



2020 Umatilla County Fair Event Modification Update

7/30/20

The Fair Board voted Tuesday night to revise their original plan for the modified 2020 UCF Youth Livestock Show and Auction. There have been valid and informed concerns that our Governor is likely to send us back to the Phase 1 pandemic stage soon as she evaluates Oregon's COVID weekly test results. If this were to happen, state 4-H and FFA guidelines would require them to withdraw from any onsite activities. With our event approaching quickly and based on that information, the Fair Board decided that in order for the smoothest transition should that happen, they would eliminate the requirement for the market livestock exhibitors to enter the fairgrounds to sell their animals.

The animals will be dropped off at the fairgrounds per a revised schedule that will be posted later this week. Fair Board and Sale Committee volunteers will weigh the animals in, sort them, tie them and/or pen them and assist the judge with his/her live evaluations.

The judge's confirmation notes will be recorded in order to provide each participant with that valuable feedback. Animals will be weighed in, judged live for confirmation and sent offsite to feed lots on the same day, until after the auction when they will be sorted and hauled to their destinations.

4-H will set up a link for their participants to send in their own showmanship videos that will be judged virtually. 4-H has also elected to go full virtual with their static, dairy and breeding stock projects as well.

FFA participants will have the option to send their videos to a link provided by the Fair office, for showmanship evaluations to be made after the event. FFA showmanship will not be scored by the Umatilla County Fair and is purely an opportunity for kids to obtain tips and feedback from a judge after the event.

Upon weigh in, ALL animals will have photos taken in front of a UCF backdrop to be displayed during the auction on Aug. 15th. There will be an option for kids to pose with their animals if they so choose. 4-H and FFA exhibitors will not be showing their animals and are not required to enter the fairgrounds for any reason.

Buyers are still invited to participate onsite for the live auction on Aug. 15th per their request, proxy their bidding to the Fair Board and Sale Committee or join the virtual sale. Buyer and auction information will continue to be updated on the Umatilla County Fair Facebook page and website.

This plan has been developed with input from the Umatilla County Fair Youth Livestock Sale Committee, the UCF Board, the Umatilla County Commissioners, FFA, 4-H, parents, buyers, several other county fairs/shows and staff.

With this direction, we want to convey that every effort has been made by our volunteers and staff to create the safest opportunity for all participants and animals given the current "Covid climate" and to efficiently implement necessary changes.

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In March, the involved organizations began planning the 2020 UCF modified event and have adapted to many changes over the last few months and often day to day.

We thank you for your patience and understanding and hope that you follow us on Facebook to find out how to support this event and the youth of Umatilla County.

Please email fair@umatillacounty.net with any questions or call us at 541-567-6121
All information and links will be posted at umatillacountyfair.net

Thank you for helping us remain Umatilla County strong!

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