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Dear Fair Friends,

Welcome to the 2008 Robeson Regional Agricultural Fair. It's that time of year when the sights and sounds of the Midway arrive, and the competitions begin. I hope you find a competition in this premium book that will allow you to test your talents and hopefully win a blue ribbon.

Agriculture is the heart of our state's county fairs and the foundation of the competitive exhibits. Agricultural fairs were first held as expositions for North Carolina farmers to showcase their crops and learn about new technology. Today's fairs highlight advances in agriculture and display the best that North Carolina has to offer in the areas of crafts, cooking, livestock, arts, musical talents and more. I am proud this fair continues the tradition of service, education and entertainment that make regional fairs popular community events.

North Carolina agricultural fairs are rich in heritage and diversity and reflect the community spirit found in towns across the state. While at the fair, I encourage you to visit the agricultural exhibits, savor delicious food, enjoy a variety of amusement acts, and make memories with your friends and family that are sure to last a lifetime.

Good luck with your entries, and I hope you enjoy the Robeson Regional Agricultural Fair.

Sincerely,

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