



March 25, 2020

Dear Royal FFA Supporters:

We hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well! We wanted to let you know about an opportunity to offer financial support to our local FFA members and their Livestock & Horticulture projects. Project move-in at the Royal ISD CTE Expo Center was scheduled for March 26-28 in preparation for the 64th annual event.

All “normal activities and operations” at Royal ISD have been disrupted/postponed through April 10th due to circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 virus. The Royal FFA Advisory Committee and RISD CTE Department have made the difficult decision to cancel this year’s FFA Show, Parade, and Auction.

An alternative approach has been developed to procure funds to assist students in recovering cost(s) associated with purchasing and caring for their animals. Enclosed, please find (2) forms for you to consider should you decide to participate in this year’s, 2020 Royal FFA ADD- ON & Pledge Drive:

- The first is a single-page **ADD-ON Form** that lists each student and their unduplicated project selection. Please review this form, and complete with the amount that you choose to donate directly to the students.
- The second is a **LIVESTOCK & HORTICULTURE Pledge Form** where supporters *may purchase projects* at a “set price” based on amounts calculated by the RISD Agriculture Teaching staff as breakeven values. Those values are listed below:

Market Steers (1200 lb. average)	\$2500.00	Commercial Heifers (12-18 months old)	\$2500.00
Market Goats (100 lb. average)	\$1000.00	Market Hogs (250 lb. average)	\$1200.00
Commercial Broilers (7 lb. average)	\$750.00	Horticulture Plant Project	\$100.00

Buyers of livestock projects may choose a destination for processing or home delivery. They may also choose to donate animal(s) back to the Royal FFA Advisory Committee where proceeds from a resale process would generate dollars for the FFA Memorial Scholarship Fund and/or the FFA Chapter Building Fund.

The timeline for our ADD-ON & PLEDGE Drive will begin **Monday, March 30 at 8:00AM and will run through Saturday, April 11, 2020 @ NOON.** Projects will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

You will have the following options to send your commitments (*please including billing information should you require invoicing*).

(1) mail to: Royal FFA Livestock Show, P.O. Box 816, Pattison, Texas 77466

(2) email to: rmelton@royal-isd.net or **Call in to:** (713)252-3567 Ronnie Melton, Royal ISD CTE Department

(3) hand-deliver or pick up by one of the Royal FFA Advisors: Jason Guidry, Kenna Harwell, Brandon Hein, Christy Jacob, Craig Melton, or Jason Woods.

We appreciate your willingness to support our FFA students in these trying times. Your commitment demonstrates the rich legacy, lore, and tradition of the Royal FFA support network!

Respectfully,

Ronnie Melton, RISD CTE Director

Scott Hartman, President-Royal FFA Advisory Committee