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Dear Junior Livestock Exhibitors,

We are writing to inform you of an important update regarding the 2025 Redwood Empire Fair. On January 7, the California Department of Agriculture released a Livestock Health Alert concerning H5N1 Avian Influenza (Bird Flu). The State Veterinarian has banned all poultry and dairy cattle exhibitions at fairs and shows across California.

Please see the attached document for additional details regarding the situation the California Department of Agriculture.

As a result, the Redwood Empire Fair will not host poultry or dairy cattle exhibitions this year. While this decision ensures the safety and health of all animals and participants, we understand it may come as disappointing news to those who planned to exhibit in these categories.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this time as we prioritize the health and safety of our agricultural community. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Redwood Empire Fair CEO, Jennifer at the fair office at (707) 462-3884.

Thank you for your dedication and support of the Redwood Empire Fair. We look forward to seeing your exhibits and participation in other categories, and we remain committed to supporting your growth and success in the agricultural industry.

Warm regards,

Casey Burris

President, Redwood Empire Fair Board

