



**For Immediate Release  
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## **2020 Lenawee County Fair Cancelled**

**Adrian, MI— May 8, 2020** — At a special meeting of the Lenawee Agriculture Society board meeting held on May 7, 2020, the board regrettably voted to cancel the 2020 Lenawee County Fair. As previously communicated, the board's decision was guided by three principals: 1. To Protect the health and safety of all stakeholders, exhibitors, attenders, and merchants and vendors. 2. Continue the long tradition of the Lenawee County Fair including open class exhibits, 4-H and FFA, and 3. Keep the Lenawee County Fair fiscally strong.

Given the current health crisis and the Governor's release of the MI Safe Start Plan, the board determined that we could not accomplish the above goals. The board will support the MSU extension office and 4-H with the costs associated with virtual exhibits and animals shows. The board has formed a committee to work with 4-H to determine how the Ag Society can best support their efforts.

"Our hearts are broken for the 4-H exhibitors who have already spent many hours preparing and planning their projects and caring for their livestock," says Mark Ruttkofsky board President. Adding, "the health and safety of these kids, their families, and our fair attenders were at the foundation of our decision."

Additionally, the Ag Society will work to host a virtual fair that includes hosting a virtual Queen Pageant. The board will also showcase and celebrate 4-H seniors on our website and social media channels with more fun to come.

Work has begun on the 2021 Lenawee County Fair that is scheduled to be held on July 25 through July 31, 2021. The Ag Society looks forward to continuing our long tradition of hosting family fun that celebrates the rich history and tradition of our agricultural community.

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