



2020 Tulare County Fair

Sheep, Goat, Hog & Beef

First off, I want to thank everyone for their patience as we have worked through this year's livestock plan. This has been extremely difficult and challenging on you, the exhibitors. After consulting with CDFA and Tulare County Public Health this is the final plan that has been modified for the 2020 Tulare County Fair to limit the exposure to all involved and keep everyone safe. No matter what our personal opinions on this matter might be, know we have come together to provide you with the best plan possible to grade and sell your livestock that you have raised to sell for the immediate food chain and your community.

- All JLA animals will be weighed and graded at the Tulare County Fairgrounds.
- Each exhibitor is allowed one adult to accompany them the day their animal(s) are to be graded. **You will not exit your vehicle, unless asked.** Your animals will be unloaded by the livestock committee weighed, deemed market ready/not market ready or market acceptable, not market acceptable and tagged. Loaded back on your vehicle for you to take home until the day of the auction.
- An Over All Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion will be selected from each species, no breed champions or 4-H or FFA Champions will be awarded.
- One JLA animal is to be chosen to be graded. If you have entered multiple species or multiple animals, select one to go through the grading process and only one.
- If your animal does not meet the weight requirements or is deemed not market ready or not market acceptable you will not be eligible for Saturday's sale.
- No uniform required during the grading process at the fairgrounds.
- Exhibitors will need to be in full uniform to sell their animal at Visalia Livestock Market.
- All livestock exhibitors are to enter through gate 11 you will be directed to gate 8.5 by the Sheriff's Department where you will go through a mandatory health screening. Each exhibitor will be checked off the exhibitor list prior to health screening. If you are not an exhibitor or adult accompanying an exhibitor, you may not enter the fairgrounds. If you are found in violation of this rule you will be guided off the fairgrounds and not allowed to go through the grading process. Once everyone has passed the health inspection you will be guided to the animal weigh and grading location area. If one person in the vehicle fails, the health screening the entire vehicle/trailer including the animals exit the premises back out onto O Street and does not enter the fairgrounds.
- Steers, sheep & goats your animal must be haltered upon arrival.
- After the weighing and grading process takes place you will take your animal home until the auction on Saturday, September 19th. If your animal miraculously loses its fair tag you are automatically disqualified from the sale there are no exceptions to this rule.
- Visalia Livestock Market is holding a special auction Saturday, September 19th, starting at 10am. Please check the schedule so you know when to arrive at the sales yard.
- **Hog Exhibitors-** your animals will remain on the grounds Friday night you will need to bring feed, waterer and shavings for Friday evening and Saturday morning. You will show back up at the fairgrounds Saturday morning at 8am, where you will re-enter through gate 11 and go back through the health inspection, feed your animal and be given your sale order number. The sale of your animal will be live streamed from the fairgrounds to the auction yard. Once you have sold you will go home. The committee will process the sale of your animal and take care of its disposition requirements per the buyer's instructions. Loading out your animals on the fairgrounds is easier than at the sales yard and to transport them back and forth is stressful on the animal.
- **When the sale order is complete Jennifer, will send an email blast out to the exhibitors and advisors, with the sale order attached, so please check your email Friday evening. The fair office**

does not have access to the livestock program, so calling for your sale order number will not make this process any faster.

- **Beef, Goats, & Sheep Exhibitors**- At the sales yard only one adult may accompany the exhibitor and no tack is allowed or is to be unloaded. Check the schedule for when you are to arrive and sell your animal. When you arrive, you will be greeted and told where to tie as you will tie in the order that you are to enter the sale ring. You will walk your animal through the sale barn when your lot is sold.
- All exhibitors are required to wear face coverings unless outside and able to maintain 6 feet social distance.
- Tulare County Fair is doing everything possible to get your animals sold in a live and online auction format. Thanks to the Visalia Livestock Market for hosting a special auction September 19th for you to sell the essential product you produced for the immediate food chain and your community.
- **You will not have contact with your buyer directly after the auction this year do to social distancing requirements.** When your lot is sold you will walk your animal through the sales ring, your animal will be sold, and you will then need to leave the premises. After you have sold your animal it will be marked, custom, resale, or live pickup and the fair & JLA committee will handle the processing of your animal.
- If you wish to deliver a buyer thank you, you will need to do that at a later date, which we definitely encourage you to do, but do to social distancing we cannot allow you back in the sale barn once you have sold your animal. This will be explained to the buyers and they will understand.
- **Parents you will be able to enter the sale barn when it is your child's turn to sell and you will need to exit when your child is done selling. Please realize we are doing our best to accommodate everyone and we are also trying to socially distance everyone and keep everyone safe.**
- **After the Auction**- You will receive a seller's statement in the mail with the name and address of your buyer(s) and all those that supported you with add-ons in the 2020 Tulare County Fair Junior Livestock Auction. You will need to deliver thank you cards, addressed and stamped to the Tulare County Fair office to receive your auction checks. Once all thank you cards have been marked off the list you will receive your check.
- Checks will be available starting Monday, October 5, 2020
- **Please realize we have jumped through hoops to make this possible for you in 2020 and we will not tolerate any rules to be broken. If we find you in violation of any rules you will not be eligible for the 2021 Tulare County Fair and there will be no exceptions to this rule.**
- If you have a buyer and choose not to participate in the grading process and wish to pull your animal from the sale email jmason@tcfair.org and scratch your entry.
- If you do not show up during the allotted time the specific species is being weighed, graded and tagged you will be automatically be scratched, so don't be late as gates close we only have a certain amount of hours to accomplish the grading process.

Grading Schedule-

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Sheep & Goats

7am-10am Market Lamb & Market Goat Weigh-in, Grading & Tagging

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Market Steers (Weigh-in, Grading & Tagging) & Beef Replacement Heifers (Vet Check & Neck Rope)

7am-10am Market Steer Weigh-in & Grading

Friday, September 18, 2020

Market Hogs -

5pm-8pm Market Hog Weigh-in, Grading & Tagging

Visalia Livestock Market

Saturday- 10am Sale Starts (please do not show up prior to your allotted time and do not be late)

Order of Sale

10:00am- Market Hog (Video Sale)

11:30am- Bred Beef Replacement Heifers

11:30am- Market Steers

12:30pm- Market Goats

12:30pm- Market Lambs

All Supreme Champions & Reserve Supreme Champions will sell first within their species and all other lot numbers will be assigned randomly.