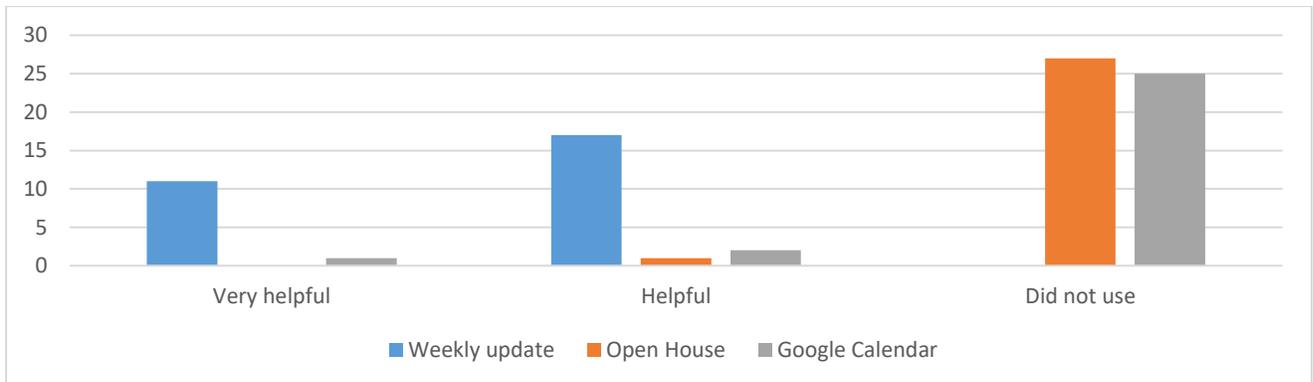


2021 4-H Fair Survey Results

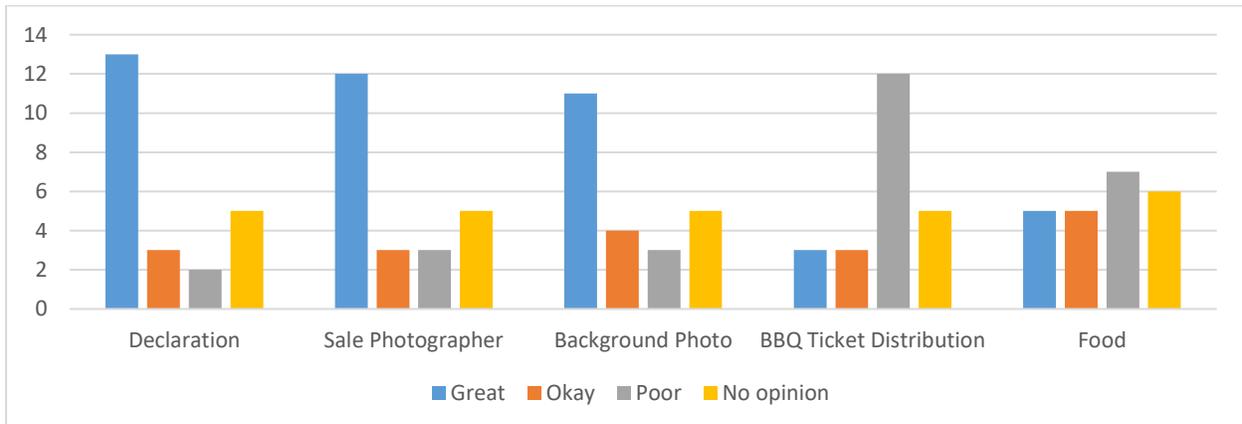
Demographics: 31 responses

- Role
 - 25 parents
 - 10 volunteers
 - 5 members
 - 4 club leaders
- Years involved
 - 12 responses < 5 years
 - 12 responses $5 \leq x \leq 9$
 - 4 responses ≤ 10
- Clubs
 - Elk River Wrangler (2)
 - Fairplay (1)
 - Flat Top (3)
 - Goodtimes (5)
 - Handy Lads and Lassie (4)
 - High Point (4)
 - Ranch Horse (6)
 - Southside (1)
- Projects
 - Did not show an animal (6)
 - Horse (10)
 - Beef (9)
 - Swine (8)
 - Small Animals (7)
 - Goat (3)
 - Sheep (3)

Communication



Fair changes



How did you feel the 2021 fair went overall?

- Great (10)
- Okay (13)

Open ended comments:

- Communication: Improve email communication (more attractive, better organized, customized for the different projects, shorter); monthly newsletter; update the website; improve google calendar
- Weigh-in: Insurance premium needs to be cash or check, didn't like the second weigh-in fee; slick as a whistle; earlier before it gets hot; time conflicted with small animals; more education for first timers including expectations about conduct when in the barn; liked option to tag and weigh-in at home; encourage kids to see the scale; leave weigh-in the same or make it all on one day and have all livestock checked in on Tuesday; use state 6% weight back; keep it the same
- Livestock show: Steer show needs to be on Friday (x2); liked the show on Thursday; judge was amazing; judge needs to be species-specific; new poultry judge; went well (x4); supplement with more fun activity to start it off; show in the evenings so people who work can come and watch; livestream needs to be better; more animals for visitors to see; everything went well; better stalling; changing dates of events made it hard for spectators to attend; animals need to be show ready; don't schedule three species on the same day (x2) added extra stress; More English offerings and knowledgeable judge
- BBQ: Needs to have Cattlemen make all the meat, cater sides; more clarity about how the BBQ was funded in the past and explanation for why the funds are not available; more covered seating; better catered food (x4); Mr. Camilletti's beef was great! (x2); loved the beer stand and partnership with Rotary (x2); set up was a nightmare; more covered seating (x2); more food should have been given for the price; more direction for youth volunteers; make sure all buyers get tickets; didn't like the kids being charged for tickets; don't leave tickets to chance all buyers need to have tickets; make BBQ free like other counties; show volunteers more gratitude; ask for volunteers/helps don't assume or demand; provide a template for buyer invites
- Livestock sale: Quality of backdrop should be improved; more promotion; cast a wider net for potential buyers; set up and take down went well; mix up the species (sell all first place, all second-place animals, and so forth); sale order (large animal livestock champions need to sell first over poultry); load-out was total chaos (x2); we need alternate exit for animals not going to processor; better communication about load out times; more seating; sale percentage needs to be clearer; all kids need to help out in the barn (consequences if they don't help); make flood days a requirement
- FM Light and Sons Ag Experience:
 - Visitor Experience: "It was great"; great idea; more petting zoo options (x2); lots of families don't visit, don't we need it/get rid of it (x4); little walk-through traffic needs more promotion (x3); more volunteers; closer to MPB or use temporary set up and move closer to Exhibit Hall; consider shortening the schedule
 - Volunteer Experience: too many shifts for livestock kids (x2); provide quick volunteer training; schedule groups coming through; updated experiences (x2); too much to expect clubs to help run; "we loved helping out and plan to do so in the future"

General concerns:

- Improve introduction for new 4-H families
- Better and more timely communication especially on big changes, especially before they buy their animal. Was not acceptable this year. (x2)
- Need accountability when Extension falls short or is disorganized.
- Need new extension staff.
- Staff didn't advocate for kids as it pertained to the sale. Need staff that fights for our kids and this program. Need to think outside of the box and push back. Need staff that is not afraid of confrontation or change at any cost.
- Staff that helps kids when they need help
- Fair request: Wish the fair was a bigger regional attraction with more animals for viewing, more rides/activities, more food trucks; change fair Exhibit Hall projects 4-H youth not able to participate
- Master list of all scheduled tasks with a centralized list, reward those that help or penalize those that don't
- Junior leaders demand was too high this year for what they got out of the program
- Improved volunteer appreciation
- Fair clean-up day in the evening so more families and parents could attend