

Lake County Fair Association 2101 County Road 452 Eustis, FL 32726

April 6, 2020

Attention: Livestock Buyers

As you may already be aware, due to the governmental guidance regarding Covid-19 we have been forced to cancel the 2020 Lake County Fair. This cancellation includes the livestock shows and the traditional sales method of the market animals.

When the Fair was cancelled, we told the exhibitors that we would have a plan for them to show and sell their animals released by April 1, 2020. Even with this guidance, most exhibitors chose to sell their animals privately.

There are 50-55 exhibitors that chose to wait for guidance from the fair and will be participating in the official 2020 Lake County Fair Market Animal Online Auction. The sale will open at 9:00 am on Wednesday April 15, 2020 and close at 8:00 pm on Thursday April 16, 2020. There will be steers, pigs, and goats available for purchase in this sale.

There will be some differences in the way the animals are sold compared to our traditional live auctions held at the fairgrounds. Because we could not weigh the animals on a certified scale, the animals will be sold by the head (total lump sum) rather than by the pound. There is an estimated weight as of April 4, 2020 listed for each animal in the sale. There will be a buyback program that can be utilized to offset your purchase. The buyback price per head will be listed on the auction site before the auction begins.

The link for the sale is https://auctions.thewendtgroup.com/auction/8533. This link is live now and the exhibitor names and estimated animal weights are viewable. Pictures and descriptions will be added before the auction begins.

In order to participate in the online auction, you must register on the site. The registration link is on the left side of the screen. You will be required to enter a credit card number to participate. This is how the

auction site is set up and cannot be changed for our sale. No credit cards will be charged and after the sale closes you may receive an invoice from the auction site but an official invoice from the Lake County Fair will be sent to you. All money will be paid to the Lake County Fair.

All animals in the sale will be delivered to the processors on Saturday, April 18, 2020. To help ensure that the animal you purchase goes to the correct processor, please notify the Fair via email thefair@lakecofair.com upon close of the sale or before if you know who you will be using for processing. If you are participating in the buyback program with the animal(s) that you purchase, we will need to know that as well. Please let the fair know at thefair@lakecofair.com upon close of the sale or sooner if possible.

If you have received this information electronically, you will automatically be included on the distribution emails with further details and reminders. If you received this communication via regular mail, and wish to be included on the distribution list with further details and updates, please send your name and email address to: thefair@lakecofair.com.

Thank you for your continued support of our Lake County youth.

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