

MCJLS 2-10-23 Updates

Hello! If you showed livestock, ag mechanics, or youth showcase at the Medina County Junior Livestock Show, here is some information moving forward.

- MCJLS checks are usually not ready for pick up until after spring break. It takes quite a bit of time to collect 1.4 million dollars from the buyers. We will send a Remind 101 message when checks are ready.
- In the next two weeks, we will receive buyer lists if your project made the premium auction or sold commercial heifers, youth showcase, or a yearling horse and give them to you. Exhibitors are required to write and address a thank you letter to each buyer. Please submit thank you letters to Mrs. Williamson once complete with stamps and she will mail them. Letters can be typed or handwritten, but do your best to make them sincere. Buyers do not actually buy anything at the auction (with the exception of commercial heifers, yearling horses, and youth showcase). They are simply making donations to you and your project. Please show gratitude.
- If you keep your projects in the school barn... you'll be required to return all of the key cards you were assigned before checks are given to you. You'll also be required to clean your pens and have your FFA advisor sign off on them. Please remove all tack so that we can rethink pen assignments this next school year. When removing shavings and waste at the barn, remember to take it all the way past the gate and do not block any gates with waste. We might have school barn work days to sanitize before passing out checks.
- There were 7 county workdays to put on the Medina County Junior Livestock Show starting in September. It takes all of us as volunteers to make that event possible. We hope you attended at least 1. If not, make plans to attend some next year.
- If you plan to participate again next year, we recommend keeping your buyer lists and the program at the auction handy. It will help you write buyer invite letters for next year. Some buyers only buy if they receive a letter.

Thank you and congratulations!

Medina Valley FFA Advisors