



Dear 2020 Exhibitors and Participants,

It is with great sadness we inform you that the 2020 Youth Fair of Rockwall has been **cancelled** due to restrictions currently in place to stem the transmission of the COVID-19 Coronavirus outbreak. Multiple potential options to salvage this year's show were discussed at length by the YFOR Board. However, in light of the current situation, no suitable options were found. In an effort to answer your many questions moving forward we have addressed many items below. Please read this information thoroughly as time-sensitive action is required by all livestock exhibitors. Should you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your ag teacher, the county extension office or any of the YFOR board members. Contact information for people and action items listed below can be found at the bottom of this letter. Thank you in advance for your help and understanding in the days and weeks to come.

Entry Fees - All entry fees will be returned. Date to be determined.

5% Premium – For 2020 only, the YFOR Board of Directors has waived the 5% premium usually withheld from exhibitors' earnings for operating expenses in an effort return as much money as possible to the exhibitors.

Livestock Disposition Form – Attached to this letter is the disposition form **REQUIRED to be signed and returned by ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS BY MARCH 26th**. Failure to complete and return this form will forfeit a livestock exhibitor's entitlement to any and all pool money collected. Forms may be filled out and returned via email or placed in the drop box **OUTSIDE** the county extension office. Please **DO NOT** mail forms to the Youth Fair PO Box.

Raffle Tickets – Please return all unused raffle tickets to the drop box outside the County Extension Office or mail them back to the Rockwall Youth Fair. If tickets have been previously sold, please make every effort to return the money to the purchaser as there will NOT be a raffle this year. Should purchasers not desire their funds to be returned, please forward funds AND ticket stubs to the Youth Fair via the listed means and purchasers will be entered in NEXT YEAR'S raffle.

Market Animals – In order to be eligible for pool money, exhibitors **MUST** continue to care for their animals (feed, water, clean stalls, etc. as required for show) until the time of disposition on April 4th. Failure to continue to provide care for animals will result not only in forfeiture of funds, but will remove exhibitor from good standing and jeopardize one's ability to participate in the 2021 Youth Fair of Rockwall or beyond. Such disciplinary actions will be determined by the YFOR Board of Directors.

Buyers – Please encourage your prospective buyers to continue to participate this year by donating funds to the Youth Fair of Rockwall. Funds will be received per usual in that they may be earmarked for exhibitors directly (add-on donations) or given to the general pool to be split among exhibitors. Letters for tax purposes will also continue to be provided for all contributions.

Scholarships – The YFOR will continue to provide scholarships for 2020 graduating seniors. All interested parties should submit applications via ag teachers or extension agent by **APRIL 17th**.

Animal Processing - Because there is no physical show this year, an exhibitor is NOT required to relinquish their animal to the Youth Fair. Hence, in addition to the traditional disposition means of selling animals to the floor buyer (all species) or having them processed through Columbia (steers and hogs only), animals may also be kept/turned out to pasture, sold to individuals/given away, privately

processed, etc. If animals are sold to an individual and the purchaser desires to sell the animal to the floor buyer, the exhibitor WILL receive the funds from the animal's sale to the floor buyer. Please note that sale of animals directly to an individual will NOT constitute a tax deductible purchase and letters will NOT be provided by the Youth Fair for those situations UNLESS the individual pays Youth Fair of Rockwall for the purchase not the exhibitor. In this circumstance, they will use the form on the buyer letter above and designate the payment as an add-on for the exhibitor. All monies must be paid to the Youth Fair of Rockwall in order for tax deductible status. Reminder, if the purchaser buys an animal for the purpose of processing, they are responsible for the processing fee.

Animal Removal – ALL animals must be removed from the barn NO LATER than April 4th. Animals being sold to the floor buyer or being processed through Columbia must be fed and all exhibitors off premises no later than 9:00AM April 4th. Exhibitors may NOT return to begin barn cleaning until April 5th.

Barn Cleaning – Ag teachers and Extension Agent will coordinate a barn cleaning schedule in order to vacate the barn in a method that complies with current recommendations of non-congregation. Please look for lists to be posted in the barn soon while continued animal care is required. Also, please note that failure to clean stall as required after animals have been removed from the premises will forfeit exhibitor's eligibility for pool funds and remove them from good standing with the YFOR. As with cases of negligence in animal care, any disciplinary action in regards to future YFOR shows is to be determined by the YFOR Board of Directors.

We realize this is a frustrating end to the 2020 livestock show season after many months of hard work and financial investment by our exhibitors and families. Our goal is to help offset the costs associated with our exhibitor's projects as much as possible. Unfortunately, we will not know what that looks like until all donations are collected/processed and therefore cannot offer you any additional financial information at this time. Please know that we will be in contact with you and make every effort to get available funds into your hands as quickly as possible. We appreciate your patience, understanding, and grace as we work through these uncharted waters in our lives as individuals and a Board. Please don't hesitate to reach out should you have questions that we have not answered. Stay safe, stay healthy, and we look forward to seeing you all back again for the Youth Fair of Rockwall in 2021!

Sincerely,

Your YFOR Board of Directors

County Extension Office Drop Box
(for Raffle Tickets & Disposition Forms)

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Rockwall, TX 75087

YFOR Mailing Address
(for Raffle Tickets only)

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