

## 22 Best Things We Saw at FarmBorough 2015

### Best of the Fest: Dierks Bentley



Photo: Chona Kasinger

Every male country artist wants to be the genre's Everyman, but Dierks Bentley was the most successful at it. "I've been waiting all day to have a drink with you guys," Bentley offered in such an endearing way that it was difficult to not believe him. Onstage, he shared many drinks with folks in the crowd, even pulling one up to shotgun a beer during "Sideways" — and later lamenting that he had lost the quick-drinking competition to the fan. Other highlights included a surprisingly excellent take on Taylor Swift's "Welcome to New York" and a story about the first time he played New York City, performing for a 300-person crowd at B.B. King's Blues Club & Grill a decade ago. He noted how he was on the much bigger FarmBorough stage with the same guitar he played back then before launching into "I Hold On," bringing some levity to his victory lap of a performance.