

Attendance

Casper – 25
Torrington – 22
Cheyenne – 19
Afton – 6
Buffalo – 19
Basin – 23
Evanston – 14
Laramie – 15
Lusk – 22
Newcastle – 12
Powell – 6
Rawlins – 11
Riverton – 34
Rock Springs – 10
Wheatland – 22
Gillette – 26
Sundance – 8
In Person Total - 296
Online - 6

Question 1

Casper

6 – It is hard to go see everything that is not there anymore
5 – I work a booth, only attend a few events with my family
9 – WSF has always been a big part of our family
9 – I look forward to all events
6 – Feel there could be more
3 – I have been involved directly for 50 years. It is a great activity

Torrington

1 – It is what our kids look forward to each year
2 – My daughter loves state fair and it's my vacation
6 – Not enough time to get away – more workload
5 – Time constrictions
NA – I attend for work but enjoy my time with 4-H'ers
1 – We work hard and are proud to show at State Fair
1 – Have been going for years and dedicate a lot of time and money to get ready for it
1 – It is something that's a tradition, is looked forward to doing and we love and prepare for it all year long
1 – No response
7 – No response
7 – Always have attended – tradition
High (1) – The State Fair is a family affair. Has been for generations. We enjoy the atmosphere, events, venue and people.
10 – We are long term attendees that exhibit livestock
2 – tradition, see old friends – like a reunion, youth activity

1 – It is an event that our whole family attends together and everyone is able to show since there is Jr. and Open shows

Cheyenne

2-3 – Proximity – fun to be had – people to have fun with

8 – see lots of people – participate in horse shows

2 – It has been part of the family participation for 2 generation with youth shows and family business

1 – We use the State Fair to advertise of the onn purebred cattle

10 – Expense – lodging, availability of food. Not competitive since anyone can enter the WSF

9 – A family tradition; a place to network with ranchers that we don't get to see throughout the year

3 – 6 in family, 2 participate and attend

7 – no response

1 – It is a community activity that is important to Ag. Way of life.

1 – no response

3 – Tradition

9 – We see all the people and their kids in our industry. We see cattle being exhibited we want to see

2 – no response

1 – I went I love it we show competitively and will come no matter what

5 – because it is important to the youth in the state but I have no active family participating

Afton

1 – Beneficial educational time for youth

3 – 4-H members of our county would like to go, but we are back to back with county fair. Money is an issue for families. Hard to take 2 weeks off of work

10 – I am a 4-H educator: it is part of my job to go. Otherwise, it is too far to make a priority. I would not have known about State Fair if it wasn't for 4-H

2 – My family has been involved in WSF for 30 yrs as I am the AG teacher

Basin

5 – WSF isn't as important for some members of my family vs. others

5 – I work at the County Fair but do not attend State Fair

1 – I selected this response because State Fair is what I look up to all year long. As an exhibitor I think it is important to have this as an experience and competition

2 – As an ag teacher, it is my responsibility to help at State Fair, with or without kids going

1 – Because my child works hard all year for this opportunity to go and participate

10 – no response

4,5,6 – It is an experience in learning

3 – It depends on how the kids place and when school starts and the age of my kids at this point

1 – I have steers 11 out of the 12 months of the year. The ranch has been in my family for over 100 years. It's a way of life.

1 – I have attended WSF for 38 years.

7 – It is important but depends on finance

2,3 – Have attended for 5 consecutive years

2 – My whole family enjoys the State Fair

1 – I selected 1 because _____ are fun

1 – We attend every year and use it as a family vacation to connect with friends

1 – We have been going to State Fair for 30 years

1 – A time to see your old show friends and show your stock

3 – Fun. Been going since was a kid, tradition, great learning experience for youth, networking, friends

1 – Because it is like a vacation

1 – Family tradition, ag backed family that has participated in WSF for 20 years. A culture that allows our youth to compete with the best and develops lifelong connections with others in the industry.

2 – We have been going to the State Fair for 40+ years and will continue to go as long as we can. It is a vacation for our family. We are 4-H leaders and go to help kids at Fair also

Buffalo

2 – My kids have learned a lot by attending State Fair and exhibiting there. They also enjoy the social aspect of networking with others around the state with similar interests.

1 – Have done this as a family for over 40 years. The work ethic that this activity produces is priceless

1 – It is what is worked toward all year. Drives youth to achieve greater goals. Follows through in live thereafter.

7 – Kids no longer involved aged out

2 – It is my daughter's motivation to excel and do well at county fair each year.

6 – no response

1 – State Fair is the end game, everything is done to prepare for state.

1 – Enjoy meeting new and old friends and the family time

1 – Enjoy seeing people only see once while

1 – Tradition – Education of youth

1 – Awesome opportunity for the youth to show and learn. From cookies to cows

9 – This is the culmination of our kids hard work for their summer of working their livestock.

6 – Kids are older now after activities becoming more important

3 – We enjoy all of the shows and activities during the State Fair.

1 – State Fair is a great experience

2 – traditions, think 4-H/FFA youth should have a state event to top/finish off their year

1 – My daughter lives and breathes State Fair and showing and the new friends she makes to help her grow

1 – Shaped the person I am today

1 – I love WSF

Evanston

1 – My family has enjoyed State Fair for many years and hope to keep doing so

2 – We as a family really enjoy State Fair. Something my kids look forward to doing each year.

High – We have been coming for over 30 years. We enjoy WSF along with participating. It's our annual vacation

1 – Our family is dedicated to show livestock like some families are dedicated to play sports

High – My daughter loves 4H and animals. Ever since her first year going to State Fair it has been a great experience. This is our last show of the year and what my daughter works hard for.

8 – Personally we no longer attend as our family has grown up, but as a County Fair Board member it is important to youth in our county.

1 – It is looked forward to every year as a means for my son to get together with friends from across the state. State Fair is the most positive aspect of our 4-H year

3 – My job requires me to be there. My family only attends if they qualify – 2 years

4 – We are very busy. Can't stay as long as necessary

5 – no response

10 – I'm attending this meeting for information for fair goers

5 – Kids too young yet, maybe more later

Laramie

- 6 – Exhibition at County Fair trumps State Fair simply due to timing, time of week and schedules
- 1 – Have been attending the fair for over 50 years
- 1 – State Fair is a chance for our family to exhibit a year or more worth of hard work in livestock and build friendships with people around the state. Have yet to miss a State Fair in my 23 years of life.
- 1 – Tradition and fun
- 2 – FFA advisor with my own kid exhibiting 4-H
- 1 – Habit, History
- 1 – Tradition, education, meet with industry and others around the state
- 2 – Planned and expected annual event for 4H/FFA member
- 5 – Time to go to Fair
- 5 – No longer have family involved in Fair
- 1 – 4th generation – all 4 still attend every year

Lusk

- 1 – History – always been there. Help-volunteer
- 1 – My kids work all year to bring their livestock to State Fair to compete
- High – It is a family tradition that we hope to continue
- 3 – Interference of school sports and the total amount of activities for the kids
- 7 – It was higher when my kids were more involved in 4-H etc. They're grown now
- 2 – State Fair has been a priority for decades!
- No circle – When my kids were growing up, State Fair was a huge priority for our family – now it is a much lower priority
- 1 – It is important to me and it is also my job responsibility. I want WSF to still be around when my boy is old enough. It is an opportunity to catch up with friends only seen at WSF
- 5 – Depends on results of County Fair exhibits
- 5 – We try to attend all the showings that the kids are involved in.
- 3 – Live in county – always attended – 40+ years
- 3 – Our family has spent year participating at State Fair
- 1 – As a life long 4-H member and leader, WSF has always been an important development event of my youth and adult life. Now I am a long horn breeder and our show in Douglas at WSF is my event of the year
- 2 – The fair is an important family tradition (have not participated for many years)

Newcastle

- 6 – I have never had the opportunity to attend the WSF. I have always wanted but it just has not worked out yet in the 14 yrs I've been a WY resident
- 3 – no response
- 1 – Ag instructor – What I push for with my students – grew up with it
- 9 – Family event good for kids

Powell

- 8 – No livestock, no children
- High – It is my "vacation" every year whether other family members go or not
- 1 – We attend every year as a family. Even kids that have graduated from high school still attend.
- 2 – It's a family tradition

Rawlins

9 – WSF has been a family event for at least 5 generations. It is a way to showcase the best of each county and also a learning experience.

7 – At one time I would have marked it high because it was one of the most important things we did as a family, but now with changes in school startup times, sports, length of required time to stay at state fair, high cost to stay, it isn't so important or feasible to spend the time there

2 – We like competing at state level with others throughout the state

1 – Tradition, work ethic – experience – meeting with other kids across state, competition

2 – We are a multi-generational 4-H/FFA Family and it is a tradition. Also, we compete with livestock and it is a chance to be involved with the Ag Industry on a Statewide level.

Low – My grankids are still too small

10 – I work with 4-H Youth in the county

8 – My children are gone and I am working cattle at that time

8 – This is something we do as a family

2 – Have been part of the fair as a contestant, now parent and grandparent. It is Important to our way of life

Riverton

1 – Attend every year

9 – Showing livestock and fair is our “sport”

9 – no response

1 – I have been to State Fair for 20 years in a row as I believe 4-H is the best organization for youth

1 – We have shown for over 30 years at the Fair. WSF makes good kids

2 – Have all family involved in 4-H for 56 years

8 – We enjoy the shows and exhibits

7 – Don't go that often

1 – no response

8 – It is a tradition and great for all students

High – My kids attend every year. I attended for about 10+ years as a 4H/FFA'er and 4-H Assistant.

Family tradition. We raise livestock and compete in statics

8 – no response

3 – Because my child is very involved in 4-H and loves State Fair and showing.

2 – It's an important networking and growing experience for agriculture and our future youth.

1 – As a vendor it still makes sense.

3 – WSF gives the state a chance to showcase itself and we get a chance to visit with many of our customers

4 – We attend State Fair every year for 3 years

High – It is something that has been a priority for several generations

8 – no response

1 – 70+ years attending State Fair, 4-H member 4-H parent and grandparent, Wyo Pioneer Assn. member 50+ years

5 – My son is in FFA and I compete in open class

1 – Was a wonderful experience for my children

High – Has been a family event for over 50 yrs, 4 generations

5 – no response

2 – My kids show. I'm an educator that works with Ag kids

Rock Springs

- 2 – It's planned to be attended even before 4-H projects are purchased
- 5 – I picked this because the fees for passes and campground
- 3 – Our family enjoys this fair
- 8 – I go because I have to. Would not go for 7 days if I didn't have to. Would go for 3 days for fun though
- 8 – no response
- 3 – no response

Wheatland

- 2 – It is annual event and educational and growing experience for our youth. Contacts...
- 1 – It's a family tradition. Been going to there since I was born
- 1 – My husband and I both grew showing at State as well as 3 of 4 of our sons. State Fair is like a Wyoming Family reunion with old 4-H FFA friends
- 10 – 1) it's an activity the whole family is involved in. 2) It's a very good tool that proves the amount of work you put into a project shows.
- 1 – It's a family function that we have been doing since I was born
- 1 – It is my vacation and raised my family to enjoy and show at fair. The friends they have made around the state is amazing.
- 1 – It's a family event
- 1 – I work there
- 8 – Always attend as a visitor and now as 4-H/FFA participant
- 1 – Always go
- 1 – Wyo Ag is still the back bone to our great state. We need to keep active and strong.
- 1 – Our kids have been very involved in 4-H and FFA and State Fair is an important part of it
- 6 – It's a day to bring our family to meet in the middle (of state) to have fun together
- 2 – It is important to support our Wyoming youth
- 1 – We have spent years involved in the fair.
- 2 – Cause I like coming and seeing it and entering

Gillette

- 1 – Since 1975 it has been a tradition and staple of family need for us
- 1 – It has been the driving force to work for throughout the entire year to be able to compete with others thru-out the state
- 1 – It provides opportunities for youth to build leadership skills but also teaches them other life skills
- 1 – Agriculture is a heritage we strive to hand down to future generations. A years' worth of work is culminated at State Fair. This is where our future ag leaders are molded.
- 1 – It is a goal to have a state fair project, to produce high enough quality to be at the top. It is the state championship for 4H/FFA/ag students
- 1 – If any of the kids do well enough at County Fair, our family makes it top priority to take them to State Fair to compete.
- 1 – It's a lifestyle. Been to the WSF literally every year of my life.
- 1 – It was a core part of my childhood and now even as a adult.
- 1 – I have been to WSF as an exhibitor as well as a Superintendent and have witnessed the positive affect it has on the youth of Wyoming.
- 3 – The WSF is a vital part of raising productive people in society.
- 8 – I believe this is the opportunity for our youth to showcase their achievements.
- 9 – Care about the 4-H and FFA Program
- 8 – My kids are all grown and my grandchildren aren't involved in fair related youth programs
- High – Cover as a media event

Sundance

- 1 – My great grandparents went to State Fair
- 1 – Child's goal to do well at State Fair. Works all summer
- 9 – no response
- 8 – State Fair has been a huge part of my family for 20 plus years.
- 1 – A member of our family has been going to WSF for 30+ years

Online

- 2- We have shown Livestock every year for the last 12 yrs. Before that I have gone every year to watch or show animals myself.
- 1 – It is part of my job and also a highlight of my summer.
- 7 – School sports overlap
- We like to go but if I can't get time off of work then we don't go. I don't put in months in advance
- 1 – First it is a good to have projects from county fair make it to State Fair. Also, it is a better competition for our kids that have breeding sheep.
- 1 – We have been involved in the Wyoming State Fair for generations. We are involved professionally as well as personally. The state fair is the only statewide showcase for Wyoming Agriculture and is the state's agriculture youth's statewide "championship" if you will

Question 2

Casper

- No But as an employee of a vendor booth, I was unable to get behind my booth and had to park ways away and pay
- No, admission has always been cheap
- Yes, sometimes I feel like it's too much
- Yes. As a private business volunteer I just could not justify camping, meals, etc. for the week. I don't think they were to high. I just could not justify it.

Torrington

- Somewhat but what it cost to do other things in the world it is not as big of a factor
- Yes. I have to save all year to pay for everything
- No. Very reasonable I think
- No. But it is a burden
- Yes. The open show entries were high
- Yes. Open shows
- Yes. The increase on fees were weighed as to deciding to come. Felt like the rates were raised for this event to cover expense for whole year
- Yes. It deter us. \$1,500 to go. We can plan a nice trip for that.

Cheyenne

- Yes. It's a lot of bank for our buck
- No. We attend because 4-H and FFA are a big part of our lives.
- No. You could charge more. It's worth at least what a movie is

- No. State Fair is cheap compared to other shows. It is convenient as well with lodging with dorms or campers and a meal location. I did not bring a golf cart.

Afton

- Not yet. We would like to see it kept reasonable for our youth, not just for a wealthy few.
- Yes. Some families cannot go with price increases
- Yes. It would if work didn't pay for it
- No. The above has not determined participation in WSF

Basin

- No. Regardless of the fee we will do what we need to do to get there
- I have never been to State Fair yet.
- No. But it may limit the ability for the chapter to pay for entry and stall fees in the future.
- As an advisor for FFA it does effect students and families ability to attend
- Yes. Because as a youth have to think of other ways
- It hasn't yet but if it continues to raise it will
- A lot I think from \$10.00 to \$15.00 was way to much of a jump. \$10.00 to \$12.00 would have been better
- No. It costs to do everything
- No. Because I would go to fair anyway
- No. However as a 4H leader I see families that are influenced by the costs. I feel that the participants shouldn't be the ones taxed the most.
- No. I think gate admission should be higher. At least for Adults.

Buffalo

- Yes and No. So far my kids have won trips sponsored by local entities but if we didn't have that sponsorship, it may affect our ability to attend.
- No. What does a family vacation cost? (GREAT VACATION)
- No. The gate is easy to get around
- Yes. Getting local affordable accommodations is the deal breaker
- The fees to exhibitors on camping, golf carts, ect. Will influence our participation from now on
- No. Would go no matter what

Evanston

- No. Not really
- Yes. We have had to stop doing the open and jackpots due to increased fees. We almost did not come this year due to the cost increase in everything. This would have been the 1st time in 30 yrs we did not come.
- Has effected use of cafeteria and the number of animals brought in, especially this year with fee increases
- Yes. This year with fees going up we had to cut in other areas of our life to make this happen.
- No. I have only one child and he generally only shows poultry and either a goat or lamb
- Not really. Some choose to come or go depending on their financial situation. Some will always come.
- Yes. Only because we rodeo!
- Yes. High cost deter participation

Laramie

- Admission fees have not but camping fees are approaching nonparticipation
- Yes. My kids only attend on horse days to avoid the cost of the State Fair
- This year was tough – Spent about \$1500+ for the week

Lusk

- Some – attendance limited for grandstand events due to cost.
- Not yet
- Yes. The total cost for the kids
- No. In fact the pro rodeo costs less than other rodeos. I think we could build the pro rodeo into a bigger event.
- Admission is reasonable, entry fees continue to increase and returns continue to decrease
- It has affected and cut our county 4-H participation and open class participation in both static and livestock exhibits
- Yes. Costs can only go so high before you price yourself out of an event
- Yes. Affects which animals we take – take animals that don't stay all week due to camper costs – much prefer campers to dorms.
- Yes. I go to very few of the concerts or rodeos because it has become too expensive to do them all. We are all feeling the economic crunch
- Yes. Too expensive to show livestock there for week
- No. WSF is a great value event

Newcastle

- Not really. Length of stay does
- Yes. Several of my members
- Yes. Prices are high enough

Powell

- No

Rawlins

- Yes. The people of the state are having personal budget problems and it can get to be a hardship to be there for a week
- Yes. A lot of cost for little return other than experience – but it won't change
- Yes. It was very expensive this year. It cost a lot to be there for the whole week with a family. It will determine whether we go back next year.
- No. A week at WSF with meals, camping, etc. is far less than other family events.
- The primary problem for me and my kids attending the fair is the requirement to stay the entire week. We would come and show every year if we did not have to be there the whole week
- No. But I know that it has determined lack of participation of local youth.
- Yes. As a fair board member, we pay for many trips of fees but our fair has taken a 100% cut in the county budget.
- Yes. Didn't show open just 4-H this last year
- It has been a consideration, but the experience and rural culture make the State Fair a priority.

Riverton

- No. But other families, yes
- We come anyway, we just complain more
- Yes. To high decreases participation
- No. Although user fee increases have been difficult to absorb
- Somewhat
- Yes. We did not attend 2017 fair because it was so expensive
- Getting too high. Years past we'd partake in events, now, we don't
- Yes. As vendor all fees factor into attendance
- Yes. The cost of night shows and admission determine how much I go to
- Yes. My students
- No. But I know it is getting to high for young parents
- Yes. Several kids couldn't afford

Rock Springs

- Some of my exhibitors opted not to come this year due to the higher fees
- Not this year but the campground fee was a bit high because as a livestock exhibitor we put a lot of money for a week in food, fuel, etc.
- Yes. If fees go up too much we won't be able to attend.
- I've changed budgeting at county level to make it work but it definitely affected overall county participation
- Yes. Some fees have been increased and become to expensive to make it feasible to come
- Yes. If wages go up then it's ok but if people don't have enough funds they can't afford it

Wheatland

- Not really
- It has not at this point
- Not directly. We may complain but we will continue to participate – compared to other states, our costs are still low.
- Not really
- No. If it is your passion it does not matter.
- No. It has been an important part of our kids upbringing
- No. My child only entered open class and yes, could not do all events we wanted because gate fees were so much combine for a family
- Yes. It is an expensive event to stay all week
- Yes. If they continue to go up, we will have to evaluate whether it is worth the expense
- Yes. My numbers as an advisor were significantly impacted.

Gillette

- No. But we need to diversify the revenue some
- No. Have considered fee very reasonable if not low in comparison to other activities
- No
- No. What does taking a vacation cost?
- No. Not yet. Definitely a noticeable increase last year in entry fees.
- No. Not much. We have entered less open class entries
- No. Hindered, made more of a financial impact, but still did attend

- No. All costs must raise its normal. They just must have cause.
- No
- No. Across the board the fees are extremely low compared to fairs across the region
- Yes. I see fewer families attend because of the cost and length of stay.
- No. But... I believe we need to be aware of what the user fees are doing to the youth numbers
- No
- No

Sundance

- No
- No
- No
- No
- No

Online

- Yes. Camper spaces – Livestock passes have gotten unreasonable – The livestock kids and families have had to pay enormous raises in costs – It cost enough to raise the animals – but then to charge us all so much makes it hard to encourage others to come.
- I am reimbursed for most of my expenses so no but if these prices had been in effect 5 years ago, it would have had been a huge impact.
- We learned lots from performance lamb contest
- No. We paid the fees in the hopes of contributing to a program that is growing and getting better.
- No. Not yet
- No not up to this point. However, based on budget cuts that have occurred and projection of increased fees necessary to make state fair “self sufficient” as some have advocated, it would. Estimates are that our state fair expenses would go from approximately \$2,000 for the week to potential \$6,000 - that would result in us not participating.

Question 3

Casper

- Hopefully has activities
- I visualize it being a small thing, not like it should be
- Keep building each year and add to midway
- Bigger and better
- I hope more draw and larger numbers
- Depends on how it can adopt to the changing environment

Torrington

- Not good if keeps going as is
- I’m hoping bigger and better with more entries in all species and static exhibits
- Not as important. Don’t see lot of involvement in activities from under 30 age group
- Not as important due to changes in people and interests of people
- Profitable and successful as well as a strong emphasis on youth.
- Moving to a bigger town!!

- As it has been for the last 14 years sense we have been going
- Smaller (targeted more specifically to Ag events) not necessarily shorter. I think it would be a shame to lose
- At the rate it is going I don't see it continuing
- Hopefully the same with more exposure and greater attendance
- 2 days shorter, focus on excellence on ag activities
- Prosperous with more attractions for all people to enjoy both agricultural and merchant
- Not sure

Cheyenne

- Same as not, in some ways and even better and improving with our rapidly technological future and you/your progressive people
- Bigger and better
- With the support of the legislators, good time entertainment, competitions (from brewers to "legos") Youth show!
- I'm afraid it will go downhill
- I hope it will change to create more variety of activities. More often than not there is not activities that draw our family to come. The duration and timing interferes with the beginning of school
- Shorter for more participation
- More diversified activities, wider venues to choose from fairs, festivals, rodeos attraction. Different things to attract a more diverse crowd.
- Stronger as the years go by, by blending non-traditional and traditional fair attractions
- It will change for sure. We need to educate people how important the ag industry is to the State of Wyoming.
- Shorter
- Shorter, more participation because of it
- 4 day fair
- Struggling funds from outside smaller events
- Shorter but still youth oriented, primarily public private partnership

Afton

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- Higher profile/quality entertainment, continuation of exhibits and livestock shows. This event needs to showcase the best in Wyoming. Agricultural but needs some entertainment as well.
- I visualize WSF as shorter in time and youth shows allowing students or competitors to come and leave in a shorter time period.

Basin

- Hoping still an opportunity for my children to show and participate
- My prayer is that it is a strong event still. Even stronger then now. I know State Fair is quit the task
- I see it as a bigger fair because I know there are many youth that are young that will come and build it up.
- I think the point of WSF is the kids and showing. That should be the focal point, while Iso emphasizing those areas that bring in revenue

- I hope it excels
- Status quo
- An event that is struggling
- I hope it is based on the animals. It needs to not be whoever wants to show. The WSF should be for the winners. You win county to get to state.
- Much the same except possibly letting exhibitors come and go after shows are complete.
- Shorter and allowing exhibitors to not stay the whole time.
- Some changes. Maybe a little shorter
- I visualize it as a place to exhibit my livestock
- Hopefully it is still similar to what it now. The open class shows enable the youth to have access to quality seedstock for the future
- For out of state people coming not good. Cost is to hi but ok for in state people
- Bigger and better
- Hopefully still a yearly event that brings local youth and others in the ag industry together to be competitive in the national and global ag industry.
- Hopefully the same or larger. The past several years the vendors and participant numbers have decreased. I hope that trend does not continue. I enjoyed watching breed horse shows.

Buffalo

- I hope it would be very similar
- Hopefully not gone
- Would be cool to see it grow to a regional activity!
- Smaller youth show only
- Events drawing footsteps to the fair to enjoy a public event.
- Youth are important. Horses are a growing entity but most people in Wyo compete for the fun of it.
- I want to say going strong, but with the large push to attract more people, I see it dying
- With continuing budget cuts, it will slowly lose value
- If they keep cutting it will go in the hole
- Hopefully the same as it has been
- Hopefully the same awesome youth event
- 4 to 5 day event
- The same
- Hopefully with minimal changes (cuts)
- Hope it remains a great event
- Family experience – maybe shorter
- Hopefully well funded by the state and going strong

Evanston

- I hope it will provide youth to show off their hard work
- Hopefully as good as it is now with many more participants
- At the rate of decline we are seeing it will almost be non existent. With some work and change I think it can be brought back.
- Hopefully a schedule change with youth rotating in for all species of livestock
- I would hope it would be something to look forward to and even more shows going on, instead of cutting shows like you have been talking about
- Continuing as an activity looked forward to by our youth.

- My son has 2 years max left of 4-H and won't likely attend after that.
- ? at best. Hopefully we can get new things that attract more people
- If we keep good ext advisors and FFA advisors it will continue.
- Evolving with society desires. We have to bring events that attract the general public along with the ag public.
- Keep tradition and add new technology to keep up with trends

Laramie

- I would like to see more science and technology exhibitors or contests. I feel there is a large incumbent of people from the tech industries who are not represented
- Maintenance of facilities needs to improve, campground needs more maintenance, fair is a family friendly event. Let it be one, what happened to high school rodeo finals
- If things are not drastically changed, non-existent
- I hope the same ag oriented
- It needs to prioritize youth. FFA and 4-H
- Hopefully thriving, growing and active
- Yes
- Ongoing youth livestock shows are the priority and allow these kids to display their hard work
- About like it is now
- Not a lot of change, still focused
- If things aren't changed, non-existent

Lusk

- Not as significant as it once was
- I certainly hope that we still have a state fair!
- ?
- Large rodeo... Concert (red dirt country, low budget but high energy), more vendors and exhibitors
- At the current rate, I see fair being non-existent. Cost continues to rise and participating becomes more difficult
- At the rate we are going, not sure State Fair will even be in existence in 5 years
- The trend it is following it will be non-existent
- Very small – see very little participation from public outside youth shows
- Slowly dwindling
- Not a Wyoming State Fair. Many county fairs are more inviting and cheaper to attend, more events than WSF
- It will cease to exist if we don't put of bunch of real hard work and thoughts and desire for success. Build it back, it has to be different than it is now.
- Why should it not continue as it always has in the past years. WSF is a major part of Wyoming's historic culture. God forbid it die and/or leave Douglas. The facilities are there, let it cowboy up and continue to stay where it should be
- More emphasis on livestock/agriculture events and exhibits

Newcastle

- I hope it grows and grows. It is so important that the children of this time period learn about agriculture

- Allowing people to stay for less days. Overall event is a few less days.
- Hopefully growing again. We cannot lose the State Fair or our Ag industry
- Yes

Powell

- Hopefully an event that has made changes in entertainment and vendors but also an event that maintains the focus on youth and youth events
- I would like to see it grow/thrive but in many ways keep the same feel/values
- More vendors and activities to draw non ag crowd.
- I hope that much of the tradition is maintained, but that it also grows and evolves to today's times drawing in more people.

Rawlins

- I want to see it keep showcasing youth and keep bringing people together from across the state
- I am concerned. I hope there is still a State Fair for folks to attend. But due to cuts fewer folks thinking it's important, rising costs of camping etc, very little return to youth other than experience, I'm not sure.
- If fees and cost continue to rise I don't see the State Fair in existence
- Youth centered/Higher fees probably – families pat to attend National Western – Sports Camps etc.
- I visualize that it could be bigger if it was marketed to more various groups like non-traditional Ag groups. Maybe Farm Bureau, FFA, or Cattlemens could do more of their annual meetings there.
- I would hope its still a great ag promoting event, and more efficient and streamlined
- An event for youth to show and experience livestock and other projects. I could see it shortened due to budget cuts, time and cost for those attending.
- I would like to see it grow but I am afraid it is slowly going down hill
- Work together – “communicate” to have everyone understand that it is important to WY residents

Riverton

- Same
- The same it doesn't need to be spectacular
- Growing
- Bigger and better
- Better. More action during the week
- I would hope the same
- Hopefully growing
- It needs to keep with tradition but also be progressive with becoming more sustainable
- Focused on youth shows and exhibits. It could be shorter
- About same
- Hopefully productive but it doesn't look good if we keep cutting the budget
- This years attendance looked down. Very little traffic on the Midway. Hopefully they will evaluate a new location
- New branding of what the event is focused around. More kids, more vendors, more of Wyoming
- A Wyoming ag showcase.

- I visualize more animals/attendance, may not be in douglas.
- I think it will always be basically a livestock show because there is not a large enough population for a commercial fair
- Smaller – member/youth focused
- Golf carts only for handicapped or officials. Exercise is good
- More events for kids to do in the evenings or some events to keep them occupied when they don't have anything to do. More family events
- Hopefully in full swing
- Night shows could go away
- I would like to see it continue but I think it won't
- Bigger and Better

Rock Springs

- Who knows... depends on who our president is if Wyoming coal makes a come back
- I see the WSF getting smaller due to affordability for families
- I'm afraid it might not be. Would like to see it as an important event.
- ??
- Shorter time span
- High

Wheatland

- Events cut back, ie carnival.... But hopefully livestock increase numbers and show.
- It's going to be a lack of interested because sports and expenses
- I would love to see the youth shows stay strong. More vendors would be great.
- I think shortening the fair by 3 days – honestly, Tuesday and Wednesday are very slow days – it makes sense to condense the fair
- I see State Fair still having the youth shows but not much else
- Not there
- I would see that it will still be there but small
- It will be bigger and better
- Less days
- I would like to see it grow and thrive. I would be very disappointed to see it go away. More vendors
- Hopefully bigger with more community/sponsor/individual involvement
- A place/event that our youth can showcase their projects they are excited about
- ?
- Not sure, but hope to see it grow and more youth
- Shorter. Releasing kids when they are done with shows. We are in a time where kids are involved in everything and they have stopped attending WSF to prioritize.

Gillette

- Larger, better, \$ challenged
- Hopefully still available
- Worried about the viability in future
- Not sure. Revised, compressed?
- Maybe shorter or condensed week of shows

- Decrease in size and length. Need more support to youth orgs to get more youth participation.
- It must change or it will die. A cone and go option with less days will fit todays busy families
- The same but better.
- I would hope that the numbers hold steady or increase. Part of the problem is UW Extension program and the lack of direction and purpose.
- ?
- A youth event only
- It will probably be a more compact – shorter event.
- 70% ag related, 30% other

Sundance

- A memory
- I hope to see it as user friendly as possible to meet standards of all groups of people

Online

- Hopefully finding a balance in cost so the livestock exhibitors make it the great State Fair competition it should be.
- If something is not done, I am afraid that it will be a glorified county fair or not exist.
- Hopefully similar
- I would like to see a large fair bigger than Frontier Days or the Denver Fair. Lots of open class and youth class events, full carnival that opens at noon, many vendors, daily rodeos and plenty of other entertainment. It needs to emphasize all the things that make Wyoming such a great place to live and work and play. It has to offer better food, a wide variety of foods that people expect at fairs.
- Hopefully still an opportunity for kids involved in agriculture both static and livestock to have the opportunity for their state “championship” event just as other high school athletics and extra curricular activities have. Also, to continue to provide an opportunity for agriculture to showcase in Wyoming. These are the priorities. The entertainment, etc. should continue but the priority should be on the youth exhibits and education. Given the state fair is in Douglas thanks to the generosity of families years ago to donate the land for it, being able to draw large crowds to the area is limited.

Question 5

Casper

- Horses Tractor driven demo concerts
- Demo derby and work
- All above
- Combination
- Yes

Torrington

- Combination
- We show cattle in youth and open
- To see friends, how county did in different areas, see new products, visit
- Just to see exhibits

- Showing Livestock
- Come to support by children show livestock
- Youth shows
- Yes
- Combination
- Combination
- Mainly for youth showing, judging for 4-H, all the open shows
- Livestock competition
- #1 -3
- To exhibit our animals
- Youth

Cheyenne

- One interest gets us there and others keep us coming and enhance it all...
- Mostly to show horses
- Combination
- Livestock
- Primarily equine and other livestock events
- Youth competitions and open livestock shows
- We come to visit with our old buddies/make new friends
- Yes but mainly 1,2 and 4
- We have been exhibitors for generations. And now have also become vendors
- Combination
- Horse events
- Livestock exhibits, youth competitions
- Combination of things
- We show livestock
- Combination

Afton

- Combination and showing livestock
- Youth exhibits, it's my job
- I come because of a combination of the above

Basin

- I come to watch my children show
- I have never been so I can not answer
- I come because I compete and enjoy being there
- Just the youth shows so I can see my students show and as a requirement of being an advisor
- I come to watch all the kids with their projects
- One interest
- A combination of things
- Youth competitions
- Showing steers
- Yes, youth competitions and exhibits
- We attend for youth competitions

- Youth show
- Combination
- To show livestock
- We show livestock in both youth and open class
- Exhibit open sheep
- Showing open class
- Combination
- One particular interest
- Combination
- Exhibits and youth shows

Buffalo

- Livestock and static exhibits and 4-H contests
- For youth livestock activities
- Youth livestock
- Youth exhibits and competition only
- Youth competition is the main reason followed by vending
- Both
- Youth competition
- Because I am involved with shooting
- Combination of all
- Youth shows
- Youth livestock
- Kids showing
- Combination
- Combo
- Combination
- Yes
- All!
- All

Evanston

- The youth livestock shows
- Many of the above
- The open and youth shows
- Youth livestock shows only
- Livestock and static exhibits, usually attend a concert too
- I came to support my children
- I come to support my son
- Youth shows
- Combo
- Combination
- As an advisor to students

Laramie

- Youth competitions and entertainment

- Youth competitions
- Specifically livestock but all play a role
- Combination
- Youth
- Combination of 1 and 2
- Youth competitions and socializing
- What is listed above
- Youth livestock shows
- Livestock and youth events

Lusk

- Combination
- Combination
- Youth livestock shows
- I've come for the youth livestock shows
- Youth competitions
- Personally I enjoy the rodeo and exhibits
- Combination
- 4-H youth exhibits and competitions; Ranch Rodeo
- Combination of top 2
- Mostly my kids participation
- Usually come up Friday night for the Style Review and then on Saturday so that we can take in on the parade and then see the exhibits
- Combination of events
- To see Grand Kids
- The pride of winning at the county level as a youth to represent my county vs the rest of the state. Now as an adult that feeling still exists as an open class hay and Longhorn exhibitor
- All of above

Newcastle

- I would come for the contests for youth and adults
- Combination
- For youth
- Livestock shows

Powell

- Combination
- Mostly Jr. shows
- Youth competitions
- Youth competitions

Rawlins

- Mostly for the youth livestock
- Mainly youth livestock exhibits
- We bring multiple animals and static exhibits
- Combo

- I come to meet and see friends across the State that are involved in Agriculture
- Combination
- Mainly because of my role in helping 4-H youth
- 1 event
- Shows
- Combo – youth, exhibits – no carnival

Riverton

- Showing livestock and my job
- Combo of livestock
- Kids showing
- Youth competitions
- Youth Livestock
- Exhibits and contest
- 2 and 3
- For the food, shopping and exhibits
- Livestock
- Combo livestock mainly
- Mainly youth livestock shows and youth exhibits
- All of the above
- Beef show
- Come for several
- All combine to make the state fair
- Combination
- Exhibits
- Combination
- Summer duties
- Enjoy free stage and most events youth shows Pioneer day events. Concert carnival no
- Yes
- To watch my children compete
- Have shown Livestock. Both youth and open class
- All of them
- Mostly livestock

Rock Springs

- 2 parts – Exhibits and competition
- Livestock and horse events
- Yes
- Support county 4H youth and to work
- Combination
- Yes combination

Wheatland

- Youth competition. Livestock
- All of the things. Showing animals in 4-H and open
- We come for shows and exhibits. Concert

- We come because it is a family event, and the “state playoffs” for livestock exhibitors
- It’s a combination of things that are happening but also just the whole State Fair.
- Help chaperone the 4H youth and my kids showed
- Love to go see everything
- Livestock
- Combo but primarily youth events now
- Yes
- Combo
- Mostly livestock shows
- A combo – we come to just have a day of fun with family and do something only once a year brings
- Youth competitions
- Yes
- One and two of the above
- Youth competitions

Gillette

- N/A
- Generally for youth livestock events
- Yes. All of it
- Youth competitions (livestock)
- Youth exhibits/shows. Attend others while there
- Combination
- The Youth! Supporting them and their exhibits
- I come for the youth. To participate, then watch, now support.
- Youth and Livestock
- Combination
- Youth Livestock Shows
- Combo of things – Mostly seeing people across the state
- Have not attended
- Youth events, related events

Sundance

- One interest – My kid
- Livestock exhibits
- Usually only as social to meet friends or watch family members
- Just one
- Mainly youth and open exhibits

Online

- Usually to show sheep – But enjoy the combination
- Combination
- Contests, exhibits
- We attend youth competitions for poultry because that is what my kids enjoy. I would like to see all of the animal events, especially poultry include open exhibits for all ages. To have adults who participate present and available as a mentor for my kids at this event would be amazing.

Encourage more interactive projects for 4-H and FFA members as well as college students, projects that people attending the fair could participate in, give them something more to do and teach them at the same time. For many families this is their only vacation as a family and the fair needs to be worth that in terms of the experience.

- Combination
- Livestock exhibits and vendor participation

Question 6

Casper

- Yes, Horseshows
- No, don't know what events take place
- Yes, for other off season events
- Yes, Oct fest, Cowboy Xmas, horse shows, misc events
- No, Don't know of anything going on down there
- Yes, Good location and good facilities

Torrington

- No, Time and money
- Yes, meetings
- Yes, meetings
- No, No idea what is happening
- No. I didn't know anything happens there in the off season
- No. Don't know what's going on
- Yes. 4H State Shoot, 4H Leaders Training
- Yes. State Shoot, State 4H Leader Training
- No. There are no events to draw me
- No. Not aware of other activities
- No. Have not heard of any events hold there
- No. Not aware of what they are
- Yes. If it an event I am interested in, provided I know about it
- No. Did not realize there were other events held there
- No. For what???

Cheyenne

- No. Good question – We're busy – but not that busy – we need to change our ways a bit...
- Not in 2017
- No
- No
- Yes. For various equine events especially ranch horse/reining events
- No. Not sure what it has to offer at other times of the year
- No. Distance and time
- No. Really no other events that interest me
- Yes. 4-H and FFA activities
- No
- Yes. Not often
- No. No hobbies

- No. Don't know about any activities at the State Fair grounds
- No. No other appealing events. Close, but too far
- No more interest me

Afton

- No. Travel distance and not knowing what activities are going on or being hosted there
- No. But I am sure I will some day for 4-H State Shoot
- Yes and no. State horse camp, state shoot. Too far
- Yes. When the FFA sponsors activities like our Fire Conference

Buffalo

- No. So far have not had anything we are involved in
- Yes. High School Rodeos
- No. Nothing of interest
- Yes. 4H State Shoot
- No. Nothing pertains to our interests or we don't know about the events.
- Yes. Because it is a nice facility but has priced itself out of the market
- Yes. To prepare for state
- Yes. To help keep ground moving
- Yes. Shooting sports
- Yes. Ram sale. National shows
- Yes. Competition
- No
- No. No interest in activities that are at fair grounds
- Yes. Meetings, Events
- Depends on events
- No
- Yes. We love to show as a family
- Yes. Events
- Yes. Meetings

Basin

- Yes. 4-H state shoot
- No. There hasn't been anything that has drawn me down there because my schedule is full of events going on here
- No. We live too far away to make trips for activities I'm not competing in
- It depends on what FFA hosts there throughout the year. Ex. FDRE and CPC
- No. Nothing I need to go see
- No. Nothing of interest
- No. No need to
- No
- No. Nothing I do is held there
- Yes. Occasionally for meetings
- Yes. If any FFA event is held there
- Yes. Meetings of other organizations
- No

- Yes. We try to attend high school rodeo events and state 4-H events
- No
- Yes. Wyo Ram Sale
- Yes. State shoot – other youth events
- No
- No. Not aware of other activities that may be happening
- No. It is far from where I live

Evanston

- Yes. Wyoming Ram Sale
- No. Don't really know what else goes on there
- Yes. State Shoot
- No
- No. To far away and nothing that I know of going on there
- No. Not at this time
- Yes. 4-H state shoot
- Yes. FFA Fire Conference
- No. We rodeo in Idaho so we don't go through WY
- No
- No. What activities? Worth the distance?

Laramie

- No. I don't even know what other events are held there
- Yes. High School Rodeo
- No. Have no reason to
- No. No activities I am interested in
- Yes. Other rodeos and FFA events
- No. State Fair main interest
- Yes. State Association Livestock Sales
- No. No need
- No. To far to travel
- No. Not activities that I am interested
- Yes. If it is ag related (4-H/FFA/High School Rodeo) like camps, seminars, etc. – You need State and National Rodeo in Douglas

Lusk

- Yes. Rodeo – Equine activities
- Yes. Cowboy Christmas
- Yes. Sometimes rope
- No
- Yes. High School Rodeo, Roping, etc.
- No. I'm not sure if its open. I'd go to the museum if I thought it was open
- Yes. Rodeos, weddings, funeral
- Yes. Weddings, funerals, HS Rodeo
- No. Nothing fits my interests outside of State Fair
- Yes. High School Rodeo, State 4H Shooting Sports

- Yes. When there are activities that held on the fairgrounds
- Yes. Fewer events are happening on the WSF grounds – WHS Rodeo finals, Gaterhas Show are dropped
- No. Don't really know about events or activities there
- Yes. The facilities are better than they ever have been, do not moth ball the investments made in these great facilities
- No. No need to (will attend legislative meeting on 10-18)

Newcastle

- Yes. If I have to
- No. Nothing of interest
- Yes. Rodeo State – used to
- No. Not evolved

Powell

- No. I have not had the need to attend other events or activities held at the fairgrounds
- Yes. State Horse Camp
- No. None appeal to me
- Yes. State Shoot

Rawlins

- No. They are not activities I'm involved with.
- No
- Yes. Pig sales, horse camp
- Yes. State Shoot, Horse Camp years ago
- Yes. 4H State Shoot
- Yes. High School Finals
- Yes. State Shoot event
- No. Have not had a reason to go
- Yes. Sometimes – Have been there for Bazzars and to Judge Converse County Fair
- No. Distance and time of year of other events

Riverton

- Yes. State 4H Shoot, State 4H Horse Camp
- No. Nothing interests us
- No. Not involved
- Yes. Went one time for a dog camp
- Yes. FFA
- Yes. Only State Shoot
- No. Don't have schedule of events in my calendar
- No. Distance from Riverton
- No
- No. Nothing I attend
- No. Nothing there that I'm interested in
- No. Don't know what is going on
- No

- No
- No. Better facilities elsewhere
- No. Nothing involving us to attend
- No. Nothing in Douglas
- Yes. Pioneer Association Meeting, High School Rodeos
- No. None interest me
- Yes. Pioneer Assn events and meetings. No. Old age
- No. No interest.
- Yes. For Quarter Horse Shows
- Yes. Wyoming State Ram Sale
- No. There is no reason to go to Douglas
- Yes. Hockey.

Rock Springs

- Yes. State Shoot, Horse Camp
- No. Because the facility doesn't hold events we do
- No
- Yes. Only if I have to for 4H
- No. We do not participate in activities
- Yes. Only if its 4H related

Wheatland

- No. Time and other activities. Also unaware of activities
- Yes. 4-H Shooting Sports. Livestock Sales
- Depends
- Yes. Shooting sports, occasional rodeo event
- Yes. Other 4-H events
- Yes. 4-H Shooting Sports, livestock sales
- Yes. State Shoot
- Yes. To visit
- Yes. Horse activities
- Yes
- No. There could be more use of the Grounds
- Yes. I have for craft/vendor shows
- Yes. Craft show
- Yes. 4H State Shoot
- No
- Yes. Converse County Fair and other shows
- No

Gillette

- Yes. Events that occur there
- Yes. State HS Rodeo
- No. Activities unknown
- No. Nothing of interest
- Yes. Ice hockey

- Yes. Have attended a family wedding, kids at Boys State, maybe horse camp
- Yes. State Shoot – another State contest.
- Yes. FFA and 4H events
- Yes. Ropings, sortings, shows
- Yes. Meetings
- No
- Yes. 4-H events
- No. None of my family is participating
- No. Media that covers Ag

Sundance

- Yes. Quarter Horse Shows
- Yes. Quarter Horse in May Show. Open Horse Show
- No. Never been any reason. Douglas has nothing to offer
- Yes. Other things such as weddings, horse sales, etc.
- No. Distance and no knowledge of what is going on

Online

- No. No need
- Yes. State Shoot
- Yes. State Shoot 4-H
- No. I'm not award of other events during the year.
- Yes. Ram sale, hockey in the past, boys state, this coming year horse camp maybe
- Yes. For volunteer work on grounds, meetings, etc.

Question 7

- Horse Shows, 4H Horse Shows
- Hockey Tournament
- None of these are state equal
- Not a State Fair equivalent
- Both
- About 4-5
- We'd like to do more
- Horse shows 2-3 days, Cheyenne Frontier Days -> 20 days. I am a volunteer
- Family vacation for years
- Yes – for work Laramie 4-H events
- That fully depends on the event and location
- Depends on the show
- Depends on event and duration
- Just depends on the event
- Just depends
- Depends on event and requirement behind event. Example jackpot one day, Arizona National 4 days
- Depends on what it is
- Depending on event requirements
- Either

- State fair and State high school rodeo are our highest times away from home
- Can't afford to take the time off of work
- I attend barrel races that are 2 or 3 days
- County Fair
- None
- We go to shows that are 1-2 days and we go to shows that are 5-6 and 7-more it depends on the prestige and awards
- For 4-H events
- Do not really do any other activities
- Seems to be the general average of events we attend
- Huh?
- Mostly weekends
- High school sports, kids camps, family gatherings

Random comments on form

- More security around horse when rodeo people are there
- Need to get people – younger people to have ownership – how do you appeal to them – who have never been involved and don't have a lot of people willing to get involved – same problem here
- I feel like a meeting discussing cost should have included a budget sheet so where money is spent could have been discussed
- What is the vision of Wyoming State Fair??
- How are we marketing the State Fair grounds??
- We cannot continue the status quo and making excuse for what won't work
- Livestock Judging
- Feed yard judging corn grains bottle fed to baby'd vs. in Wyo – our animals sheep/cattle on our ranges
- Judge for an animal that's suited for our environment/outdoors –grazing – on Wyo hard grass!
- Market value
- Matching our animals to our Wyo environment
- Advertising – Why not put \$\$ towards low attendance areas in order to gain more attendance. Local attendance will always come because they already know about it.
- You need to shorten the fair.
- Is there local talent, within state, to bring in for concerts/entertainment?
- Have yet to miss a state fair in my 23 years of life
- A golf cart/handicap rides on grounds needs to be available. Why do you make transportation so hard on families? It's hot – there are young kids – make it accessible to all
- Give donors incentive (tax incentive) to support WSF
- Tourism Board needs to help with marketing
- Keep activities on Fairgrounds
- We need to find a way to incentivize donors!
- Get legislators to visit the State Fair
- Cowboys Exhibition Game
- Marketing to high quality vendors (shopping and food) needs to be a priority

- Listening boards should continue and a board with fresh ideas and opinions should be created. I also feel that the families participating should have the option to fill out a survey post fair. The past 2 years have been awful experiences for my children and myself. The first year we figured everyone is human, the second year just feels like there is a lack of caring and concern. If there is a place for specific issues to be addressed, I have some I would like to share. I would also be willing to volunteer as needed to see positive changes happen but feel the opportunities aren't presented to most people.