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Franklin County Field Days Announces Cancellation of 2026 Fair

SWANTON, VT - After months of meetings, applications, revisions, and discussion with state agencies and local boards, the Franklin County Field Days has made the decision to cancel the 2026 Franklin County Field Days.

This decision comes after an exhausting and often frustrating process in which our organization worked diligently to satisfy every request placed before us. Throughout the process, we attended meeting after meeting, submitted documentation, revised plans, answered questions, and complied with federal, state, and local requirements.

Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, the goalposts seemed to continually move.

Information necessary for planning and decision-making was often difficult to obtain, timelines remained uncertain, and new concerns continued to arise as previous concerns were addressed. Rather than working towards solutions, we found ourselves repeatedly navigating new obstacles that made organizing a successful and safe fair increasingly difficult.

Our volunteers entered this process believing that if we followed the rules, met requirements, and worked collaboratively with local officials, we could bring this longtime agricultural tradition back to Franklin County. Instead, we found ourselves directed from board to board, meeting to meeting, and request to request, with no clear path to a successful outcome.

While numerous state agencies worked with us to address questions and move the project forward, our interactions at the local level frequently left us without the clarity and support needed to make meaningful progress. As concerns were resolved, additional hurdles emerged, creating a process that became increasingly difficult for a volunteer-run organization.

This is not the outcome we wanted.

We know thousands of people were looking forward to the return of Franklin County Field Days. We know vendors, pullers, sponsors, entertainers, volunteers, and fairgoers were excited to be part of this next chapter. Most importantly, we know how much this fair means to the agricultural community and the families who have supported it for generations.

To those supporters, we offer our sincere gratitude. The encouragement we received from community members throughout this process was overwhelming and deeply appreciated. Your support reminded us why this fair matters and why so many people wanted to see it succeed.

While we are disappointed that the 2026 fair will not be moving forward, we remain proud of the effort put forth by our volunteer board members. They worked tirelessly, acted in good faith, and did everything within their power to make this event a reality.

Unfortunately, effort alone cannot overcome a process that continually creates uncertainty and obstacles.

We thank everyone who stood with us and supported our mission. Franklin County deserves a fair, and we share the community's disappointment that we were unable to deliver one this year.

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