**Heat/Weather-Related Precautions at the Minnesota State Fair**

In extreme heat, fair guests and employees are urged to take the following precautions:

-Drink plenty of water.

-Fair guests are welcome to bring their own water bottles. More than 40 drinking fountains & water bottle refill stations are located throughout the fairgrounds and noted on our general map. Also offering complimentary water for fair guests: Culligan Water, Renewal by Andersen and KARE 11 TV. Information booths have a detailed map with all water and misting locations.

-Coolers are allowed on the fairgrounds, so guests are permitted to bring in their own cold water.

-Fair guests are encouraged to take breaks from walking and standing, and seek shade and cool areas as necessary.

-Air-conditioned buildings: The fair-owned public buildings that have air-conditioning are the History & Heritage Center at West End Market, the North End Event Center (free with fair admission this year has the Cats & Dogs The Exhibition).

-If employees and guests should feel ill, they should visit First Aid East or First Aid West sponsored by Regions Hospital; in an emergency, call 911.

- Utilize misting stations that will be set up at First Aid East and West and other designated areas throughout the fairgrounds; see an information booth for the 8 misting station locations. There are a few vendors who offer misting at their locations as well.

- The welfare of livestock in our barns is continually monitored. Shade provided by barn roofs, fans throughout the barns, exhibitors misting their animals, access to plenty of water and veterinarians on-site all help to keep animals cool.