



## **Beyer-Modesto FFA**

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Dear Parents and Students,

Modesto City Schools and the Beyer High School Ag Teachers along with our Administration Team are working to continue minimizing disruptions to your school year. At this time, we are looking at addressing potential disruptions to student FFA projects for the Stanislaus County Fair due to the recent school closure dates. The Beyer Ag Department will continue to support student endeavors to participate in animal projects in conjunction with informing students and parents of the following:

- Ag Teachers may be limited to work remotely to encourage safety and social distancing.
- Purchasing animals: this is a decision that should be weighed carefully by students and parents. We are NOT restricting the purchase of FFA project animals. HOWEVER, it is imperative that students and parents know that the closures MAY be extended beyond April 5<sup>th</sup> 2020. Additionally, there's no guarantee that the County Fair will proceed as scheduled. Messaging: Continuing animal projects at your own financial risk.
- If you decide to not continue any animal projects, there are no refunds.
- Caring for Animals: Ag teachers will be establishing a schedule for the work that must be done to care of project animals. The schedule will be designed so that students will NOT be allowed to congregate and "hang-out". This means you may need to take care of other people's animals for your scheduled time. This would include feeding and cleaning of all pens.
- The District may choose to close all access to the school farm in its entirety. This would mean you will need to remove your animal from the premises to ensure care. Sale of the animal at this time will be an option.

We are in unprecedented times, thank you for your patience and understanding as we move forward, day by day and minute by minute. Please contact your FFA advisor if you have additional questions or concerns.

Thank You,

Beyer Agriculture Department

### **The FFA Mission**

*FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.*