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Entries for 2021 New Mexico State Fair Livestock Shows to Open July 1

Albuquerque, NM – Entries for the New Mexico State Fair Junior Livestock Shows are scheduled to open on July 1, 2021, and will be accepted thru August 1, 2021. The 2021 New Mexico State Fair Junior Livestock Shows will be live, in-person events. New Mexico 4-H and FFA members eligible for competition are encouraged to submit their entries as soon as possible, in preparation for the shows. The New Mexico State Fair is slated to take place at EXPO New Mexico from September 9 - 19.

"The Junior Livestock Shows and Sale are a time-honored tradition at the New Mexico State Fair and we are so excited to welcome the exhibitors and their families back to the fair this year," said Fair General Manager Dan Mourning.

A week of in-person livestock shows will kick off on Saturday, September 11. The Junior Livestock Shows will run daily through Friday, September 17, culminating in the much-anticipated Junior Livestock Sale on Friday afternoon at 3:00 p.m., inside the Indoor Horse Arena.

In 2019, the Junior Livestock Sale collectively raised over \$561,000 for 4-H and FFA youth. The event helps New Mexico 4-H and FFA exhibitors raise money to put towards secondary education goals. Participants spend the better part of a year raising, feeding, grooming, and caring for their animals in preparation for the State Fair shows.

"The pandemic really took its toll on a lot of these kids," stated Mourning. "In 2020, we were able to provide a virtual space for many of them to show their animals and recoup some of the costs they had already incurred, but there really is no substitute for the excitement and energy of an in-person livestock show and auction. We're ready to see the North End of the grounds bustling with activity again."

The Premium Book for the 2021 Livestock Shows is available on the New Mexico State Fair website. Entries will be accepted from July 1 to August 1, 2021. Late entries will be accepted from August 2 to August 10. The Premium Book provides a full list of fees and deadlines.

For more information about the Junior Livestock Shows, as well as all things New Mexico State Fair, visit us at statefair.exponm.com.