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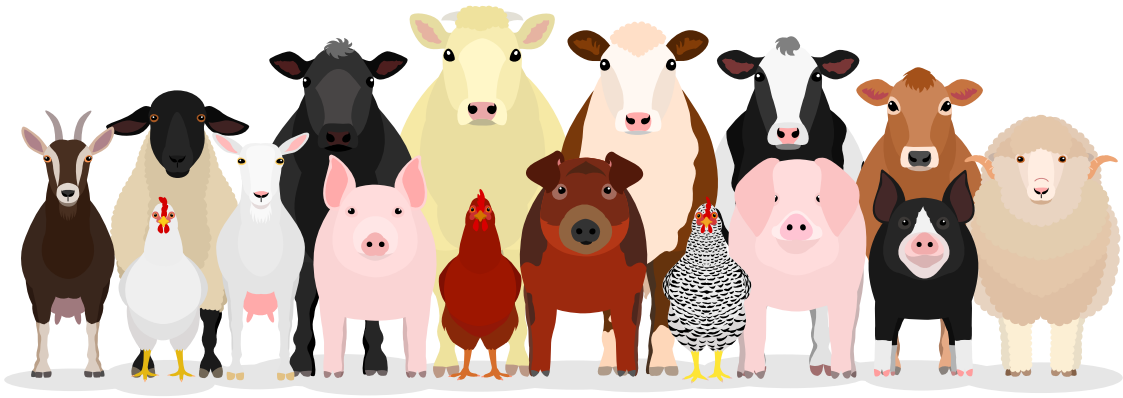


April 2020

THE QUESTION ON EVERYONE'S MIND

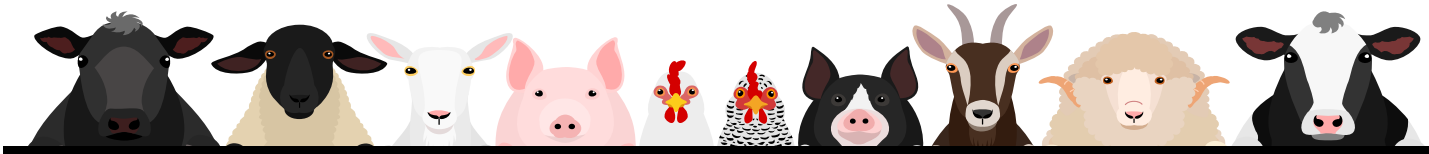
There have been many shows canceled or postponed this spring, and that has prompted many to ask what will happen this fall. Unfortunately, none of us know what the future holds so we are preparing for the State Fair just the same as any other year. However, we cannot 100% guarantee that it will happen. This is a good year to be reminded that there is always a financial risk associated with livestock projects, and each family should decide the level of risk they are comfortable with.

ENTRIES ACCEPTED STARTING AUGUST 1ST

Starting August 1st, exhibitors for the NC State Fair may fill out their entries online at the www.ncstatefair.org website. Paper entry forms will also be taken starting August 1st.

NC STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK FACEBOOK PAGE

Check out the NC State Fair Livestock Facebook page! Liking this page will enable you to stay up to date on market animal check-ins, current requirements, and activities associated with exhibiting livestock at the NC State Fair.



PERFORMANCE MARKET STEER CHANGES

This year all steers will be weighed when validated for the State Fair. The Performance Market Steer and Carcass Steer shows will be combined, and it will be an optional show. The weight at validation will be the start weight for the Performance Steer Contest. There will be an online Performance Steer Record that each exhibitor wishing to participate must fill out and submit online prior to the State Fair Market steer check-in. Final weight will be added the record after check-in. Only those steers participating in the Performance Steer Contest will be carcass ultra-sounded during check-in. The Performance Steer Record may be accessed at: https://bit.ly/34ZCeLD

SHOWING A STEER AT THE 2020 NC STATE FAIR?

2020 Junior Market Steer Validation

- Please try to send calves to validation sites with as few people as possible, preferably one per farm
- Please wait at your vehicle until instructed, please maintain social distance guidelines when out of vehicle
- **Complete online nomination prior to going to a validation site preferably no less than 48hrs. ahead of time:** https://bit.ly/2VyRyMm
- Calves that have not been nominated may not be validated. There will be no steer packets this year to print off and bring to tag-in. All information will be on nomination website
- Calves will be processed in order of arrival, so please be patient

All steers must be tagged & weighed at one of the locations below:

2020 Market Steer Tag-In Dates & Locations

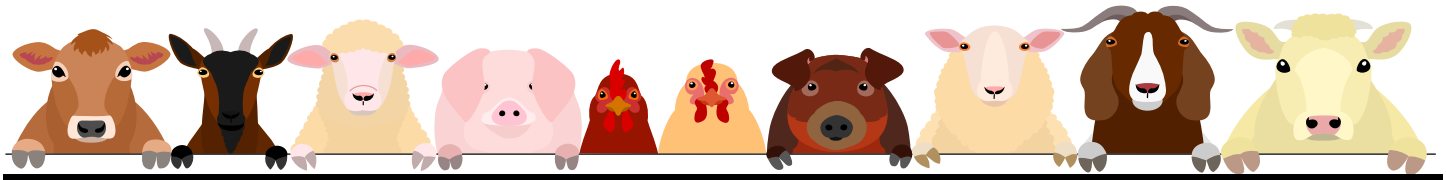
All sites will operate from 9am to 2pm

May 16th – East Carolina Agricultural & Education Center
1175 Kingsboro Rd
Rocky Mount, NC 27801

May 23rd – WNC Ag Center
1301 Fanning Bridge Rd
Fletcher, NC 28732

June 6th – South Stokes High School
1100 S Stokes High Dr
Walnut Cove, NC 27052

Completing a nomination form does not enter your animal into the State Fair. Online entry begins August 1st. Entries close September 15th.



JR. MARKET LAMB, GOAT, AND HOG TAG-INS

Jr. market lamb and jr. market goat tag-in locations and dates will be released later. They occur in July and August. Jr. market hog tag-ins will also occur in July and August on the farm.

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GOT TO BE NC LIVESTOCK TAG PROGRAM

Don't forget to visit the Got to Be NC Livestock Program Webpage for information on how to obtain your tags.
http://www.ncagr.gov/markets/livestock/nctags.htm

PREMISE IDS

Premises Registration is voluntary to exhibit livestock (beef and dairy cattle, horse, breeding swine, sheep, goats, and rabbits) and poultry at the North Carolina State Fair. Choosing to register your premises puts you on the frontline of controlling and preventing the spread of animal disease. A disease outbreak can't be predicted but it can impact every segment of animal agriculture. Participation ensures that you have the information you need, when you need it most, to protect your animals and your investment. Registering a premises involves obtaining an alpha-numeric "identifier" for the farm, ranch, veterinary clinic or other site where livestock or fowl are handled, housed, managed or processed. If an exhibitor wants more information or wishes to register for a National or State Premises ID, the exhibitor can:

1. For more information contact (919) 707-3250 or visit http://www.ncfarmid.com, or
2. Register for a National or State Premises ID by:

- Printing, completing, and submitting the form found at https://www.ncagr.gov/vet/ncfarmid/registrationform.htm

or

- By completing the request form for National Premises ID found behind the livestock entry form.