

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD & AGRICULTURE Karen Ross, Secretary

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TO: All Fair CEO's

SUBJECT: 2018 Livestock Symposium/Judges Conference

The 2018 Livestock Symposium/Judges Conference will take place on March 26-27 in Fresno at the Fresno State University and Piccadilly Inn Airport Event Center.

The conference programming has been developed to serve the interests of livestock judges and fair staff. The two day fair staff workshop is designed to provide fair management and livestock staff with the best practices & procedures of Show Ring Management, Contracting & Working with Livestock Judges, Pre & Post Junior Livestock Auction, Local Rule Development and Exhibitor Code of Conduct. Informational courses will also be provided on State Rules, Livestock Exhibitor Quality Assurance Program & Consumer Protection. From handling difficult situations with junior exhibitors to new ideas for improving your livestock shows, this conference will be of great benefit to you and your livestock staff.

The conference registration, schedule and hotel information is attached and also available online at https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/Fairs & Expositions/.

If you have any questions regarding the conference, please call 916-204-6063 or email David Dillabo, F&E Training Coordinator at <u>david.dillabo@cdfa.ca.gov</u>. I hope that you or your staff can find time to participate in this educational event.

Sincerely,

John Quiroz, Chief Fairs & Expositions Branch

