

Santa Maria Fairpark Auction/Fair Info meeting

Re-Cap

1. Livestock Auction

- Working towards contracting out parts of the auction process. Continue with same auctioneers, if they are available and we will still need volunteers for this process.
- Working on logistics for an auction for industrial arts.
- As per 2019, exhibitors will still need to submit a “still” exhibit if they plan on entering livestock.
- Working on creating a committee made up of 1 representative each from 4-H, FFA, Grange and Independent groups that will meet with Livestock Superintendent to set and assign volunteer job duties for clubs. Please contact Rick @ r.tomasini@hotmail.com
- Working to have buyers pre-register online thru ShoWorks, similar to virtual auction pre-registration. We will have dates of when this opens to exhibitors ASAP
- *Terminal sale of ALL animals (except breeders)*
- Working on Wi-Fi for auction barn and livestock offices
- Premium book will be available online mid to end of February
- Working on the feasibility of the auction being online for out of area bidders
- Working on the different Add-On options.

2. New Breed and fed local bred program for pigs, sheep, and goats following Midstate’s model. Beef to stay the same.

3. DNA kits

- Working on exhibitors ordering their DNA kits via ShoWorks. (Order and payments will be online) They will enter their name and info, just as they do for entries, from there it will guide them to purchase the DNA Kit. Once we receive the order, the Entry Office can mail the kit to the exhibitor or set up a pick-up time (this is still in the planning stages). Exhibitors will have the option to mail kits back or drop off in a drop off box that will be located here at the Fairpark office or turn into livestock office.
- Livestock tags from Allflex, should be in next week. Our goal is to have DNA kits available the beginning of February.
- Due to the increase in prices, anticipate a slight increase in DNA kits
- **It is IMPORTANT that ALL ear tags have to matching front & back #s, no mixing**

4. Pigs - As of now, **no resale** of pigs sold at auction due to Prop 12 limitations and rules.

- All swine exhibitors need to have a buyer, if not the exhibitor may find they have to pay the processing fee and keep the meat.

5. Goats - processor will accept goats over 85 lbs.

6. Lambs- same as previous years

7. Small stock – meat turkeys, meat chickens, rabbits will be under the livestock superintendent with help from two assistants, No laying hens

8. Beef – Looking into Heifer commission

9. Livestock superintendent is still working with processors to finalize facility locations. Creston/Santa Paula/JR Meats

10. Fairpark is working on contract with the City of Santa Maria regarding camping in Adams Park along with Parking in strawberry lot.

Will let EVERYONE know when the Livestock Committee schedules a meeting