

Due to the direction provided by Center for Disease Control and other federal, state and local governmental agencies regarding the COVID-19 outbreak, the 2020 Lake County Fair in the traditional format has been cancelled. The Fair Board has been working diligently to find alternative methods for all registered livestock exhibitors to showcase their projects and hard work.

Participation in any of the following platforms is strictly voluntary and not required. In order to participate in the virtual show or online sale, all market animals will be required to weigh in. Minimum weight requirements have been waived, however, a weight is needed to class animals and have a recent "last known weight" to list for the sale.

All market animals must be weighed in at the fairgrounds on Saturday, April 4, 2020 between the hours of 8:30 am and 5:00 pm. Social distancing practices will be enforced. Anyone not adhering to the guidelines listed below will be asked to leave the fairgrounds and will not be allowed to participate in the show or sale.

Please limit the number of people bringing the animals to the fairgrounds. Do not exit your vehicle until you are backed into the chute to unload your animal for weighing in. All persons outside of a vehicle must maintain 6' separation from each other.

RECORD BOOKS

Submission of a record book is not required for any portion of the modified sale/show format.

A private business came forward at the beginning of the fair cancellation to donate the premium money that normally would have been awarded for the record books. After this happened record book entry deadlines were extended to 5:00 pm March 23, 2020 for those exhibitors that wanted to have the record books graded/judged.

The following is a breakdown of Awards/Premiums that will be awarded by Division.

Poultry/Layer Pen

1st Place – Senior/Intermediate/Junior - \$75.00 & Trophy

2nd Place – Senior/Intermediate/Junior - \$50.00 & Trophy

3rd Place – Senior/Intermediate/Junior - \$25.00 & Trophy

Rabbits

1st Place – Senior/Intermediate/Junior - \$75.00 & Plaque

2nd Place – Senior/Intermediate/Junior - \$50.00 & Plaque

3rd Place – Senior/Intermediate/Junior - \$25.00 & Plaque

Dairy Goats

1st Place – Senior/Intermediate/Junior - \$75.00 & Plaque

2nd Place – Senior/Intermediate/Junior - \$50.00 & Plaque

3rd Place – Senior/Intermediate/Junior - \$25.00 & Plaque

Market Goats

1st Place – Senior/Intermediate/Junior - \$75.00 & Plaque

2nd Place – Senior/Intermediate/Junior - \$50.00 & Plaque

3rd Place – Senior/Intermediate/Junior - \$25.00 & Plaque

Breeding Goats

1st Place – Senior/Intermediate/Junior - \$75.00 & Plaque

2nd Place – Senior/Intermediate/Junior - \$50.00 & Plaque

3rd Place – Senior/Intermediate/Junior - \$25.00 & Plaque

Beef Breeding

1st Place – Senior/Intermediate/Junior - \$75.00 & Plaque

2nd Place – Senior/Intermediate/Junior - \$50.00 & Plaque

Steers

1st Place – Senior/Intermediate/Junior - \$75.00 & Plaque

2nd Place – Senior/Intermediate/Junior - \$50.00 & Plaque

Swine

1st Place – Senior/Intermediate/Junior - \$75.00 & Plaque

2nd Place – Senior/Intermediate/Junior - \$50.00 & Plaque

LIVESTOCK SHOW

The Lake County Fair livestock shows for ALL divisions will be conducted via a virtual format. This format will require submission of pictures or video of your animal. The division you are entered in will dictate the method. Participation in the show is not required. If you choose to participate, completion of a record book is not required. The only requirement that pertains to all divisions is that your entry must have been entered by the original entry deadline dates for the 2020 Lake County Fair. Additional details for entry specific to a specific division are provided in the section for that division.

Poultry/Layer Pen Division –

Participation is not required, however, to be eligible to participate entries must have been entered by the original entry date for the Lake County Fair.

Three pictures of the entry must be submitted. The photos will need to be emailed to thefair@lakecofair.com. Each photo file must be named according to the sample pictures below. The following information should be included in the email: exhibitors name, class, breed and variety of the entry. In order to keep entries correct, it is requested that only one entry per email be submitted.

Entry deadline for Poultry/Layer Pen Division is 8:00 pm on April 11, 2020. All photos will be submitted to a single judge to evaluate.

There will be no premium money given for this division, but the following awards will be presented:

Grand Champion Layer Pen – Trophy

Reserve Grand Champion Layer Pen – Trophy

Best Cock – Trophy

Best Hen – Trophy

Best Cockerel – Trophy

Best Pullet – Trophy

Best Bird in Show – Trophy

1st Runner Up in Show – Trophy

2nd Runner Up in Show – Trophy



Profile View



Front View



Rear View

Rabbit Division –

Participation is not required, however, to be eligible to participate entries must have been entered by the original entry date for the Lake County Fair.

Three pictures of the entry must be submitted. The photos will need to be emailed to thefair@lakecofair.com. Each photo file must be named according to the sample pictures below. The following information should be included in the email: exhibitors name, club, breed, and sex of rabbit. In order to keep entries correct, it is requested that only one entry per email be submitted.

Entry deadline for Rabbit Division is 8:00 pm on April 11, 2020. All entries will be submitted to a single judge to evaluate.

There will be no premium money given for this division, but the following awards will be presented:

There must be 5 rabbits of the same breed shown for Breed Trophies to be awarded.

Best of Breed – Trophy

Best of Opposite Sex – Trophy

Best of Show – Trophy

1st Runner Up in Show – Trophy

2nd Runner Up in Show – Trophy



Front View



Side View



Rear View

Dairy Goat Division –

Participation is not required however to be eligible to participate entries must have been entered by the original entry date for the Lake County Fair.

TWO pictures of the entry must be submitted. The photos will need to be emailed to thefair@lakecofair.com. Each photo file must be named according to the sample pictures below. The following information should be included in the email: Exhibitor name, club, goats age and class it is entered. In order to keep entries correct, it is requested that only one entry per email be submitted.

Entry deadline for Dairy Goat Division is 8:00 pm on April 15, 2020. All photos will be submitted to a single judge to evaluate.

Classes breakdowns will be as originally entered.

There will be no premium money given for this division, but the following awards will be presented:

Class Champions – Plaque and Rosette

Grand Champion Sr Doe – Trophy and Rosette

Reserve Champion Sr Doe – Trophy and Rosette

Grand Champion Jr Doe – Trophy and Rosette

Reserve Champion Jr Doe – Trophy and Rosette

Grand Champion Dairy Goat – Trophy

Reserve Champion Dairy Goat – Trophy



Side Profile



Rear View

Breeding Goat Division –

Participation is not required however to be eligible to participate entries must have been entered by the original entry date for the Lake County Fair.

Entries in this division will be required to submit a video of their animal. This video must be no more than 30 seconds and include a profile, front and rear view as well as the animal on the move. Ideally the videographer should be 15-20 feet away.

Videos must be uploaded at www.virtuallivestockshows.com. There is a sample video loaded at the bottom of the upload page.

You will need your original Lake County Fair entry number for each animal that you entered in the show. Your entry number can be found at [www.lakecountyfair.com](#). Please make sure you double check this list for your entry number as it may have changed from when you entered online. Enter this number as the animal ID.

Entry deadline for Breeding Goat Division is 11:59 pm on April 15, 2020.

Class breakdowns will be as originally entered.

All entries will be evaluated by a 3-judge panel. The panel will consist of an “A” judge, “B” judge and a referee. The judges will send their cards back to a central location to be averaged and classes placed accordingly. The placing will be based on the average placing of Judge “A” and “B”. The referee placings will only be used to break a tie. Once classes are placed, results will be sent back to all judges to place Champions. The same process will be used to place class winners will be used for final placings for Champions.

There will be no premium money given for this division, but the following awards will be presented:

Class Champions – Plaque and Rosette

Grand Champion of Show– Trophy and Rosette

Reserve Champion of Show – Trophy and Rosette

Market Wether Division –

Participation is not required however to be eligible to participate entries must have been entered by the original entry date for the Lake County Fair.

Entries in this division will be required to submit a video of their animal. This video must be no more than 30 seconds and include a profile, front and rear view as well as the animal on the move. Ideally the videographer should be 15-20 feet away.

Videos must be uploaded at www.virtuallivestockshows.com. There is a sample video loaded at the bottom of the upload page.

When entering your animal, you will need to enter your Lake County Fair issued ear tag number as the animal ID.

Entry deadline for Market Wether Division is 11:59 pm on April 15, 2020.

Class breakdowns will be by weight. This weight will be based on the animal's weight at the mandatory weigh in on April 4, 2020.

All entries will be evaluated by a 3-judge panel. The panel will consist of an "A" judge, "B" judge and a referee. The judges will send their cards back to a central location to be averaged and classes placed accordingly. The placing will be based on the average placing of Judge "A" and "B". The referee placings will only be used to break a tie. Once classes are placed, results will be sent back to all judges to place Champions. The same process will be used to place class winners will be used for final placings for Champions.

There will be no premium money given for this division, but the following awards will be presented:

Class Champions – Plaque and Rosette

Grand Champion of Show– Trophy and Rosette

Reserve Champion of Show – Trophy and Rosette

Beef Breeding Division –

Participation is not required however to be eligible to participate entries must have been entered by the original entry date for the Lake County Fair.

Entries in this division will be required to submit a video of their animal. This video must be no more than 30 seconds and include a profile, front and rear view as well as the animal on the move. Ideally the videographer should be 15-20 feet away.

Videos must be uploaded at www.virtuallivestockshows.com. There is a sample video loaded at the bottom of the upload page.

You will need your original Lake County Fair entry number for each animal that you entered in the show. Your entry number can be found at [www.lakecountyfair.com](#). Please make sure you double check this list for your entry number as it may have change from when entered online. Enter this number as the animal ID.

Entry deadline for Beef Breeding Division is 11:59 pm on April 15, 2020.

Classes breakdowns will be as originally entered.

All entries will be evaluated by a 3-judge panel. The panel will consist of an “A” judge, “B” judge and a referee. The judges will send their cards back to a central location to be averaged and classes placed accordingly. The placing will be based on the average placing of Judge “A” and “B”. The referee placings will only be used to break a tie. Once classes are placed, results will be sent back to all judges to place Champions. The same process will be used to place class winners will be used for final placings for Champions.

There will be no premium money given for this division, but the following awards will be presented:

Class Champions – Plaque and Rosette

Grand Champion Heifer - Buckle and Rosette

Reserve Grand Champion Heifer – Trophy and Rosette

Champion Aged Cow – Buckle and Rosette

Reserve Champion Aged Cow – Trophy and Rosette

Champion Bull – Buckle and Rosette

Reserve Champion Bull – Trophy and Rosette

Outstanding Lake County Heifer – Plaque

Outstanding Lake County Bull - Plaque

Steer Division –

Participation is not required however to be eligible to participate entries must have been entered by the original entry date for the Lake County Fair. Steers will be required to weigh in at the fairgrounds on April 4, 2020.

Entries in this division will be required to submit a video of their animal. This video must be no more than 30 seconds and include a profile, front and rear view as well as the animal on the move. Ideally the videographer should be 15-20 feet away.

Videos must be uploaded at www.virtuallivestockshows.com. There is a sample video loaded at the bottom of the upload page.

When entering your animal, you will need to enter your Lake County Fair issued ear tag number as the animal ID.

Entry deadline for Steer Division is 11:59 pm on April 15, 2020.

Class breakdowns will be by weight and by 4H and FFA. This weight will be based on the animal's weight at the mandatory weigh in on April 4, 2020.

All entries will be evaluated by a 3-judge panel. The panel will consist of an "A" judge, "B" judge and a referee. The judges will send their cards back to a central location to be averaged and classes placed accordingly. The placing will be based on the average placing of Judge "A" and "B". The referee placings will only be used to break a tie. Once classes are placed, results will be sent back to all judges to place Champions. The same process will be used to place class winners will be used for final placings for Champions.

There will be no premium money given for this division, but the following awards will be presented:

4H/FFA Class Champions – Plaque and Rosette

4H/FFA Grand and Reserve Champions – Trophy and Rosette

Grand Champion of Show – Buckle and Rosette

Reserve Grand Champion of Show – Trophy and Rosette

Outstanding Lake County Steer - Plaque

Swine Division –

Participation is not required however to be eligible to participate entries must have been entered by the original entry date for the Lake County Fair. Swine will be required to weigh in at the fairgrounds on April 4, 2020.

Entries in this division will be required to submit a video of their animal. This video must be no more than 30 seconds and include a profile, front and rear view as well as the animal on the move. Ideally the videographer should be 15-20 feet away.

Videos must be uploaded at www.virtuallivestockshows.com. There is a sample video loaded at the bottom of the upload page.

When entering your animal, you will need to enter your Lake County Fair issued ear tag number as the animal ID.

Entry deadline for Swine Division is 11:59 pm on April 15, 2020.

Classes breakdowns will be by weight and by 4H and FFA. This weight will be based on the animal's weight at the mandatory weigh in on April 4, 2020.

All entries will be evaluated by a 3-judge panel. The panel will consist of an "A" judge, "B" judge and a referee. The judges will send their cards back to a central location to be averaged and classes placed accordingly. The placing will be based on the average placing of Judge "A" and "B". The referee placings will only be used to break a tie. Once classes are placed, results will be sent back to all judges to place Champions. The same process will be used to place class winners will be used for final placings for Champions.

There will be no premium money given for this division, but the following awards will be presented:

4H/FFA Class Champions – Plaque and Rosette

4H/FFA Grand and Reserve Champions – Trophy and Rosette

Grand Champion of Show – Buckle and Rosette

Reserve Grand Champion of Show – Trophy and Rosette

Outstanding Lake County Swine – Plaque

MARKET ANIMAL SALE

The sale of the market animals (Steer, Swine, Wether, Layer Pen) will be conducted via an online auction platform. Participation in the sale is not required, however, to be eligible to participate entries must have been entered by the original entry date for the Lake County Fair. Steers, Swine, and Market Wethers must have been weighed in on April 4, 2020.

Submittal of a record book or participation in a show is not required.

The dates for the online sale are April 16 and 17, 2020.

Show Cattle Connection will be conducting the online auction for the Lake County Fair. They are hosting the online platform and conducting the sale only. All buyers will pay the Lake County Fair for the purchase. The traditional commission of 6% charged by the Lake County Fair will be reduced to 3% for this sale.

Additional sale information will be provided at the weigh in on April 4, 2020. This information will include items such as information for submitting photos of your animal, link to the sale, etc.

Animals will be sold by the head not the pound as we traditionally do. We will be providing a weight for the animal based on the weight the animal was at the mandatory weigh in on April 4, 2020.

Animals are to be delivered to the fairgrounds on April 18th, 2020 between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm. Processors will pick animals up at 5:30 pm.

It is requested during the drop off that everyone remain in their vehicle. Once backed into the chute, fair personnel will unload the animals.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why are record books not required to be turned in to participate in the show or sale?

When the fair was originally cancelled, we did not know what options would be available for a show or sale. Record books were suspended until premium money for record books was donated. At that time entry deadline was extended for those that wanted to participate. The deadline had passed before we knew a show and sale were options.

What if I have already sold my animal?

Even though the fair asked to be given until April 1, 2020 to have a solution for our market animal sale, we realize some exhibitors sold their animals. If the exhibitor still has access to their animal, as long as it can be weighed in on April 4, 2020, that animal can be entered in the virtual show.

If I choose to put my animal in the online sale and I do not like the price bid for my animal, can I choose at that point not to sell it?

No, just like at the fair, once it is entered in the sale, all sales are final.

How does virtual judging work? It seems like too many variables to be fair.

There are a lot of variables in judging animals from pictures and video, but the Fair Board feels this is a better option than no show at all. If you choose to enter the virtual show, do your best with your pictures and videos. Take your time to make sure your animal is set up correctly. Ensure the lighting is good. Be aware of what is in the background. Most importantly make sure your animal is clean and properly groomed.

The rabbits, chickens and dairy goats will be judged from pictures by a single judge. This is how our judges that we had lined up for our fair wanted to do it. The meat goats, beef breeding, steers and swine will be judged by a panel of 3 judges. We do not know who the judges are, but we do know they are all qualified livestock judges that have set this up for multiple fairs that had to be cancelled like ours.

There will be an "A" and a "B" judge along with a referee judge. The cards from A and B will be averaged to determine final placings. The referee card will be used to break a tie.

How do we make sure buyers know about the online sale?

Once the sale is set up, we will be provided a link to give to potential buyers. This link will be distributed to previous years buyers by the fair. The link will also be distributed to exhibitors to give to potential buyers as well as advertised on our social media outlets.

Will the online sale buyers be able to take advantage of the tax break for charitable contributions?

All buyers in the online sale will make payment to The Lake County Fair. We are a 501c3 organization. It will be up to the buyer to determine whether or not they can deduct a charitable contribution on their taxes.

I sold my animal privately. Can I get something from the fair to give my buyer?

Unfortunately, no. If the buyer did not make payment to the Lake County Fair, we can not provide any type of receipt.

If we are weighing animals in on April 4, 2020, why are animals selling by the head and not by the pound?

2 weeks is too long of a timeframe for a weight to still be accurate. Because of this we will be selling animals by the head and listing a "last known weight".

Can my buyer pick my animal up from me or can I take my animal to the processor for my buyer?

No. All animals sold in the sale will go to a designated processor. All animals must be delivered to the fairgrounds on April 18, 2020. The processors will pick up the animals from the fairgrounds and take them to their processing facility.

How will buy backs be handled?

Buy backs information will be listed on the sale website with information about our sale. Due to market price fluctuation, the buy back price may not be set until the day before the sale.

What if someone wants to give me an add on for my animal?

As always, we would encourage add-ons to be paid directly to the exhibitor. Add-ons will be accepted in the fair office but as normal, the fair will deduct the reduced rate commission of 3%.