

To Our Fair Family and Friends,

Over the years we have been presented with many challenges and have always pulled together to overcome each obstacle and celebrate each success. This year may present our biggest challenge yet. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected all our lives. Each day brings a new situation with new questions and very few answers.

The Fair Board is moving forward with plans for the 2020 Van Buren Youth Fair. We look to our leaders on the Federal and State levels for guidance and direction. Currently there are many restrictions on our normal lives at work, home and socially. We will make decisions concerning activities and functions at the Van Buren Fairgrounds based on the most current information available. Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-21 (COVID-19) is in effect until April 30, 2020. The following activities have been postponed:

1. Winter Storage Takeout (April 4, 2020) - We will reschedule this activity as soon as the State Executive Order has been lifted. The tentative date is Saturday, May 2, 2020.
2. Rate of Gain – Weigh-in for Feeder Calves, Sheep and Swine scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. We are discussing a new date and will announce the date as soon as possible.
3. The May 1<sup>st</sup> project tagging and forms deadline has been extended to Monday, May 11, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. We will be accepting forms as follows:
  - a. At the Fairgrounds - A drop box will be provided at the “Main Gate Ticket Booth”.
  - b. By mail – Must be received by May 11, 2020. Address for mailing is Van Buren Youth Fair, P.O. Box 271, Hartford, MI 49057.
  - c. By email – Email address is ([vanburenyouthfair@gmail.com](mailto:vanburenyouthfair@gmail.com)).

Please be patient as we continue to plan the 2020 Fair and to navigate these very difficult and challenging times.

Everyone please continue working hard on your projects. We are looking forward to a wonderful 2020 Fair.

Sincerely,

Van Buren Youth Fair Board of Directors