Parimutuel Wagering Commission, are reflected in Other Operating Disbursements, and the amount remaining is the Society's net portion.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2002
(Continued)**

4. HORSE RACING (CONTINUED)

	2002
Total Amount Bet (Handle)	\$ 19,566
Less: Payoff to Bettors	(15,655)
Parimutuel Wagering Commission	3,911
Tote Service Set Up Fee	(600)
Tote Service Commission	(2,142)
State Tax	(455)
Society Portion	\$ 714

5. RETIREMENT SYSTEM

All employees contribute to Social Security. This plan provides retirement benefits, including survivor and disability benefits to participants. For 2002 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, 2002.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Society provides general insurance coverage for all the buildings on the Licking County Fairgrounds. General liability and vehicle coverage is provided by Rinehart Walters – Danner & Associates with limits of \$3,000,000 and \$1,000,000 aggregate. This policy includes crime coverage for employee dishonesty with limits of liability of \$10,000. The Society's Secretary and Office Manager are bonded with coverage of \$100,000 each.

The Society provides workers compensation coverage on all employees through the State of Ohio workers compensation fund. Coverage is currently in effect through August 2003.

7. JUNIOR FAIR BOARD

The Junior Fair Board, which is comprised of 4-H, FFA, and FCCLA organization representatives, is responsible for the Junior Fair Division activities of the Hartford Independent Fair. The Junior Fair Board activity is accounted for within the accounting records of the Society and is reflected in the accompanying financial statements. The Society subsidizes the Junior Fair Division to the extent necessary each year.

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NOVEMBER 30, 2002
(Continued)

8. 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. Children may sell their animals directly to market or through the Society's auction. Monies to cover the cost of the auction are generated through a 2% commission and are retained by the Junior Livestock Committee. The accompanying financial statement does not include the activities of the Junior Livestock Committee. The Junior Livestock Committee's financial activity for the year ended November 30, 2002 follows:

Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 8,843
Receipts	397,898
Disbursements	<u>(398,407)</u>
Ending Cash Balance	<u>\$ 8,334</u>

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

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To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the financial statement of the Hartford Independent Agricultural Society (the Society) as of and for the year ended November 30, 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated February 3, 2003. 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 *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Society's financial statement is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on 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 such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted an immaterial instance of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Society in a separate letter dated February 3, 2003.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Society's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatement in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statement being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that do not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the Society in a separate letter dated February 3, 2003.

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February 3, 2003



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LICKING 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

**CERTIFIED
MARCH 18, 2003**