

In response to the most current Orders and Guidelines on the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus), Equity Cooperative Livestock Sales Association has made the very difficult decision to cancel our final District Annual Meetings. We will complete the meetings on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, but will be canceling Wednesday thru Friday (March 18 – 20) meetings. At this time we don't have any idea if and when we might be allowed to reschedule so remaining meetings are canceled for now.

We are making every effort to comply with all government orders and guidelines while continuing to provide important Livestock Marketing Services to our valued patrons. For those reasons we have made the following operational changes:

- We will no longer be allowing Spectators in any of our facilities. Admittance must be limited to only active buyers (no spouses, children, guests, etc.).
- Employees will also be restricted to their respective working areas and we will be restricting market employee hours to only essential time (non-essential tasked will be suspended for now).
- Sellers should deliver their livestock to the receiving areas and then depart the facility. We will not be allowing sellers to enter the barn or the arena/office areas. Producers who absolutely cannot wait for the mail to deliver their check can contact the market office by phone to make arrangements to pick up their check during a very limited window of time in the parking lot in a drive thru fashion.

We realize these are major inconveniences to producers, however, these steps must be taken to keep the number of people at the market to an absolute minimum in order for us to continue operations. If these steps are not taken or not enforced, Equity Cooperative Livestock Sales Association will likely be forced by Government Officials to cease operations and close facilities.

We understand the need to continue marketing livestock and will continue to monitor this every changing situation and make adjustments as needed to remain open and operating. Please bear with us and be patient as we navigate this unprecedented situation.

Thanks,
Curt Larson
President and CEO