



Atwater High School Agriculture Department

Atwater FFA

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Dear Atwater FFA Supporter,

As you know, the current Covid-19 situation has caused the cancellation of the Merced County Fair which left our program with nearly 100 students with livestock projects that are currently being raised, however with many uncertainties. While the support and efforts to have an online auction sale exists, the “unknown” regarding prices, number of participants, and the extended delay in getting animals sold and a later delivery date to the fairgrounds for processing has created some anxieties and challenges.

Atwater FFA has registered ALL students for the online auction and ALL students earned their YQCA certification. We would like to offer family, friends, community members, and supporters the OPTION of purchasing a livestock project DIRECTLY through Atwater FFA. On the back side of this letter is a form with the details. Our goal is for Atwater FFA to confirm and have processed all livestock at the end of the month and Atwater FFA will take care of the butchering and delivery to Sanders Meat where the customer will be responsible for the “cut and wrap” costs/details/preferences. The costs associated on the form cover the expenses for the project (Atwater FFA program animals) along with a small profit (\$100).

In addition, our goal is to support the students in covering their project expenses, the form can also be used to increase the purchase price of the animal (student receives) and/or make a “donation” that would go into the general Atwater FFA “pool” to help students who may not get a price that meets their expenses (investment).

Any animals not sold through Atwater FFA will go through the online auction. Any student livestock projects not sold through Atwater FFA within the next couple weeks will be sold through the fair’s online auction.

This letter is being shared online, through the Atwater FFA advisors, and the Atwater FFA students. If you have any questions, please feel free to email, Dave Gossman dgossman@muhsd.org

As one of the Atwater FFA advisors, I can confirm that the students have continued to put forth their best efforts in maintaining a high quality livestock project. With the dire challenge at hand regarding Covid-19, the students have maintained a positive effort and attitude which is reflected in the efforts of our program to expand options/opportunities in giving people options to support our students.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely

Dave Gossman

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Atwater FFA 2020 Student Livestock Project Sale/Donation Form

Atwater FFA Tax ID # 77-0572114

Who/where would you like your purchase/donation to go towards?

- I would like to support the following Atwater FFA student: (Name) _____
- I would like to support any Atwater FFA student(s) that need support towards the sale of their livestock project(s)

Livestock Project Purchase and/or Donation Selection(s)

- Market Goat Processed \$540
- Market Goat "Live Pick-Up" \$500

- Market Lamb Processed \$640
- Market Lamb "Live Pick-Up" \$600

- Market Hog Processed \$780
- Market Hog "Live Pick-Up" \$700

"Processed" – Cost includes Atwater FFA delivery/arrangement with Frank Ford to be processed and animal/carcass will be delivered to Sanders Meat in Turlock where you will have to communicate cuts and cover cost associated with packaging. (\$95 for Goat/Lamb and 0.95-\$1.10/lb for a hog)

"Live Pick-Up" – Arranged through Atwater FFA.

- Additional (to student) Donation \$ _____
- Separate (to FFA) Donation \$ _____

TOTAL PURCHASE/DONATION AMOUNT: \$ _____ (total of all amounts above)

Purchaser/Supporter Information

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address (Street Number/Name) : _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Payment Process

Checks can be made payable to: **"Atwater FFA"**

Submit check payment to: Atwater FFA PO Box 835 Atwater, CA 95301

(Check www.AtwaterFFA.org for an online / credit card donation/payment system.
We are hoping to get this online by May 12th. If not up by then, try the following day(s))

Atwater FFA will contact you regarding status of order/donation, "processing", and "live pick-up" process/option with specific dates and follow-up information.

Purchase DEADLINE is May 22, 2020

Donation DEADLINE is June 5, 2020

Any additional questions can be emailed to Dave Gossman dgossman@muhsd.org