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CLERMONT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
CLERMONT COUNTY

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Clermont County Agricultural Society
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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 a February 2, 2005 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 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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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

September 7, 2006

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Clermont County Agricultural Society
Clermont County
P.O. Box 369
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To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Clermont County Agricultural Society, Clermont County, Ohio (the Society), as of and for the years ended November 30, 2005 and 2004. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements 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 these financial statements 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 statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

Revisions to GAAP would require the Society to reformat its financial statement presentation and make other changes effective for the years ended November 30, 2005 and 2004. 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 the new GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require governments to reformat their statements. The Society has elected not to reformat its statements. Since the Society does not use GAAP to measure financial statement amounts, 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 statements referred to above for the years ended November 30, 2005 and 2004 do 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, 2005 and 2004, or its changes in financial position or cash flows for the year then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the fund cash balances of the Clermont County Agricultural Society, Clermont County, Ohio as of November 30, 2005 and 2004, and its cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

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The aforementioned revision to generally accepted accounting principles also requires the Society to include Management's Discussion and Analysis for the years ended November 30, 2005 and 2004. 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 September 7, 2006, 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.



Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

September 7, 2006

**CLERMONT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
CLERMONT COUNTY**

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

Operating Receipts:	
Admissions	\$240,369
Privilege Fees	66,231
Rentals	111,339
Sustaining and Entry Fees	18,595
Parimutuel Wagering Commission	289
Other Operating Receipts	<u>49,093</u>
Total Operating Receipts	<u>485,916</u>
Operating Disbursements:	
Wages and Benefits	57,344
Utilities	54,503
Professional Services	31,725
Equipment and Grounds Maintenance	141,232
Race Purse	45,431
Senior Fair	42,261
Junior Fair	14,098
Capital Outlay	127,236
Other Operating Disbursements	<u>69,473</u>
Total Operating Disbursements	<u>583,303</u>
Operating Receipts	
(Under) Operating Disbursements	<u>(97,387)</u>
Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements):	
State Support	32,044
County Support	30,000
Restricted Donations/Contributions	14,303
Unrestricted Donations/Contributions	22,475
Investment Income	4,941
Debt Service	<u>(77)</u>
Net Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)	<u>103,686</u>
Excess of Receipts Over Disbursements	6,299
Cash Balance, Beginning of Year	<u>312,863</u>
Cash Balance, End of Year	<u><u>\$319,162</u></u>

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

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**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGE IN CASH BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2004**

Operating Receipts:	
Admissions	\$200,049
Privilege Fees	59,778
Rentals	118,158
Sustaining and Entry Fees	18,795
Parimutuel Wagering Commission	379
Other Operating Receipts	55,018
Total Operating Receipts	452,177
Operating Disbursements:	
Wages and Benefits	81,948
Utilities	51,159
Professional Services	38,780
Equipment and Grounds Maintenance	86,814
Race Purse	46,879
Senior Fair	37,194
Junior Fair	18,255
Capital Outlay	7,632
Other Operating Disbursements	57,429
Total Operating Disbursements	426,090
Excess of Operating Receipts Over Operating Disbursements	26,087
Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements):	
State Support	33,982
County Support	3,300
Restricted Donations/Contributions	21,101
Unrestricted Donations/Contributions	11,588
Investment Income	3,426
Debt Service	(468)
Net Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)	72,929
Excess of Receipts Over Disbursements	99,016
Cash Balance, Beginning of Year	213,847
Cash Balance, End of Year	\$312,863

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

**CLERMONT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
CLERMONT COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2005 AND 2004**

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 Clermont County Agricultural Society, Clermont County, Ohio (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 1849 to direct the operation of an annual agricultural fair. The Society sponsors the week-long Clermont County Fair during July. During the fair, harness races are held, culminating in the running of the Ohio Colts Racing Association Harness Races. Clermont County is not financially accountable for the Society. The Board of Directors manages the Society. The Board is made up of 18 directors serving staggered three-year terms. Society members elect Board members from its membership. Members of the Society must be residents of Clermont 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, harness racing during fair week. Other year round activities at the fairgrounds including facility rental, stall rental, and community events. The reporting entity does not include any other activities or entities of Clermont County, Ohio.

Notes 6 and 7, 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 Deposits

Society funds are pooled in a checking account and certificate of deposits with a local commercial bank. Interest earnings are recognized when received

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. The Board reviews the budget throughout the year and compares it with actual results.

**CLERMONT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
CLERMONT COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2005 AND 2004
(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. Restricted Support

Restricted support includes amounts that donors restrict for specific uses.

G. 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.

H. Race Purse

Ohio Colts Racing Association Harness Races are held during the Clermont County 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 Ohio Colt Racing Association pay fees to the Society to qualify horses for entry into stake races. They must make payment before a horse can participate in a stake race. The accompanying financial statement report these fees as Sustaining and Entry Fees.

Ohio Fairs Fund

The State of Ohio contributes money to the Society from the Ohio Fairs Fund to supplement the race purse. See Note 3 for additional information.

I. Pari-mutuel 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 the pari-mutuel wagering system determines. The Society contracts with a totalizer service to collect bets and provide the pari-mutuel wagering system.

Pari-mutuel wagering commission (the commission) is the Society's share of total pari-mutuel 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 Pari-mutuel Wagering Commission. See Note 3 for additional information.

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CLERMONT COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2005 AND 2004
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2. CASH AND DEPOSITS

The carrying amount of cash and deposits at November 30 is as follows:

	2005	2004
Demand deposits	\$190,598	\$270,890
Certificates of deposit	128,564	41,973
Total deposits	319,162	312,863
Total deposits and investments	\$319,162	\$312,863

Deposits: The Federal Depository Insurance Corporation insures up to \$100,000 of the Society's bank balance. The remainder was collateralized by the financial institutions public entity deposit pool.

3. HORSE RACING

State Support Portion of Purse

The financial statements report Ohio Fairs Fund money, received to supplement purse for the years ended November 30, 2005 and 2004 was \$20,304 and \$21,848 respectively, as State Support.

Pari-mutuel Wagering

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

	2005	2004
Total Amount Bet (Handle)	\$ 5,866	\$ 7,134
Less: Payoff to Bettors	(4,708)	(5,725)
Parimutuel Wagering Commission	1,158	1,409
Tote Service Set Up Fee	(400)	(400)
Tote Service Commission	(468)	(617)
State Tax	(132)	(169)
Society Portion	\$ 158	\$ 223

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CLERMONT COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2005 AND 2004
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4. SOCIAL BENEFIT PLAN

All employees contribute to Social Security. This plan provides retirement benefits, including survivor and disability benefits to participants. For 2005 & 2004, employees contributed 6.2% of their gross salaries. The Society contributed an amount equal to 6.2% of participant's salaries through November 30, 2005 and 2004.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Clermont County Commissioners provide general insurance coverage for all the buildings on the Clermont County Fairgrounds pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 1711.24.

The Government insures against injuries to employees through the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation.

The Society belongs to the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (PEP), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio local governments. PEP provides property and casualty coverage for its members. PEP is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP). Member governments pay annual contributions to fund PEP. PEP pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members' deductibles.

Casualty Coverage

PEP retains casualty risks up to \$250,000 per claim, including claim adjustment expenses. PEP pays a percentage of its contributions to APEEP. APEEP reinsures claims exceeding \$250,000, up to \$1,750,000 per claim and \$10,000,000 in the aggregate per year. Governments can elect additional coverage, from \$2,000,000 to \$12,000,000 from the General Reinsurance Corporation.

If losses exhaust PEP's retained earnings, APEEP provides *excess of funds available* coverage up to \$5,000,000 per year, subject to a per-claim limit of \$2,000,000.

Property Coverage

Through 2004, PEP retained property risks, including automobile physical damage, up to \$100,000 on any specific loss in any one occurrence. The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsures losses exceeding \$100,000 up to \$500 million per occurrence. APEEP's Guarantee Fund was responsible for losses and loss adjustment expenses exceeding operating contributions.

Beginning in 2005, Travelers reinsures specific losses exceeding \$250,000 up to \$600 million per occurrence. APEEP reinsures members for specific losses exceeding \$100,000 up to \$250,000 per occurrence, subject to an annual aggregate loss payment. Travelers provides aggregate stop-loss coverage based upon the combined members' total insurable value. If the stop loss is reached by payment of losses between \$100,000 and \$250,000, Travelers will reinsure specific losses exceeding \$100,000 up to their \$600 million per occurrence limit. The aggregate stop-loss limit for 2005 was \$1,682,589.

**CLERMONT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2005 AND 2004
(Continued)**

5. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

The aforementioned casualty and property reinsurance agreements do not discharge PEP's primary liability for claims payments on covered losses. Claims exceeding coverage limits are the obligation of the respective local government.

Property and casualty settlements did not exceed insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years.

Members may withdraw on each anniversary of the date they joined PEP. They must provide written notice to PEP 60 days in advance of the anniversary date. Upon withdrawal, members are eligible for a full or partial refund of their capital contribution, minus the subsequent year's premium. Also upon withdrawal, payments for all property and casualty claims and claim expenses become the sole responsibility of the withdrawing member, regardless of whether a claim was incurred or reported prior to the withdrawal.

Financial Position

PEP's financial statements (audited by other accountants) conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31, 2005 and 2004:

<u>Casualty Coverage</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Assets	\$29,719,675	\$27,437,169
Liabilities	(15,994,168)	(13,880,038)
Retained earnings	<u>\$13,725,507</u>	<u>\$13,557,131</u>

<u>Property Coverage</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Assets	\$4,443,332	\$3,648,272
Liabilities	(1,068,245)	(540,073)
Retained earnings	<u>\$3,375,087</u>	<u>\$3,108,199</u>

The Casualty Coverage assets and retained earnings above include approximately \$14.3 million and \$12 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 430 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. PEP will collect these amounts in future annual premium billings when PEP's related liabilities are due for payment. The Government's share of these unpaid claims is approximately \$12,478 and \$12,039 for 2005 and 2004 respectively.

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6. 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 Clermont County Fair. The Society disbursed \$14,098 in 2005 and \$18,255 in 2004 directly to vendors to support Junior Fair activities. These expenses are reflected as a disbursement in the accompanying financial statement as Junior Fair Disbursement. The Society was reimbursed \$3,852 in 2005 and \$4,078 in 2004 by the Ohio Department of Agricultural 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 unaudited financial activity for the years ended November 30 follows:

	2005	2004
Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 1,625	\$1,299
Receipts	11,961	13,778
Disbursements	(11,911)	(\$13,452)
Ending Cash Balance	\$ 1,675	\$1,625

7. 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 Clermont County's auction. Monies to cover the cost of the auction are generated through a 3% commission per head, and are retained by the Junior Livestock Committee. The accompanying financial statements do not include the Junior Livestock Committee's activities. The Junior Livestock Committee's unaudited financial activity for the years ended November 30 follows:

	2005	2004
Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 47,784	51,112
Receipts	274,204	269,806
Disbursements	(282,930)	(273,134)
Ending Cash Balance	\$ 39,058	47,784



Auditor of State Betty Montgomery

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

Clermont County Agricultural Society
Clermont County
P.O. Box 369
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To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the financial statements of the Clermont County Agricultural Society, Clermont County, Ohio (the Society), as of and for the years ended November 30, 2005 and 2004, and have issued our report thereon dated September 7, 2006, wherein we noted the Society follows 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 to determine our auditing procedures to express our opinion on the financial statements and not to opine on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable 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 misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts material to the financial statements we audited may occur and not be timely detected by employees when performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider material weaknesses. In a separate letter to the Society's management dated September 7, 2006, we reported other matters involving internal control over financial reporting we did not deem reportable conditions.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Society's financial statements are 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 or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*. In a separate letter to the Society's management dated September 7, 2006, we reported a matter related to noncompliance we deemed immaterial.

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

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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

September 7, 2006



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AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

CLERMONT 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
NOVEMBER 9, 2006**