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## **2020 Northeast Florida Fair Cancellation**

(For Immediate Release)

The Northeast Florida Fair Board of Directors has unanimously voted to cancel the 73rd annual Northeast Florida Fair that was to be held October 8-18, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The directors of the fair did not make this decision in haste. The public health safety and financial aspects of hosting the fair during this time of a pandemic have been thoroughly discussed.

Information was obtained from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Nassau County Health Department. After reviewing the guidelines and regulations set forth by the CDC, the directors determined it would be nearly impossible to adhere to the social distancing protocols required to provide the necessary safe environment for attendees and animals.

The financial ramifications of hosting a reduced capacity Fair would be too great. The potential loss of revenue could challenge the fair's current sound financial standing and jeopardize the prospect of having a fair in the future.

This year, the Northeast Florida Fair will provide a modified plan for the annual Youth Market Sale. Because of the expense of raising a market animal, 4-H and FFA youth who weighed in market animals, in July, will be allowed to sell them with assistance from the fair association. Our youth invest their time, funds, and skills to raise market animals to sell at the annual fair and we acknowledge their hard work and determination to complete their project.

The Northeast Florida Fair Association is looking forward to welcoming guests back when it is safe for us to continue to host our most treasured tradition. The 2021 Northeast Florida Fair is scheduled for October 14-24.

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