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Dear Johnson County Fair Association Executive Board,

2020 will be a year I hope we never have to repeat. COVID-19 has disrupted every facet of our lives. Never before have we planned with so much uncertainty. It has challenged us all as we work together to find the best ways to minimize the disruption to the 2020 Johnson County Fair and ensure that all who participate in the fair stay healthy and safe. We value our role in providing 4-H educational events at the fair and look forward to our partnership continuing in a back-to-normal fashion with the planning and delivery of the 2021 fair and beyond.

Attached is the plan for a modified 2020 fair, combining the Fair Board's Livestock plan, Extension's response and Extension's static project plan. The two major moves for the summer 2020 4-H portion of the fair are:

1. 4-H static projects will be offered in a modified manner for the 2020 fair season.
2. 4-H livestock projects will not be offered for the 2020 fair season, replaced by Open Class show and exhibit.

Guiding development of the modified plan were these "absolutes."

Johnson County Fair Association:

1. The 2020 Fair will be open to the public.
2. The 2020 Fair schedule of events for 4-H Livestock division cannot change.
3. Livestock animals will be on property the entire week of the Fair.

Johnson County Extension Council:

1. As a Federal, State and County funded public agency, we must follow the guidelines from CDC, State of Kansas and the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment to ensure public health and safety.
2. The 2020 guidelines put forth by the Kansas Department of Agriculture regarding livestock competitions and shows.
3. Manage risk in the 2020 fair 4-H Youth Development program component to ensure the health and safety of our K-State Research and Extension 4-H families, youth, volunteers and staff while providing showcase participation options.

Sincerely,



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Dave Rock
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2020 4-H Divisions

Johnson County Fair Association 2020 Livestock Proposal:

- a. To offer an Open Livestock show within the 2020 Johnson County Fair to mirror the current livestock schedule to give exhibitors the opportunity to show and sell their animal(s) if they so choose.
 - i. We are doing this to potentially lower the number of livestock in each species and the total number of livestock at the fair. Which would help with socially distancing and being able to separate livestock within each species within their stalls.
 - ii. The horse show will be show and go only. No stalls will be provided.

Johnson County Extension Council Response:

- Since the 2020 4-H Livestock showcase will be modified to an Open Class only Livestock show there will be no representation of the 4-H Clover in the livestock areas. The Clover will be excluded from all representation: signage, stall decorations, t-shirts etc.
- Eligibility for 4-H State Shows will be determined by one of two options:
 1. The youth has demonstrated showing at a livestock show in 2020, and provides proof to the Extension office.
 2. Submit a virtual video of your showmanship with your animal.

Johnson County Fair Association 2020 Compromises:

- a. The Executive Fair Board will plan to cancel Open class static projects to allow for additional space.

Johnson County Extension Council Response:

- Extension only needs access to the building space we have utilized in the past – Green Building and a small portion of the Grange for flowers.
- The buildings will have shortened hours in order to properly clean each night.
- July 15, 2020 will be the deadline for Fair Entries for all Static Projects in order to plan for judging and set-up of Green Building and Grange.



Johnson County Extension Council: 4-H Static Projects 2020 Plan

- 4-H divisions only.
- Drop-Off or Exhibit-and-Go (depends on department)
 - Families will drop-off projects and/or arrive for conference judging at a scheduled time.
 - Some departments may offer conference judging and others may only provide written and/or video feedback for 4-H'ers.
 - Trophies, ribbons, and special awards will be awarded.
 - Projects will be on unmonitored public display if 4-H family is comfortable to do so.
 - Most conference judging and/or project judging will take place on multiple days during the end of July Fair season, exact dates to be determined.
- Families will submit Fair entries in ShoWorks by July 15 to ensure preparations can be completed for all Static projects.
- Virtual entry option is available for exhibitors. In addition to ShoWorks submission, requests to exhibit virtually are required to be submitted to the Extension Office by July 15.
- At areas where Extension activities are present, the following social distancing protocols will be practiced:
 - The buildings utilized for 4-H judging will be organized for social distancing (tables with volunteers will be 6-ft apart, one-way traffic with floor markers, signs with COVID-19 health precautions posted, handwashing practices)
 - All 4-H'ers, immediate family members and volunteers are encouraged to wear cloth face coverings. Face coverings will be available on grounds for those without masks.
 - Social Distance between family units and exhibitors will be practiced.
 - A limit on immediate family allowed with each exhibitor may be implemented to follow crowd capacity rules.
 - Bathrooms and door handles will be disinfected every hour during the judging process.
- Work with Johnson County Extension Education Foundation for Virtual Project Auction options.
- An exhibition summary video may be created from entries submitted for a digital showcase.