
REPORT DIGEST

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE DUQUOIN STATE FAIR

COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION

For the Two Years Ended:
September 30, 2009

Summary of Findings:

Total this audit: 2

Total last audit: 0

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SYNOPSIS

- The DuQuoin State Fair did not document the purpose for issuing non-paid credentials on the requisition forms.

{ Revenues, expenditures and supplementary information are summarized on the reverse page. }

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REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE STATISTICS	FY 2009	FY 2008	FY 2007
• Total Revenue	\$1,020,314	\$1,060,329	\$1,153,234
Tickets.....	\$423,309	\$460,731	\$552,580
% of Revenue	41.5%	43.4%	47.9%
Space Rental: Fair	\$569,772	\$572,394	\$574,212
% of Revenue	55.8%	54.0%	49.8%
Entry Fees	\$27,233	\$27,204	\$26,442
% of Revenue	2.7%	2.6%	2.3%
• Total Expenditures (All Funds).....	\$1,666,958	\$1,883,887	\$2,053,741
Personal Services.....	\$268,422	\$339,228	\$359,778
% of Expenditures	16.1%	18.0%	17.5%
Other Payroll Costs (FICA, Retirement)	\$35,449	\$94,468	\$83,692
% of Expenditures	2.1%	5.0%	4.1%
Contractual Services	\$359,482	\$352,566	\$513,139
% of Expenditures	21.6%	18.7%	25.0%
Fair Entertainment	\$333,618	\$411,530	\$428,399
% of Expenditures	20.0%	21.8%	20.9%
Premiums and Awards.....	\$119,295	\$160,252	\$126,679
% of Expenditures	7.2%	8.5%	6.2%
Financial Assistance	\$427,589	\$447,675	\$442,687
% of Expenditures	25.6%	23.8%	21.5%
All Other Operations Items.....	\$123,103	\$ 78,168	\$99,367
% of Expenditures	7.4%	4.2%	4.8%
• (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$(646,644)	\$(823,558)	\$(900,507)
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION	FY 2009	FY 2008	FY 2007
Employment Statistics (Approximate)			
Full Time Employees.....	3	3	3
September through May (Temporary)	5	5	4
June (Temporary)	0	7	4
July through August (Temporary).....	57	57	46
Selected Activity Measures			
Estimated Attendance (Not Examined)	330,000	318,000	315,500
Grandstand Shows – Tickets Sold (Not Examined) ..	16,899	20,370	22,360
Grandstand Show Revenues.....	\$144,242	\$184,911	\$255,145
Grandstand Show Expenditures.....	\$291,492	\$323,616	\$342,477
Competitive Events			
Competitive Events Revenues	\$27,233	\$27,204	\$26,442
Competitive Events Expenditures.....	\$120,056	\$165,112	\$158,594
Pari-mutuel Wagering			
Pari-mutuel Wagering Receipts.....	\$ 97,982	\$124,941	\$124,992
Pari-mutuel Wagering Expenditures	\$200,732	\$204,421	\$201,723
AGENCY DIRECTOR			
During Audit Period: Mr. Charles A. Hartke (10/1/07 – 2/29/08); Mr. Tom Jennings (10/8/08 – Current)			
Currently: Mr. Tom Jennings			

FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND
RECOMMENDATIONS

NON-PAID CREDENTIALS FORM MISSING INFORMATION

The DuQuoin State Fair (DSF) did not document the purpose for issuing non-paid credentials on the requisition forms.

During our sample testing of non-paid credential requisition forms at the 2009 DSF, we noted the following exceptions:

Purpose for non-paid credential not documented on all forms tested

- 30 out of 30 (100%) of the requisitions did not document the purpose for the non-paid credential status.

DSF officials stated that they hadn't realized the necessity of having a purpose for the requested non-paid credential on the form.

Failure to document the purpose for issuing non-paid credentials could subject the DSF to public criticism for favoritism and increases the risk of improperly issuing non-paid credentials that result in lost revenue to the DSF. (Finding #2, page 10)

We recommended the DSF document the purpose for issuing non-paid credentials for the DSF on the non-paid credentials requisition form.

DuQuoin officials agreed with auditors

DuQuoin fair officials agreed with the finding, and stated they would add a line on the non-paid credentials request form that would state the purpose for the non-paid credentials.

OTHER FINDING

The remaining finding is reportedly being given attention by the Department. We will review the Department's progress toward implementing our recommendations in our next compliance examination.

FINANCIAL RESULTS OF THE FAIR

DuQuoin State Fair expenditures exceeded revenues by \$646,644 and \$823,558 for the years ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. (page 12)

ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

The auditors' have applied certain limited procedures to the accompanying supplementary information of the DuQuoin State Fair, except for information marked "not examined".

WILLIAM G. HOLLAND, Auditor General

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SPECIAL ASSISTANT AUDITORS

McGladrey & Pullen LLP were our special assistant auditors for this examination.