

# WELCOME from the COMMISSIONER



Dear Fairgoer:

It is truly an honor to welcome you to the 2019 Tennessee State Fair. Any relationship lasting 164 years must be celebrated. That's how long the Tennessee Department of Agriculture has recognized a proud connection to this beloved event. The State Fair is unique in that it shines a spotlight on how each of us benefits from agriculture each day.

You will see the very best from Tennessee's farms, gardens, homes, and hands. There is something for every visitor, for every age, and from every background. As you consider the theme, *On the Moove*, I encourage you to consider the ways in which our world is moving into the future. As we advance, adapt, and change, it is critical we remember our agricultural roots. The Tennessee State Fair is keeping that connection alive.

So grab your ticket and come ready to learn, grow, and make memories. And while you're here, take the opportunity to talk to a farmer. So many devote their lives to produce the safe and healthy food, fuel, and fiber we all use and enjoy. The Tennessee State Fair is the ideal setting to share that hard work with the world.

I look forward to seeing you at this year's Fair.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Charlie Hatcher'.

Charlie Hatcher, D.V.M.  
Commissioner of Agriculture