**Press Release**

**Rains County Fair Show and Sale Updates**

As most of you know, the Rains County Fair Association had to cancel the Rains County Fair due to COVID-19 concerns. However, since the children have already purchased their market animals, it is important to the Fair Association to assure they were able to show and sell their projects. Therefore, it was necessary to change the Livestock Show and Sale schedule to limit capacity for social distancing purposes.

For the safety of the youth, it has been decided to close the shows to the public. Only immediate families and youth participants are invited to attend the Show. However, during the Sale several safety measures have been implemented for the wellbeing of the kids and the buyers. We welcome all buyers to come out and support these kids. The Sale will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2020 at 10:00 am. If you are interested in purchasing an animal at the Sale, please contact the Extension Office at 903-473-4580.

Below is a detailed schedule of the events.

**DAILY SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday, September 16, 2020**

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Lambs and Goats weigh-in at Fairgrounds

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Steers weigh-in at Mike Willis’ Farm

**Thursday, September 17, 2020**

 8:00 a.m. Lamb and Goat Show

 8:00 a.m. Steers arrive and show following Lambs and Goats

 9:00 a.m. Dairy Heifers arrive and show following Steers

 9:00 a.m. Breeding Beef arrive and show following Dairy Heifers

***\*after show\* \* Lambs, Goats, Steers, Breeding Beef, and Dairy Heifers must leave Fairgrounds.***

12:00 – 4:00 p.m. Pigs arrive and set-up

 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Pigs weigh-in

**Friday, September 18, 2020**

 8:00 a.m. Pig Show

**Saturday, September 19, 2020**

 10:00 a.m. Lambs and Goats return to Fairgrounds

10:00 a.m. Livestock Sale (Steers, Lambs, Goats, Pigs)

The Rains Fair Association would like to thank the community for the support that they have shown during these trying times. This has been such a difficult decision because the Fair is loved by so many. In the end, our goal is to assure that the youth of Rains County still have to opportunity to not only show but sell their animals.