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**MEMORANDUM**

July 22, 2019

ATTN: ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

Livestock exhibitors and their livestock are very important to us and an integral part of the New Mexico State Fair. However, livestock can be a source of substances that cause exhibitors and guests to become ill. Our goal at the New Mexico State Fair is to create and maintain an environment where livestock, exhibitors and visitors to the fair can co-exist in a safe and pleasurable place. The New Mexico State Fair has recently placed a strong emphasis on preventing animal diseases and pathogen control for harmful bacteria like Salmonella and E. coli. We have recently completed comprehensive assessments of our grounds and we are implementing comprehensive protocols to minimize the risk of disease transmission from animals to humans.

**BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

As an exhibitor we need you to be **ROLE MODELS** to visitors and others at the fair. This includes your ongoing efforts to manage animal waste, properly store waste management equipment (shovels, pitchforks, and wheelbarrows) away from visitors, and avoid drinking and eating in the barns.

Please notify the Livestock Office if you see any signs of illness in animals around you, and if any of your animals are showing signs of illness prior to fair, please leave them home. By doing your part to reduce the spread of pathogenic bacteria and/or the transmission of diseases at the fair we can continue to host animal events like the New Mexico State Fair long into the future.

Additionally, Expo New Mexico has remained on standby status since the announcement that families seeking asylum in the United States could be temporarily housed in the Youth Hall dorms. To date, Expo's facilities have not been called to action and the Youth Hall dorms have not been occupied by any asylum seekers passing through the Albuquerque area. The determination was made early on that Expo would not be available beginning July 20, 2019 and through September so that we may prepare for and execute the New Mexico State Fair.

In the weeks leading up to the fair we will make a thorough assessment of the facilities, make necessary repairs, address imminent safety concerns and thoroughly clean all sleeping, eating, bathroom and showering facilities in the dorms and the Youth Hall. As always, we are committed to providing safe and adequate accommodation quarters for the kids and families that utilize the dorms during the fair.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at [Beverly.zastrow@state.nm.us](mailto:Beverly.zastrow@state.nm.us)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Beverly".

Beverly Zastrow  
Livestock Manager