

A lot has changed for the Rochester Country Fair in 2019!

This past August the Fair was dramatically changed from 4 days to 2 half days due to the critical EEE threat. Since the public's safety is our number one priority, we took this very seriously. Changes to ALL four-day events were rescheduled or eliminated within 24 hours, 3 days prior to the Fair, leaving a limited amount for Fair-goers to enjoy. With all of the changes, we made the decision to not charge admissions, this year only, which was a huge financial impact on the Fair.

What we did different this year: we moved our Craft Vendors to a different location, at the crest of the hill, which put them in a prime location, rearranged the Food Vendors and Musicians and we created a self-play area for the Children. All of these will be incorporated in the 2020 Fair.

As we begin to prepare for the 2020 Fair, we expect another year of the EEE threat. We are being proactive by planning ahead now, allowing us to schedule in the many popular events during 2 days with limited hours. We are in the process of finalizing events, contracts and timing with the plan of sharing everything with you all in the next couple of months.

The dates of the Fair will now be **August 8th and 9th with hours of 8am – 7pm both days.**

In October, the Fair also became a 501c3, non-profit now known as The Rochester Country Fair, Inc. For many years, all the money the Fair raised was managed by the Town of Rochester through a revolving fund created each year at town meeting. Going forward, the Fair will be administering the financials. We have officially created a Board of Directors with a few of our very dedicated volunteers. Something you might want to remember; the Fair is run solely by volunteers who give up their time with their families for 11 months to plan and execute the Fair. So, when you come, please take the time to thank them when you are enjoying all the events.

As always, we would appreciate your feedback, comments and ideas. We are also always looking for additional volunteers to join our Fair Family....it really is a great time!