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Dear Leaders, Advisor & Exhibitors,

This memo is to inform you of an important update regarding livestock exhibits at the 2025 Siskiyou Golden Fair. As of January 7, 2025, the California State Veterinarian has issued a statewide ban (until further notice) on all poultry and dairy cattle at fairs and shows due to the continued spread of H5N1 Avian Influenza (Bird Flu) among dairy herds and domestic poultry populations.

The attached memo states “until further notice” so we do not have a clear understanding of a date the ban may be lifted. We are committed to sharing this information with you as quickly as it becomes available because we understand how significantly it impacts projects. As the situation evolves, the fairgrounds will continue to communicate updates to ensure you remain informed.

This ban has been implemented to minimize the risk of exposing non-infected animals and individuals to the disease. While the ban is currently written to remain in effect until further notice, we do not yet know if it will be lifted by the time of the fair in August. We want all exhibitors to be fully aware that if the restriction remains active, poultry and dairy cattle will not be eligible for exhibition or sale at the Siskiyou Golden Fair.

We strongly encourage poultry and dairy cattle exhibitors to follow enhanced biosecurity measures to prevent disease spread, including avoiding comingling of animals, limiting equipment sharing, and monitoring animals for symptoms of illness.

The Siskiyou Golden Fair will continue to have all poultry and dairy cattle classes listed in the 2025 guide and will take entries for those projects in case the ban is lifted before the 2025 Siskiyou Golden Fair.

For any updates, please refer to the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) website or contact the CDFA Animal Health Branch at 916-217-7517.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we navigate this situation. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me directly.

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