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**NEBRASKA STATE FAIR AND FONNER PARK ANNOUNCE
NEW BUILDING PARTNER**

Grand Island, NE--The Nebraska State Fair, along with Fonner Park and Aurora Cooperative, announced a new partnership today that includes renaming the Swine Barn and Swine Arena to Aurora Cooperative Pavilion. The partnership supports events such as livestock activities during Nebraska State Fair, and interim activities held by Fonner Park.

“Aurora Cooperative is committed to our local communities, farmer-owners and organizations that support the development of our youth. For that reason we are excited to enter into this long term partnership with Nebraska State Fair and Fonner Park,” said Chris Vincent, Aurora Cooperative chief executive officer. “We believe that 4-H and the FFA do a great job of building leaders in their local communities and we recognize that a significant part of those experiences are showcased while participating at the State Fair.” Vincent continued to say that Aurora Cooperative is fortunate to have this opportunity to show their support for agriculture, their farmer-owners’ families and youth development, right here in the heart of their footprint, at Nebraska State Fair and Fonner Park.

The Aurora Cooperative Pavilion is available for rent through Fonner Park predominantly from October-July. During Nebraska State Fair, this pavilion hosts numerous open class, 4-H, and FFA livestock shows that bring more than 500 exhibitors and stall approximately 1,750 animals.

Bruce Swihart, Fonner Park chief executive officer was, appreciative of the partnership. “We are extremely pleased to announce this long term agreement with Aurora Cooperative, Nebraska State Fair and Fonner Park. The partnership will benefit all three entities for years to come,” said Swihart.

“Aurora Cooperative is a longtime sponsor of the Nebraska State Fair and has played a vital role in our past success,” added Lori Cox, the new executive director for Nebraska State Fair. “It’s an honor to receive this commitment to our future.”

Today’s announcement featured Aurora Cooperative staff, revealing new signage on the building. For additional information, log on to www.fonnerpark.com or www.statefair.org.

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