

What's Happening With The 2022 Fair?

Sep. 23 VCF Executive Committee Meeting

- Instead of naming 2022 Fair date recommendations, CEO Barbara Quaid asked for a policy change that will allow her to change the Fair dates (to months outside of July/August) & length of the fair (currently: 12 days).
- Despite overwhelming public opposition, Directors Leslie Cornejo, Leah Lacayo, and Dan Long unanimously voted to take the policy change to the Sep. 28 Board Meeting.

Sep. 28 Board of Directors Meeting

- CEO Barbara Quaid confirms her request for a policy change that allows her to change the length & date of the Fair to months outside of July/August
- After lengthy public comments in disagreement with this policy change, the Directors agree to table the discussion until the Oct. 26 Board of Directors Meeting



How Does The Public Feel About These Possible Changes?

Following the Sep. 23 and Sep. 28 meetings, public concerns include:

- Concern that Barbara Quaid will again ask to change the dates & length of the 2022 Fair at the Oct. 26 Board of Directors Meeting
- Concern that Barbara Quaid will remove the Livestock Department (our Ag kids!) from the 2022 Fair Week, having the market shows, showmanship, and Junior Livestock Auction take place as their own, separate events on another date
- Frustration that Barbara Quaid has said she has 2022 Fair dates in mind but won't say for fear of "public upheaval," causing a delay in planning for a 2022 Fair



What Happens When You Change The Fair Week Dates?

- Most Ag kids will not be able to participate, as it will require missing a week of school
- Kids have already missed 18+ months of school due to the pandemic; A week-long absence will not be "excused"
- Ag kids who are in their last year of 4-H or FFA will not be able to participate, having already left for college
- Local breeders will be out considerable investments, as all animals destined for the 2022 Fair have already been bred for a July/August Fair date
- If they can afford it, our Ag kids will then have to buy their animals elsewhere, paying considerably more for their animal and its transport here

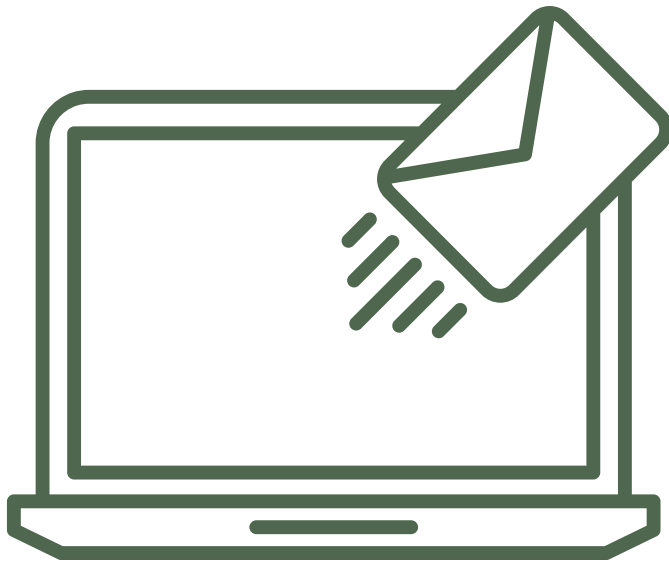


What Happens When You Remove Livestock From The Fair?

- No animals onsite for fairgoers to enjoy
- Ag kids will miss the opportunity to educate the public on raising animals
- Ag kids won't have an audience for their market and showmanship shows
- Local 4-H, FFA, and Grange leaders can't meet and educate the public to grow their clubs/chapters
- The annual Junior Livestock Auction would not take place during the Fair Week
- The 31st Agricultural District Board will be removing an important part of the Agriculture from the Fair
- It would mark the end of a 146+ year tradition



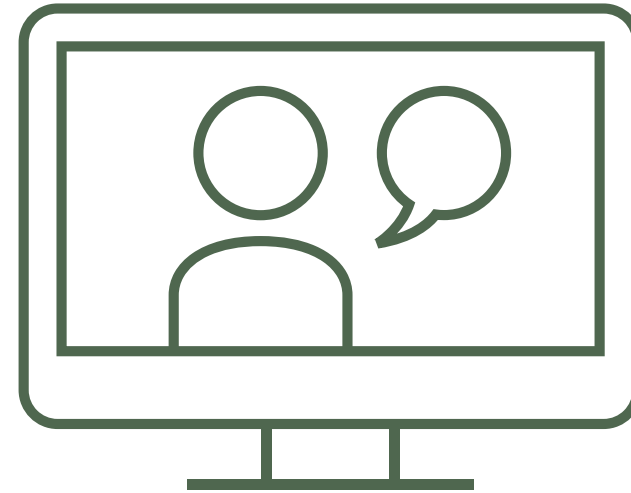
How Can I Advocate For Our Ag Kids?



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DIAL-IN OCT. 26

Dial-in (Zoom) information will be provided prior to Oct. 26.

Please make a public comment on the 2022 Fair Dates agenda item

TELL THE FAIR BOARD:



We want to keep our July/August Fair dates!



We want the Livestock Dept. to remain a part of the annual Fair Week!

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