

ALBEMARLE COUNTY FAIR DAYS

The Fairgrounds at James Monroe's Highland
July 25–27, 2019

In the early 1800s, the first agricultural fairs gave rural families an opportunity to celebrate their harvests and to see first-hand the latest in agricultural techniques, state-of-the-art equipment, innovative crops, and showcase livestock breeds. The fairs also gave businessmen in the area of agricultural or horticultural products an opportunity to present, display, and demonstrate the latest machinery and equipment on the market.

Over the course of the nineteenth century, fairs began to incorporate a wide range of educational, recreational, competitive, and social activities into their programs. Agricultural fairs celebrated human progress, science, education, and the agrarian ideal. Today, fairgoers continue to celebrate agricultural achievements and enjoy exhibitions, food, entertainment, competitions, and well-known concert performers.

The Albemarle County Fair features tents bustling with local vendors and live music, all set against the picturesque backdrop of Central Virginia's farmlands at James Monroe's Highland. Celebrating country life, the fair will feature local products, agriculture and livestock, art, food, and entertainment.

The Albemarle County Fair began in 1982 when a group of volunteers made a financial investment by loaning money to launch the first fair. It is the continued support of community leaders, patrons, and businesses that make the fair successful year after year.

The fair has something for everyone, including agriculture, livestock, a corn maze, craft exhibits, games, and live music. The fair provides a variety of experiences. The Albemarle County Fair Board of Directors, James Monroe's Highland, organizers, volunteers, and *albemarle* Magazine are delighted to welcome you to a fair that perfectly represents the county's rural heritage, agricultural history, and natural beauty.

To continue an agricultural tradition that brings the entire community together, the fair aims to provide the region with events that entertain, educate, showcase, and celebrate the unique human, natural, community, and agricultural resources of the Greater Charlottesville area. *a*

For a complete schedule of events, information, entertainment, and volunteer opportunities, please visit

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