March 17, 2020

To: Asotin County 4-H Community

From: Mark Heitstuman, WSU Asotin County Extension Director
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Subject: 2020 Asotin County Fair Cancelled

Cancellation of the Asotin County Fair
The 2020 Asotin County Fair and Rodeo was officially cancelled at last night’s Asotin County
Commissioner’s Board Meeting due to the Federal, State and Local restrictions currently in place to help
prevent the spread of the COVID-19 Virus. We can assure you that this was a difficult decision to make and
was made with the best known information at this time. The ultimate goal is to prevent the potential spread
of this virus and to help keep 4-H youth, families (including parents and grandparents), volunteers and others
associated with the Asotin County Fair healthy. Please feel free to reach out to Kim and myself with your
questions regarding the cancellation of the fair. Our contact information is listed at the end of this email.

4-H/FFA Livestock Sale
Many of you will have questions regarding how the cancellation of the fair will affect 4-H members with
livestock projects; as we realize that there is a significant amount of money and time invested in each animal.
The Asotin County Livestock Sales Committee will be meeting this week to discuss options to ensure that the
livestock exhibitors are supported and the committee will be making every attempt to help the exhibitors
financially. With that in mind, please continue to properly feed and care for your market animals and allow
the Sales Committee time to develop options on how to best market your fair animal.

Cancellation of other Fair Events
The following additional Asotin County 4-H events are cancelled:

- March 21 WSU/UI Swine Field Day
- March 29 Sheep Shearing Day
- 4-H Style Revue and Performing Arts practices, judging and the April 16 Style Revue & Performing Arts
- April 4 Open Horse Show and April 18-19 4-H/FFA Horse Show
- April 11 4-H/FFA Dog Show
- All events associated with the Asotin County Fair April 24-26, 2020

Moving Forward
The Asotin County Fair Board will be meeting this Wednesday, March 18 to discuss how to move forward
following the cancellation of the 2020 fair. The Extension Office will share additional information once it is
available.

Please contact Kim Belanger (kim.belanger@wsu.edu) or Mark Heitstuman (heitstuman@wsu.edu) with your
4-H questions. Or contact the WSU Asotin County Extension Office at (509) 243-2009.

Thanks!