



COLORADO
Department of Agriculture

Livestock Sales and Shows Must Follow Local Health Guidelines

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Broomfield, Colo. - The Colorado Department of Agriculture reminds those planning to participate in livestock show and sale activities this season to stay in close contact with state and local health agencies overseeing those events.

Decisions regarding procedures and potential cancelations due to the COVID-19 outbreak are ultimately made by local public health agencies, often with guidance from the state Department of Public Health and Environment and in compliance with state and local public health orders. While the Department of Agriculture has limited regulatory authority within fair, show, and sale operations, the agency does not issue decisions regarding whether or not livestock events will take place.

“Agriculture remains an essential business, and as livestock show and fair season approaches, we will continue to look to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and local health agencies to provide guidance on best practices for gatherings,” said Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture Kate Greenberg. “We strongly encourage people to connect with specific counties and municipalities for clarity and direction about events to be held in those jurisdictions.”

The Department will communicate developments and guidance for sale and show activities as it is released. Information about Colorado’s current local public health orders and variances can be found [here](#).

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