



Update to Sale Organizers Regarding COVID-19

Livestock Sale Organizers:

We have received several calls from livestock markets and seedstock producers who have production sales in the very near future regarding whether they are allowed to have sales. People are looking for advice and we are trying our best to be a source of information for all of you.

In accordance with CDC recommendations, Governor Mike Parson has strongly urged the cancellation or suspension of public gatherings of 50 or more people. With that said, commerce cannot come to a complete halt and your livelihoods are on the line. For seedstock producers, moving the sale date is nearly impossible. This virus isn't going to change the calving season and cattlemen still need bulls. The Governor also understands this.

At this time, there is no mandate or executive order so producers and markets may continue to hold livestock sales as scheduled. MCA strongly recommends organizers to encourage customers to use online or phone bidding options whenever possible, especially for out-of-state buyers, those over 60 years of age or who have compromised immune systems and buyers who are feeling sick. If you are not currently offering these alternative options, we strongly encourage you to consider doing so.

MCA staff will continue to monitor this constantly changing situation and provide updates and information as it becomes available. If you need anything at all, please call the office at 573-499-9162.

Sincerely,

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