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RE: Livestock Bonus Trips

Can you believe that summer has officially begun?! June almost done and we are counting down the days until the 2017 Minnesota State Fair!

This year we were excited to receive nearly 70 applications for the State Fair Livestock Bonus Trips in the project areas of Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goat, Meat Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep and Swine. The applications were forwarded to a selection committee formed for each species area. The members of the committees reviewed all of the applications before selecting the winners.

I would like to thank all of the counties who submitted applications for 2017 Bonus Trips. The applications were outstanding and the final decisions were tough to make. We encourage every county to apply for Bonus Trips in the future. The Bonus Trip Program allows 51 additional youth to showcase their animals and experience the Great Minnesota Get-Together!

The results of counties that have received Bonus Trips for the 2017 Minnesota State Fair have been posted online. Congratulations to those counties on their success! Counties should notify state staff if you are unable to use a Bonus Trip so we can award it to the next deserving applicant.

Results can also be found at the following website:
www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/state-fair/resources.html

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. My office phone number is 612-626-3723 or you are welcome to email me at carro481@umn.edu.

Good Luck at your County Fairs!