

Dear Sonoma County Fair Livestock Exhibitors, FFA Advisors and 4-H Leaders:

As we move through the uncharted waters with the COVID-19 Pandemic we want to let you know that we are still actively planning for the 2020 Sonoma County Fair. However, this Pandemic changes day by day and in the event that we would be forced to cancel the Fair, we want to assure you that we will offer a means for market animals to be shipped to processors. While this would not be an ideal situation we wanted to develop a program to assist all of you as you are an important part of our Fair family! The possibility of not being able to offer opportunities to our junior livestock community, as has been done in past years, deeply saddens the Sonoma County Fair Board and Staff, but we are keeping our fingers crossed that all will go forward as planned.

There are some other factors that you may consider regarding market animals at the 2020 Fair

1. There may be fewer buyers able to purchase animals
2. Prices may be less than past years as our economy works on rebounding from this national emergency

There is so much uncertainty in this COVID-19 situation, however we do know that the Sonoma County Fair is committed to helping junior market livestock exhibitors get their animals to processors. The Sonoma County Fair Board and staff are working to determine the details of this plan should it need to be enacted. Keep in mind, if this plan is utilized, exhibitors may choose to not participate and seek alternatives on their own.

Moving forward in the coming weeks, there may be some difficult decisions regarding exhibits and activities at the Fair. As more information becomes available, we will share it with all of you. Please all stay safe and healthy as we maneuver through these unsettling times.

Thank you for your past participation, and your understanding of the current situation and we look forward to seeing all of you soon!