



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES
COMMISSIONER ADAM H. PUTNAM

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Clay County Fair!

As a fellow member of 4-H and Florida FFA, I am especially proud of programs and events like the Clay County Fair that provide valuable opportunities for youth to celebrate Florida's agricultural heritage. As Florida's Commissioner of Agriculture, I have a profound appreciation for the positive impact fairs and livestock shows have on the agriculture industry.

Local fairs around our state provide an excellent platform for the agriculture industry to showcase the finest Fresh from Florida produce, livestock and poultry our state has to offer, as well as demonstrate the latest technological innovations in agriculture. While other industries have suffered during the recent tough economic times, Florida's agriculture industry has emerged as the state's economic leader. Continued momentum will likely depend on our youth, and our fairs are a great way to cultivate the next generation of leaders.

Recalling my days as a youth fair participant, I still share the same enthusiasm as I did at age 8 when I showed my horned Hereford bull, Georgia Boy. While you're visiting the fair today, I hope you will take the opportunity to enjoy the delicious food, entertainment, contests and competitive exhibits, but most importantly, experience Florida's true agricultural roots – a symbol of the history of this great state and the opportunities that lie ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Putnam".

Adam H. Putnam
Commissioner of Agriculture