

May 19, 2020

Dear Friends of Montcalm County Fair,

With great regret the Montcalm County Fair Board voted to suspend all in person fair activities for the 2020 fair.

Many factors were considered in their vote, including the health and safety of the youth and volunteers. In addition, there are currently so many restrictions put in to place by Governor Whitmer

The Montcalm County Fair Association Agricultural Committee (MCFAAC) has had a Plan "B" in the works if such a situation were to come into play. The plan is to assist all the 4-H exhibitors with selling their market animals due to the cancellation of the 2020 Montcalm County Fair.

It is the youth's responsibility to find a buyer using people they know or use the Facebook Group: Montcalm County 4-H Meats. Youth will negotiate directly with buyers a sale price and complete the buyer form after an agreement has been reached. The animals this year will also go to a processor not to resale. Three processors have been secured and graciously blocked off time for our animals beginning June 17th.

Beginning prices are being set at the following. This is the **minimum** you as a buyer should pay for an animal:

- Market steer or heifer -\$3 per pound hanging weight.
- Swine - \$600 per animal.
- Sheep - \$450 per animal
- Goats - \$250 per animal
- Market chickens - \$250 per pen
- Market ducks - \$250 per pen
- Market geese - \$300 per pen
- Market turkeys - \$300 per pen
- Market fryer rabbit \$100 per rabbit
- Market pen of rabbits - \$200 per pen

All payments for animals Including payments for carcass animals will be paid to the MCFAAC. All the processing will be paid directly to the processor. The processors this

year are: Sage's Meat (Greenville), Jones Meat Market (Saranac) and Ben's Butcher Shop (Six Lakes). The number of animals going to each processor will be adjusted after the June 10th deadline. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that you will get the processor of your choice. You will have a first and second choice option on your buyer form.

There is no option for resale of the animals this year.

Poultry processing will be paid by you the buyer and included with your invoice. The poultry will be processed by B & V Processing. The pickup of the poultry will be June 25th, 2020 at the Greenville Armory with times to be scheduled later.

Payment for your 4-H animal is due no later than **June 25th, 2020. Failure to pay for your animal keeps us from paying the 4-H youth that you are supporting.** You can mail your payment to:

MCFAAC
P.O Box 542
Greenville, MI 48838

Please make checks payable to **MCFAAC**.

If you would prefer to use a credit card, we have a Venmo account which you can pay using the Venmo app on your phone.

You can find us by searching angiewall95@yahoo.com, MCFAAC, or Angie Wall.

If you pay use a credit card there is a 3% fee if you use a debit card or bank there is no fee.

If you have any question you can contact any of the members of the Montcalm County Fair Association Agricultural Committee:

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