

## **Cancellation of the 2025 Hunter & Jumper Horse Show**

We regret to inform you that due to construction, the Minnesota State Fair has decided to cancel the Hunter & Jumper Horse Show for 2025. As you may have heard, we are planning extensive construction work on the Lee & Rose Warner Coliseum and in the livestock area of the Minnesota State Fairgrounds beginning in April 2025. Due to the size and scope of this project, the Minnesota State Fair has come to the difficult conclusion that we will not be able to hold the Hunter & Jumper Horse Show in 2025. This decision was not made lightly, but we believe canceling is necessary. With such a short timeline to get the roof replacement and other maintenance and repairs done before the State Fair opens on Aug. 21, we will need every available day leading up to the fair to ensure we are ready to host thousands of animals and nearly two million people at our fairgrounds.

Construction is planned to halt on Aug. 1, and our construction team and contractors need time to demobilize the entire work site (including removing equipment, materials, temporary structure and debris), while also allowing time for our staff to get into all the surrounding buildings and prepare for the fair. Unfortunately, it is not feasible to adequately prepare the grounds, barns and Coliseum itself for the arrival of horses in less than two weeks. Due to the unique nature and timing of this horse show, the State Fair does not have an alternate location to accommodate the event. For more information about the Coliseum construction project, [click here](#).

Although we are disappointed to have to share this news, we are excited and optimistic about the future of a revitalized Warner Coliseum once the construction and upgrades are complete. We appreciate your understanding as we make the most of this moment to dedicate the necessary time and operational resources to maintain and preserve this historic and significant facility.