



## State of California 40<sup>th</sup> DAA – Yolo County Fair

Dear FFA Advisors & FFA Exhibitors:

It is with a heavy heart that after many meetings and much discussion the Board of Directors and Staff made the very difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Yolo County Fair. This decision was not made lightly. The health and safety of our community is our top priority. This is a big disappointment to our Fair Staff, Board of Directors, Vendors, Volunteers, Local Organizations, Concessionaires, Exhibitors, Carnival Staff and the community but it is the right decision. Planning for Fair takes months to produce this high-quality event. Due to the uncertainty of when restrictions for large public gatherings will be lifted, we are not able to make plans for the caliber of Fair everyone expects. We wish everyone good health in the coming days. When we can safely open the fairgrounds to the public, we will continue with our tradition to schedule the events you enjoy and love – including the 2021 Yolo County Fair “Wheel Be Llamazing”.

For those FFA Students who have entered their Beef Project animals we are closely working with the Rotary Club of Woodland Auction Committee & Farm Credit West to come up with a solution to either hold a virtual auction or arrange for an auction of some kind that allows you to sell your project animals should you choose to do so. At this moment we are asking you to keep fighting the good fight and keep raising those Project Beef, but we totally understand with this news if you choose to sell privately or sell early as well.

For all other Livestock entries since we are cancelling the fair prior to the 60- and 30-day ownerships for all species and we had previously talked about holding off on purchasing those species the Auction group will not be responsible for auctioning those off. We do know there are kids out there that have their animals and so we would suggest that they find private buyers for those animals.

As we move forward in the days ahead, we will keep you abreast of all news we have on the sale and we ask that you do the same. If you have a Market Beef project that falls ill, gets hurt or you know for sure the student and their family are not going to want to auction it off please let us know. As it is, we had a total entry of 14 steers to begin with and of those 2 were from the same exhibitor, so right now we are looking at auctioning off 13 Market Beef Projects in August.

Sincerely The 40<sup>th</sup> DAA – Yolo County Fair Staff & Board of Directors

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