



Dear Poultry & Exotic Bird Show Exhibitors,

Due to the recent flare up of Virulent Newcastle Disease (VND) in the Southern California regional quarantine areas, and the risk it may pose to fairs and shows throughout the state. Furthermore, considering how highly contagious this virus is, the California Department of Food and Agriculture State Veterinarian is advising cancelling poultry gatherings due to the risk of undetected virus spreading to large flocks and expanding from there to impact food production and trade. The California Exposition & State Fair regrets to announce that for 2020 we will again be cancelling the Junior & Open Poultry Shows and the Exotic Bird Show.

The California State Fair joins numerous other fairs and poultry organizations in the state in cancelling their poultry shows and exhibits. Although this decision is disappointing for our exhibitors and fair guests, it is in the best interest of the community and the California poultry industry. Furthermore, the California State Fair does attract exhibitors from all parts of California and we do not want to encourage the transportation of birds especially in or from areas already under quarantine and restricted bird movement.

As of February 21, 2020, USDA has confirmed 474 premises in California as infected with VND, including 262 in Riverside County, 162 in San Bernardino County, 46 in Los Angeles County, 1 in Ventura County, 1 in Alameda County, and 1 in San Diego County. USDA also confirmed 1 infected premises in Utah County, Utah and 1 infected premises in Coconino County, Arizona.

We are confident that the persistent efforts of the Federal, State and local government agencies working to fully contain and eradicate VND will achieve this goal soon. Thank you for your past participation and support, we look forward to providing our Junior & Open Poultry and Exotic Birds Shows in 2021.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the entry office at [entryoffice@calexpo.com](mailto:entryoffice@calexpo.com) or 916/263-3149.

Sincerely,

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