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**2020 BANGOR STATE FAIR CANCELLED**

**BANGOR, ME** – The 2020 edition of the Bangor State Fair will be cancelled due to concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. The Bangor State Fair was set to occur from July 30 to August 8. The fair is one of the oldest in the country, with the first edition running in 1849.

The fair was set to feature new additions such as unique rides, nightly live music, 4-H agricultural competitions, live entertainment shows, the demolition derby, truck pulls, and daily admission specials as part of this year. In addition, this year the Bangor State Fair was to include special theme days that would coincide with local community foundations, organizations, Founding Partners, and sponsors.

“Safety is always of the utmost priority to us and under these conditions we didn’t feel it would be possible at this time to be able to provide the level of experience of the Bangor State Fair that everyone has come to expect. At the time of the decision to cancel this year’s fair, we were in full swing to create a better guest experience for everyone attending the fair, which stemmed from a lot of the feedback we received from many people in and around the Greater Bangor area. Our team is already looking forward to next year’s fair, which is tentatively scheduled from July 29 to August 7, 2021. We will use this additional time to work on making the 2021 Bangor State Fair one of the most memorable fairs yet. When we come back next year, our goal is to make the Bangor State Fair one of, if not the best fair in the state. We will miss working with all the parties associated with or involved in making the fair happen every year and we look forward to working with them all again in the future.” said Cross Insurance Center General Manager Tony Vail.

The tentative dates for the 2021 Bangor State Fair will be from July 29 to August 7, 2021 at Bass Park and the Cross Insurance Center, as announced by Vail.

More information on the Bangor State Fair can be found at [BangorStateFair.com](http://BangorStateFair.com) or at [CrossInsuranceCenter.com](http://CrossInsuranceCenter.com)

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**ABOUT THE BANGOR STATE FAIR**

The Bangor State Fair is one of the oldest fairs in the United States, hosting the first event in September 1849 when the Bangor Horticultural Society organized and held its first exhibition. In the 1880s, a group of Bangor businessmen formed an organization and changed the name of ‘Maplewood Park’, a popular harness racing spot, to the “Eastern Maine Fairgrounds”. One of those men, Joseph P. Bass owned the land. After Bass’s death, the grounds would be renamed “Bass Park” in his honor. The ‘Eastern Maine Fair’ was held on the grounds in September, 1883—combining the elements of the exhibitions started by the Bangor Horticultural Society with new elements added by the Eastern Maine Fair organizers. Over time, the name would change to the ‘Bangor State Fair’ and add many of the activities and events we celebrate now like carnival rides, musical performances, demolition derby, fabulous fair food and more.

**ABOUT THE CITY OF BANGOR, MAINE**



The City of Bangor, Maine is a service center community of 33,039 residents and is the county seat of Penobscot County. Bangor is the major commercial and cultural center for much of northern and eastern Maine. The City is an equal opportunity employer and service provider. For information on City projects and news, go to [www.bangormaine.gov](http://www.bangormaine.gov).

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