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MERCER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
MERCER 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.

*Mary Taylor*

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### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Mercer County Agricultural Society  
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To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Mercer County Agricultural Society, Mercer County, (the Society) as of and for the years ended November 30, 2008 and 2007. 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.

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 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 statements referred to above for the years ended November 30, 2008 and 2007 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, 2008 and 2007 or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the fund cash balances of Mercer County Agricultural Society, Mercer County, as of November 30, 2008 and 2007, 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 April 30, 2009, 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Taylor".

**Mary Taylor, CPA**  
Auditor of State

April 30, 2009

**MERCER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
MERCER COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGES IN CASH BALANCE  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2008 AND 2007**

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Operating Receipts:</b>		
Admissions	\$186,039	\$162,238
Privilege Fees	33,155	32,761
Rentals	109,058	77,446
Sustaining and Entry Fees	37,940	44,245
Parimutuel Wagering Commission	5,608	6,612
Other Operating Receipts	151,889	105,828
Total Operating Receipts	523,689	429,130
 <b>Operating Disbursements:</b>		
Wages and Benefits	77,755	80,192
Utilities	40,885	40,116
Professional Services	97,902	92,417
Equipment and Grounds Maintenance	233,532	87,201
Race Purse	69,153	79,798
Senior Fair	71,639	69,692
Junior Fair	19,925	21,140
Capital Outlay		10,495
Other Operating Disbursements	164,904	114,942
Total Operating Disbursements	775,695	595,993
 Excess (Deficiency) of Operating Receipts Over (Under) Operating Disbursements	(252,006)	(166,863)
 <b>Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements):</b>		
State Support	26,148	29,044
County Support	42,700	24,500
Debt Proceeds	45,168	0
Donations/Contributions	115,638	107,951
Investment Income	855	3,374
Sale of Assets	345	4,209
Debt Service	(11,200)	(11,200)
Net Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)	219,654	157,878
 Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(32,352)	(8,985)
 Cash Balance, Beginning of Year	106,301	115,286
 Cash Balance, End of Year	\$73,949	\$106,301

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

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**MERCER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
MERCER COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
NOVEMBER 30, 2008 AND 2007**

**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 Mercer County Agricultural Society, Mercer 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 1852 to operate an annual agricultural fair. The Society sponsors the week-long Mercer County Fair during August. During the fair, harness races are held. Mercer 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 Mercer 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 and simulcast relating to harness racing. Other year around activities at the fairgrounds including facility rental, track and stall rental, and community events including Ribfest and Western Rodeo Days. The reporting entity does not include any other activities or entities of Mercer 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. Accounting Basis**

These financial statements follow the accounting basis the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Society recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

**C. Deposits and Investments**

The Society's accounting basis includes investments as assets. This basis does not record disbursements for investment purchases or receipts for investment sales. This basis records gains or losses at the time of sale as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

**D. Property, Plant, and Equipment**

The Society records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

**E. Restricted Support**

Restricted support includes amounts that donors restrict for specific uses.

**MERCER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
NOVEMBER 30, 2008 AND 2007  
(Continued)**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**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.

**G. Race Purse**

Stake races are held during the Mercer 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 the Western 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.

**H. 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.

**I. Accumulated Leave**

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The Society's basis of accounting does not report these amounts as liabilities.

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**2. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

The Society maintains a deposit and investment pool all funds use. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of deposits and investments at November 30 was as follows:

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Demand deposits	\$73,949	\$106,301
Total deposits	\$73,949	\$106,301

**Deposits:** Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation; or collateralized by the financial institution's 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 year ended November 30, 2008 and 2007 was \$21,007 and \$25,233 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.

Total Amount Bet (Handle)	\$27,565	\$32,491
Less: Payoff to Bettors	(21,957)	(25,879)
Parimutuel Wagering Commission	5,608	6,612
Tote Service Set Up Fee	(450)	(450)
Tote Service Commission	(2,496)	(2,989)
State Tax	(778)	(918)
Society Portion	\$ 1,884	\$ 2,255

**4. DEBT**

Debt outstanding at November 30, 2008 was as follows:

	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest Rate</b>
County Loan - Restroom	\$44,000	3.10%
County Loan - Purchase of FOP	7,400	0.00%
Citizens National Bank - Jr. Fair Building	45,169	6.50%
Total	\$96,569	

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**4. DEBT (Continued)**

The Mercer County Commissioners loaned the Society \$173,300 on August 10, 2000, for repairs to the restrooms. The County then issued a general obligation note to finance the construction costs. The loan from the County shall be paid back as follows: interest at a rate based upon the annual interest rate charged to the County on the outstanding note balance plus fees to renew the note plus an amount to cover some of the principal. There is no set repayment schedule for the note principal.

The Mercer County Commissioners loaned the Society \$14,800 on June 6, 2006 for purchase of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Building on the fairgrounds. The loan is to be repaid in four annual installments of \$3,700 beginning July 1, 2007.

The Society took out a commercial draw loan with Citizens National Bank on 10/7/08 for the junior fair building project. The maximum amount of the loan is \$155,000, but interest is only paid upon the amount drawn.

**5. RISK MANAGEMENT**

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

The Society's Treasurer is bonded with coverage of \$12,000.

**Risk Pool Membership**

The Society is exposed to various risks of property and casualty losses, and injuries to employees.

The Society 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**

For an occurrence prior to January 1, 2006 PEP retains casualty risks up to \$250,000 per occurrence, 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.

For an occurrence on or subsequent to January 1, 2006, the Pool retains casualty risk up to \$350,000 per occurrence. Claims exceeding \$350,000 are reinsured with APEEP in an amount not to exceed \$2,650,000 for each claim and \$10,000,000 in the aggregate per year. Societys can elect up to \$10,000,000 in additional coverage with the General Reinsurance Corporation, through contracts with PEP.

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 (prior to January 1, 2006) or \$3,000,000 (on or subsequent to January 1, 2006) as noted above.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**5. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)**

**Property Coverage**

Beginning in 2005, APEEP established a risk-sharing property program. Under the program, Travelers reinsures specific losses exceeding \$250,000 up to \$600 million per occurrence. This amount was increased to \$300,000 in 2007. For 2007, APEEP reinsures members for specific losses exceeding \$100,000 up to \$300,000 per occurrence, subject to an annual aggregate loss payment. For 2006, 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 values. If the stop loss is reached by payment of losses between \$100,000 and \$250,000 in 2006, or \$100,000 and \$300,000 in 2007, Travelers will then reinsure specific losses exceeding \$100,000 up to their \$600 million per occurrence limit. The aggregate stop-loss limit for 2007 was \$2,014,548.

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 Society.

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

**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, 2007 and 2006 (the latest information available):

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
Assets	\$37,560,071	\$36,123,194
Liabilities	(17,340,825)	(16,738,904)
Net Assets	\$20,219,246	\$19,384,290

At December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively, the liabilities above include approximately \$15.9 million and \$15.0 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets and retained earnings above also include approximately \$15.0 million and \$14.4 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 443 member Governments in the future, as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment. The Society's share of these unpaid claims collectible in future years is approximately \$18,346. This payable includes the subsequent year's contribution due if the Society terminates participation, as described in the last paragraph below.

Based on discussions with PEP, the expected rates PEP charges to compute member contributions, which are used to pay claims as they become due, are not expected to change significantly from those used to determine the historical contributions detailed below. By contract, the annual liability of each member is limited to the amount of financial contributions required to be made to PEP for each year of membership.

<b>Contributions to PEP</b>	
2006	\$13,842
2007	\$16,513
2008	\$15,953

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**5. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)**

After completing one year of membership, members may withdraw on each anniversary of the date they joined PEP provided they 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 contributions, minus the subsequent year's budgetary contribution. Withdrawing members have no other future obligation to the pool. Also upon withdrawal, payments for all casualty claims and claim expenses become the sole responsibility of the withdrawing member, regardless of whether a claim occurred or was reported prior to the withdrawal.

**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 Mercer County Fair. The Society disbursed no funds directly to the Junior Fair Board and \$19,925 in 2008 and \$21,140 in 2007 directly to vendors to support Junior Fair activities. These expenses are reflected as a disbursement in the accompanying financial statement as Junior Fair Disbursement. Mercer County paid the Society no money 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 year ended November 30, 2008 and 2007 follows:

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Beginning Cash Balance	\$2,013	\$2,634
Receipts	8,376	7,977
Disbursements	(9,616)	(8,598)
Ending Cash Balance	\$ 773	\$2,013

**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 Mercer County's auction. Monies to cover the costs of the auction are generated through a percent commission by species per group of animals (pen) assessed on auction price. The Junior Livestock Committee retains this money. 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, 2008 and 2007 follows:

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Beginning Cash Balance	\$10,128	\$ 2,530
Receipts	216,242	194,234
Disbursements	(211,632)	(186,636)
Ending Cash Balance	\$14,738	\$10,128



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

Mercer County Agricultural Society  
Mercer County  
PO Box 301  
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To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the financial statements of the Mercer County Agricultural Society, Mercer County, (the Society) as of and for the year ended November 30, 2008 and 2007 and have issued our report thereon dated April 30, 2009, 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 statements, 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.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting that we consider a significant deficiency.

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.

We considered finding 2008-001 described in the accompanying schedule of findings to be a significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting.

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.

**Internal Control over Financial Reporting  
(Continued)**

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 deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also material weaknesses. We believe that the significant deficiency described above is also a material weakness.

We also noted certain internal control matters that we reported to the Society's management in a separate letter dated April 30, 2009.

**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*.

We did note a certain noncompliance or other matter that we reported to the Society's management in a separate letter dated April 30, 2009.

The Society's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings. We did not audit the Society's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, and Board of Directors. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.



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April 30, 2009

**MERCER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
NOVEMBER 30, 2008 AND 2007**

**FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

**FINDING NUMBER 2008-001**

**Material Weakness**

**System Reconciliations and Financial Statement Presentation**

All local public offices shall maintain an accounting system and accounting records sufficient to enable the public office to identify, assemble, analyze, classify, record and report its transactions, maintain accountability for the related assets, and document compliance with finance-related legal and contractual requirements and prepare financial statements.

Society personnel did not assure that the amounts reported on the annual financial reports were complete or accurate and that the ending balance agreed with the amounts reported on their accounting system's general ledger. As a result, debt proceeds of \$45,168 and debt payments of \$11,200 for fiscal year 2008, debt payments of \$9,209 for fiscal year 2007, and horse racing revenue of \$22,568 for fiscal year 2007 and \$22,475 for fiscal year 2008 were not included on the financial statements and the ending balance did not reconcile with the systems general ledger.

The absence of a process to provide that financial statements are complete and accurate and amounts agree with reports generated from the Society's accounting system could lead to inaccurate financial reporting. The accompanying financial statements contain the required adjustments to properly present the Society's financial activity for 2008 and 2007.

The Society should implement a process of completing annual financial reports which provides that all amounts are properly posted, which can be done in part by reconciling the ending balance on the annual reports with the ending balance from the accounting system.

**Officials Response:**

Proper posting to accounts has been improved with careful entering of data. Spreadsheets have been kept for various accounts and will be reconciled to financial reports. I will try to continually improve and watch closely.

MERCER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
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SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS  
NOVEMBER 30, 2008

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <b><i>Explain</i></b>
2006-001	System Reconciliations and Financial Statement Presentation	No	Will be reissued as finding 2008-001.



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**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 9, 2009**