



Livestock Sale Committee
Hardin County Agricultural Society

August 23, 2020

Dear Exhibitor,

As a result of the modified Junior Fair in response to the COVID-19 pandemic all Lambs, Goats, and Hogs will be sent to the packing facility winning the highest bid- with the exception of champions. At the special fair board meeting held on Saturday, August 22nd, 2020, it was decided that it would be upheld that the hog, sheep and goat shows will be full terminal shows. Like a normal full fair, there will also be an exception made for those animals that already have appointments for custom slaughter this year. Those animals will be allowed to remain on the grounds until they can be taken **directly** to custom slaughter on Sunday, September 13th or Monday, September 14th. Animals scheduled for custom slaughter **may not return** to any location other than the custom slaughter facility.

Exhibitors of those animals are expected to care for their animals until that time and will be given an appropriate wristband to access the fairgrounds in order to make this possible. This is due to the modified schedule which will result in terminal animals being removed from the grounds the night they show. Ohio law requires that Ohio fair boards maintain a chain of custody as the animal enters the food chain.

Exhibitors of animals that will be going to a custom slaughter location must notify the sale committee of their intention to do so at the exhibitor meeting for the appropriate species in the week prior to the fair.

As a reminder, Ractopamine is a banned substance at the Hardin County Fair. If animals cannot be certified as Ractopamine-free, they must not bring that animal, or an animal that could've been exposed to ractopamine to the fair. More resources and information on the Ractopamine-Free



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Hardin County Fair can be found at
<http://hardincountyfair.org/ractopamine/>.

Please feel free to reach out to our office at 419-675-2396 or
livestock@hardincountyfair.org with questions.

Sincerely,

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Hardin County Fair