

## Salinas Valley Fair Updates as of March:

Hello Livestock Exhibitors and Leaders,

I hope this email finds you all in good health!

Salinas Valley Fair had a Board of Directors meeting last night and they had a few official updates I wanted to pass along to you. I also wanted to mention that this year we need all 4H & FFA Leaders participating in the Livestock Grading Show to fill out a Leader Form and a Covid-19 waiver. Both forms can be found on our website under "Fair" and "livestock grading". They can fill out and email to this email address. This is the best way for my team to get information out to them.

Below are the newest additions to Fair Week.

### **Rabbit Show- Saturday 5/22**

This will be a 1 day Breed show, no cooping in- carry in only. Divisions will be open online by Monday. In the event that the ARBA finds a new case of the Rabbit Virus within 150 miles of the Salinas Valley Fairgrounds, they will cancel the show. With this in mind, The online entries will not require payment. Instead we will collect payment when the exhibitors check in at the registration desk the morning of the show.

Entry Fees went up to a total of \$5 per entry, a \$2 increase. Premiums however went up as well.

### **Still Exhibits-Entry Deadline 4/16, Receiving Day 5/7-5/8**

The rule requiring a Still exhibit mandatory in order to show a livestock animal, has been put on hold for this year. Still entries ARE NOT MANDATORY for 2021. However the Still Departments will still be open for anyone who wishes to enter an item. Those divisions will be online starting Monday as well. The item will be dropped off in the usual buildings, judged with a pick up date yet to be determined. We hope that Monterey County will be in the Red tier by then, and the public will be able to view the buildings at a reduced capacity, but if we remain in the purple tier, the items will not be seen by the public. We'll have to wait and see.

The 4H Department Supervisor, Mikelann Miller, has requested that 4H clubs call to schedule their entry item drop off. She would also like items to be delivered by a Project Leader or Community Leader if possible, or even a designated volunteer. Her thinking is that this will help reduce the amount of people dropping off at the same time, possibly space everyone out a bit. We anticipate 4H to be the department with the most participation. They can call the fair or email me here at this email address and I can accommodate them.

Items entered into the 4H building, may have been made last year as well. The directors recognize that last year's projects were not able to be showcased. Any items from 2019-2020 as well as 2020-2021 project years are allowed to be entered.

### **Poster Contest**

### **Kick Off**

You can find more information on our website on both of these events as well.

I'm here and happy to help if anyone needs more information.

Thank you

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