



April 23, 2020

Hello Santa Cruz County Fair Livestock Exhibitors, Parents and Leaders!

The Santa Cruz County Fair and Livestock Committee is hopeful that our fair will take place in September, but we must consider the impact a fair cancellation will have on our Junior Livestock Show and Auction. In order for us to make plans, we would like to know how many of our exhibitors have already purchased market animals for the Santa Cruz County Fair.

Online or virtual auctions are being planned by many fairs to help exhibitors get their animals to market. The fairs are providing ways for the exhibitors parents or leaders to drive thru and drop off their animals to the fairgrounds for vet checks, weighing, tagging and transportation to the meat processing plants. Buyers view the animals online and make bids or add-ons during a specified appointment window of time. Online auction prices are projected to be much lower than the normal fair time live auction prices. Some fairs are allowing custom processing (buyer gets the meat), some are pooling resale proceeds (no one gets the meat) and distributing them to their exhibitors. The information we receive from you will help us shape our plans to provide a means for you to sell your animal. NOTE: Only beef animal and/or one small animal per exhibitor will be allowed this year if we have a fair.

**If you purchased your market animal prior to April 23, 2020,**

You must send a copy of your proof of ownership (bill of sale or proof of breeding) and a picture of you and your animal to us no later than 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2020. Send via reply to this email ([santacruzlivestockcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:santacruzlivestockcommittee@gmail.com)). Include in your e-mail your name, age, club/chapter, project leader name, animal ear tag or Scrapie tag information.

**If you have not already purchased your animal, proceed with caution.**

We recommend waiting for further direction around May 1<sup>st</sup> after we analyze the pre-existing ownership of livestock purchased prior to April 23, 2020.

This might not be the year to buy a prizing-winning animal to show at the fair. With auction prices expected to be low, you will need to evaluate your risk and arrange for your own buyer.

**Beef Exhibitors:** Ear tagging will take place on the fairgrounds with scheduled appointments for each exhibitor. Please let us know if you are planning to tag a beef animal for Santa Cruz.

We know you all have lots of questions. Please feel free to write to us via email. A list of questions and answers will be distributed on or near May 1. No phone support is available at this time.

Thank you for your understanding.

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