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Western Idaho Fair

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Western Idaho Fair Canceled for 2020

*4-H and FFA youth exhibits, competitions and sales will continue
to be held at Expo Idaho this August*

GARDEN CITY, ID (June 16, 2020) — Today, Western Idaho Fair announced the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Western Idaho Fair after reviewing many possible scenarios and receiving advice from Western Idaho Fair's Advisory Board and Ada County officials. Western Idaho Fair will be continuing the 4-H and FFA youth exhibits, competitions and sales in 2020. This silver lining will allow all youth participants in those programs to complete their projects and sell their animals as planned. These competitions are the heritage and roots of Western Idaho Fair and all agreed it was important to keep this part of the Fair intact for 2020. The 4-H and FFA Show & Sales will take place in August at Expo Idaho.

Over the last few months, the Western Idaho Fair staff have been brainstorming and discussing how to bring fairgoers a 2020 Western Idaho Fair while maintaining the health and safety of the community without compromising the integrity of the Fair. The Fair received advice and recommendations from local and state health officials and considered many possible scenarios. The need for continued social distancing made the scenarios difficult to accomplish without significantly compromising the Fair experience and long-term fiscal viability. To learn more about the decision, the Western Idaho Fair has developed an FAQ that can be found here: <https://idahofair.com/faq>.

Western Idaho Fair is the largest event in the State of Idaho with about 250,000 people onsite each year. The Fair is comprised of a complex network of businesses, organizations, and people. Dozens of entertainers, hundreds of businesses and organizations, thousands of exhibitors, and thousands of employees make the Fair come to life the third Friday of August each year.

The Western Idaho Fair staff are working on ideas for smaller events in 2020 that can utilize the benefit of space that Expo Idaho's facilities provide. More information on events planned will be found at expoidaho.com in the coming weeks.

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About the Western Idaho Fair

Since 1897, the Western Idaho Fair has been celebrating agriculture, entertainment, and life in the state of Idaho. Western Idaho Fair is the largest event in the State with over 250,000 in attendance each August. The Fair is produced by Expo Idaho (expoidaho.com), the Treasure Valley's largest events venue. The Fair and Expo Idaho are self-funded, receiving no taxpayer dollars to conduct operations.