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Washington County Fair Board Announces New Dates for the 2027 Fair

Marietta, Ohio – The Washington County Agricultural & Mechanical Association is excited to share that the 2027 Washington County Fair will take place **July 12–17, 2027** — a shift from its long-standing spot over Labor Day weekend.

The Fair Board made the decision with the community in mind. Moving the fair into mid-July opens the door for more families, youth exhibitors, and visitors to enjoy the event at a time that's easier for many.

"We're excited to bring our beloved county fair into a new part of the summer," said Ron Offenberger, Fair Board President. "By shifting to July 12–17, we hope families can plan ahead, youth exhibitors can enjoy more of their summer, and our vendors and partners can take advantage of a great window for attendance and participation."

Why the change? July offers:

- Less competition with adjoining county fairs, allowing greater availability for ride companies, entertainers, and vendors
- A better timeline for 4-H and FFA exhibitors to prepare and showcase their livestock projects before the back-to-school season
- More fair days — creating more opportunities for events and revenue, and allowing the schedule to be spread out so exhibitors, volunteers, and families have a more relaxed and enjoyable fair week
- Stronger collaboration with local tourism partners in Marietta to bring a mid-summer event

What to know for 2027:

- All fair-related registrations — including exhibitors, vendors, camping, and grandstand events — will follow the new July timeline. Updated forms and details will follow.
- Favorite traditions like the annual parade, grandstand shows (tractor pulls, demolition derby, rodeo, and more), agricultural exhibits, and youth livestock shows remain at the heart of the fair.
- While this will be the first July fair in Washington County, the Board believes the move will help the event continue to grow and better serve the entire community.

The Fair Board encourages past exhibitors, vendors, sponsors, and volunteers to mark their calendars. "Our fair has always been a family tradition in Washington County," said Ron Offenberger, Fair President. "Moving to July helps us keep that tradition strong while making the fair more convenient, welcoming, and enjoyable for everyone."

More updates — including the full schedule, vendor information, exhibitor guidelines, and sponsorship opportunities — will be shared on the Fair's website, social media, and through local media as planning continues.

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