

REPORT DIGEST

**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ILLINOIS STATE FAIR
COMPLIANCE AUDIT
FOR THE TWO YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1995**

{Expenditures and Activity Measures are summarized on the reverse page.}

FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

EXPENDITURES CHARGED TO INCORRECT LINE ITEM

The Department is not following appropriate methodology for charging fair costs. Approximately \$60,313 of expenditures for Illinois State Fair related activities and administrative costs were charged to a line item appropriated for non-fair activities at the Illinois State Fairgrounds.

The Department's 1994 Appropriation Bill states "The sum of \$698,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Agricultural Premium Fund to the Department of Agriculture to conduct activities at the Illinois State Fairgrounds other than the Illinois State Fair. No expenditures from the appropriation shall be authorized until revenues from fairground uses sufficient to offset such expenditures have been collected and deposited into the Agricultural Premium Fund."

We recommended the Department follow appropriate methodology for charging fair costs among line items as specified in the Department's appropriation. (Finding 1, page 7. Reworded in 1995.)

The Department concurs with our recommendation. Department officials state, "Some expenditures relate to both fair and non-fair activities. When this occurs, the Department must assign costs as they deem appropriate."

AUDITORS' OPINION

The Illinois State Fair's funds were audited in our financial audit of the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

WILLIAM G. HOLLAND, Auditor General

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SUMMARY OF AUDIT FINDINGS

<u>Number of This Audit</u>	<u>Prior Audit</u>
Audit Findings	13
Repeated Audit Findings	10
Prior Recommendations Implemented	
or Not Repeated	21

SPECIAL ASSISTANT AUDITORS

Sikich, Gardner & Co. were our special assistant auditors for this audit.

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REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE STATISTICS	FY 1995	FY 1994	FY 1993
●Total Revenue	\$3,419,019	\$3,555,045	\$3,191,484
Tickets % of Revenue	\$1,501,741 44%	\$1,674,403 47%	\$1,423,718 44%
Space Rental: Fair % of Revenue	\$998,208 29%	\$1,065,125 30%	\$952,658 30%
Space Rental: Non-Fair % of Revenue	\$627,329 18%	\$536,373 15%	\$534,595 17%
Entry Fees % of Revenue	\$291,741 9%	\$279,144 8%	\$280,513 9%
●Total Expenditures (All Funds)	\$4,376,734	\$3,952,498	\$3,721,960
Personal Services % of Expenditures	\$714,678 16%	\$640,141 16%	\$653,530 18%
Other Payroll Costs (FICA, Retirement) % of Expenditures	\$114,102 3%	\$96,140 2%	\$96,598 2%
Contractual Services % of Expenditures	\$753,052 17%	\$779,301 20%	\$742,658 20%
Fair Entertainment % of Expenditures	\$928,209 21%	\$871,426 22%	\$665,039 18%
Premiums and Awards % of Expenditures	\$950,246 22%	\$922,625 23%	\$825,885 22%
Non-Fair Activities % of Expenditures	\$752,481 17%	\$460,037 12%	\$507,658 14%
All Other Operations Items % of Expenditures	\$163,966 4%	\$182,828 5%	\$230,592 6%
● (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(\$957,715)	(\$397,453)	(\$530,476)
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION	FY 1995	FY 1994	FY 1993
●Employment Statistics (Approximate)			
Full Time Employees	9	9	9
September through May (Temporary)	30	22	20
June (Temporary)	56	50	125
July through August (Temporary)	492	376	319
●Selected Activity Measures			
Estimated Attendance (Unaudited)	580,305	689,213	629,276
Grandstand Shows - Tickets Sold (Unaudited)	46,558	54,310	40,884
Grandstand Show Revenues	\$651,926	\$685,445	\$371,526
Grandstand Show Expenditures	\$879,967	\$840,935	Not available
●Pari-mutuel Wagering Receipts			
Pari-mutuel Wagering Receipts	\$182,210	\$259,644	\$116,323
Pari-mutuel Wagering Expenditures	\$272,544	\$276,000	\$191,254

AGENCY DIRECTOR
During Audit Period: Ms. Rebecca Doyle Currently: Ms. Rebecca Doyle