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**ALBANY INDEPENDENT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
ATHENS COUNTY**

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Albany Independent Agricultural Society
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P.O. Box 193
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To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of the Albany Independent Agricultural Society, Athens County, Ohio (the Society), as of and for the year ended November 30, 2001. 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 Albany Independent Agricultural Society, Athens County, as of November 30, 2001, 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 May 3, 2002, 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.

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 Section 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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Jim Petro
Auditor of State

May 3, 2002

**ALBANY INDEPENDENT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
ATHENS COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGE IN CASH BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2001**

Operating Receipts:

Admissions	\$	20,804
Privilege Fees		2,755
Sustaining and Entry Fees		6,879
Other Operating Receipts		989
Total Operating Receipts		31,427

Operating Disbursements:

Wages and Benefits		36
Utilities		955
Professional Services		12,568
Equipment and Grounds Maintenance		7,218
Senior Fair		6,606
Junior Fair		5,332
Other Operating Disbursements		3,388
Total Operating Disbursements		36,103

Excess (Deficiency) of Operating Receipts Over (Under) Operating Disbursements		(4,676)
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Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements):

State Support		8,374
County Support		3,900
Donations/Contributions - Restricted		5,705
Donations/Contributions - Unrestricted		279
Net Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)		18,258

Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		13,582
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Cash Balance, Beginning of Year		17,972
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Cash Balance, End of Year	\$	31,554
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The notes to the financial statement are an integral part of this statement.

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**ALBANY INDEPENDENT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
ATHENS COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2001**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The Albany Independent Agricultural Society, Athens 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 1967 to direct the operation of an annual agricultural fair. The Society sponsors the week-long Albany Independent Fair during September. Athens 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 an appointed secretary and 15 directors serving staggered three-year terms, elected from the membership of the Society. Members of the Society must be residents of Alexander Local School District, Athens County, and pay an annual membership fee to the Society.

Reporting Entity

The reporting entity includes all activity relating to the annual fair. The reporting entity does not include any other activities or entities of Athens County, Ohio.

The financial activity of the Junior Fair Board is summarized in Note 5.

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

All cash assets of the Society are maintained in a non-interest bearing checking account.

D. Budgetary Process

The Board of Directors annually prepares an operating budget, which includes estimated disbursements only. Receipts are not budgeted. The Board reviews the budget throughout the year and compares it with actual results. Budget amendments are approved as needed throughout the 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.

**ALBANY INDEPENDENT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
ATHENS COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2001
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

F. Restricted Support

Restricted support includes amounts that are required by the donor to be set aside for specific uses.

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. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the basis of accounting the Society uses.

2. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The carrying amount of cash at November 30, 2001, follows:

Demand deposits	\$ <u>31,554</u>
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Deposits: The bank balance was covered by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

For the year ended November 30, 2001, the Society had budgeted disbursements of \$39,902 and actual disbursements of \$36,103, resulting in a variance of \$3,799.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

General liability, property, and vehicle coverage is provided by The Ohio Fair Participating Plan. General liability has limits of \$1,000,000 and \$3,000,000 aggregate. Property has a limit of \$77,000, and vehicle has a limit of \$1,000,000. This policy also includes crime coverage for employee dishonesty with limits of liability of \$10,000. The Society's general manager is bonded with coverage of \$10,000.

The Society provides workers compensation coverage on all employees through the State of Ohio workers compensation fund. Coverage is currently in effect through August 2001.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2001
(Continued)**

5. JUNIOR FAIR BOARD

The Junior Fair Board, which is comprised of students from Alexander Local School District, is responsible for the Junior Fair Division activities of the Albany Independent Fair. The Society did not make any disbursements directly to the Junior Fair Board, but disbursed \$5,332 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 \$4,731 by the State of Ohio, \$100 by Athens County, and \$100 by Meigs County for its support of Junior Club work. All Junior Fair Board activity is accounted for in a separate account by the Junior Fair Board. The accompanying financial statement does not include the activities of the Junior Fair Board. The Junior Fair Board's financial activity for the year ended November 30, 2001, follows:

Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 220
Receipts	0
Disbursements	<u>(204)</u>
Ending Cash Balance	<u><u>\$ 16</u></u>

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

Albany Independent Agricultural Society
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P.O. Box 193
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To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the financial statement of the Albany Independent Agricultural Society, Perry County, Ohio (the Society), as of and for the year ended November 30, 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated May 3, 2002. 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*.

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 May 3, 2002.

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Athens County
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Jim Petro
Auditor of State

May 3, 2002



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ATHENS 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
JUNE 18, 2002**