



# Kentucky Exposition Center

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## **CARDINAL STADIUM ENGINEERING REPORT: ROOF OKAY; PERIMETER FENCE IN PLACE**

**LOUISVILLE, Ky.** (June 12, 2013).....The Kentucky State Fair Board today released a report on the structural stability of Cardinal Stadium at the Kentucky Exposition Center following a review by state engineers.

Written by consulting engineers Senler, Campbell & Associates, Inc. of Louisville, the report recommended that the outer perimeter of the stadium's grandstand area be roped off at a distance of 15 – 20 feet as a precaution in the event of falling brick and concrete. The report also noted that the stadium roof structure could withstand winds up to 50 mph. (The Kentucky State Fair Board emergency action plan evacuates patrons from outdoor structures in the event of 35 mph winds.)

The report stated that the structure is “not on the verge of collapse but rather is in a great state of disrepair,” and recommended that the stadium be repaired “at its earliest possible time or taken out of service.” This applies to the grandstand and storage facilities under the grandstand.

In January, the Kentucky State Fair Board requested state engineers look into the structural deficiencies of the 57-year-old stadium. With preliminary findings of structural deficiencies, the stadium's grandstand was closed to the public by fair board officials for the upcoming Kentucky State Fair. The fair's free concert series were held in the stadium with seating in the grandstands. This year's concerts will be held with chairs and bleachers on the stadium field.

KSFB President and CEO Clifford “Rip” Rippetoe said that even without the grandstands, Kentucky State Fair attendees will have an even better concert experience this year. “Safety is the top priority for our guests, and we have confidence in our plans for a unique and enjoyable experience on the field of Cardinal Stadium this year.”

More than 500 temporary stalls will be used for the World’s Championship Horse Show held during the state fair. The office space and warehouse previously located under the grandstands have been relocated throughout the exposition center campus.

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