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

With 2020 in the rearview mirror and some positive COVID-19 trends in our area, the Santa Cruz County Fair Livestock Department is optimistic that we will have some kind of modified "fair" this year. Recent successes with the Holiday Lights and Fair Food Drive-Thru events lead us to believe a drive-thru fair could be a fun way to celebrate our community at fair time. We'll share additional information about the fair in future communiques.

The Livestock Department learned a great deal about virtual and live shows as well as auctions last year. Our auction, while small, was a huge success. Our virtual shows went well, but lacked the fun and excitement that come with seeing the exhibitors with their animals in the arena, vying for the top places in their divisions. We hope to offer a more typical livestock show and auction this year, but acknowledge that the pandemic responses by health officials play a major role in determining what we can do. If live shows are offered, they may be one-day shows where exhibitors bring in their animals on show day and take them home after the show. Market animals would then be delivered to the load-out point at a later date.

Decisions on which classes will be offered has not been made. Showmanship classes may or may not be offered – a decision will be made as we get closer to fair time. If we are forced to limit the number of animals we can accommodate, our priority will be market animals first, breeding/dairy animals second, carcass animals third. Please consider the uncertainties of this evolving situation prior to purchasing animals you plan to raise for the fair and consider the risk involved.

We would like to know if you plan to participate in this year's livestock show and which species you are planning to show. This year, exhibitors will be allowed to bring only one non-beef market animal and/or one beef market animal. Extended areas (Santa Clara & San Mateo Counties) will be limited to 5 market beef (these animals have been already identified) and 10 market hogs, 10 market lambs and 10 market goats combined.

Please use the link below to let us know your plans for this year's fair. You will not be obligated in any way by your answers. Your responses are requested no later than Friday, March 26, 2021. Submit one for each exhibitor.

[2021 Livestock - Santa Cruz County Fair Questionnaire](#)

Thank you!

Santa Cruz County Fair Livestock Department