COLUMBIA COUNTY
YOUTH LIVESTOCK AUCTION

4-H and FFA members of Columbia County will be able to sell their project market animals at an auction to be held during the Columbia County Fair. All members must be properly enrolled in a market project within their respective organizations. We are very fortunate to have the Columbia County Friends of Fair as the sponsor for the auction. Additional information is available from your 4-H Agent, Leader, or FFA Instructor.

GENERAL RULES
1. All auction market animals must be weighed in at the designated times for that species of livestock. They must also meet 4-H and/or FFA rules to be considered for the sale.
2. Ownership of the animal shall be established at the first weigh-in, in the name entered. No club or chapter will be allowed to sell market animals at the auction.
3. All animals entered for the auction will be graded and sold in auction line up. Auction line up will be determined by a lottery drawing after the Champion and Reserve Champion.
4. All auction animals must receive a blue or red ribbon in their confirmation class. White ribbon animals are not eligible for the auction. The ribbon award by the confirmation judge is final.
5. Youth must weigh-in their own animal at all official weigh-ins unless prior written approval of the Auction Committee is received within 24 hours. In case of emergency, an animal will be weighed-in and the owner must apply in writing to the auction committee for approval of the entry. The committee will act on the request within 14 days of receipt of the letter. The request must have been made within three days of the weigh-in.
6. Each sale participant will be allowed to sell a total of two auction animals. Any combination, with the exception that only one steer may be auctioned. For rabbits and poultry, one pen of 3 fryers will be accepted as one animal. Each participant will only be allowed to weigh in twice the amount of animals they are eligible to auction.
7. All auction animals must be entered in 4-H and/or FFA market classes at the Fair. Exhibitors will be allowed to sell as long as they are a 4-H and/or FFA member in good standing.
8. USDA requirements for withdrawal of feed additives shall be followed.
9. All market steers, hogs, lambs, and goats must be taken off of pasture. They must be fed grain and hay from the first to the final weigh-in. All animals must be pulled off all medicated feed 30 days prior to sale and adhere to all medication withdraws as set by the manufacturer.
10. No un-castrated or stag animals will be allowed to be sold at the auction, as determined by the Market Grader and/or the Auction Committee, with the exception of rabbits and poultry.
11. The Auction Committee may inspect all animals sometime between first weigh-in and auction.
12. All exhibitors will dress for auction, as they should appear in Showmanship Classes.
13. All bidding will be on a per pound basis.
14. Five percent of the gross sale price will be withheld for sale expenses.
15. Market animals that do not meet the weight and rate of gain requirements will not be sold! Rate of gain will be calculated from first to final weigh-in.
16. All resale animals will be loaded at the designated time following the auction.
17. Checks will be mailed to all sellers by Auction Committee upon receipt by the committee of an original thank-you note to the buyer or a copy of the same and payment is received from buyer.
18. To be sold, all animals must be manageable and under control at the final weigh-in, in the classes and during market line-up, and handled by the seller. This rule will be enforced by Auction Committee &/or Judges. This is for safety purposes. A control form will be signed at the first weigh in.
19. The animal sold is the responsibility of the seller until time of slaughter. If the animal is condemned in the slaughter process, it is the seller's responsibility to absorb the loss.
20. The Seller must be present at the sale ring to sell their animal.
21. Rate of Gain for Market animals will be: Steers (Beef & Dairy) 2 pounds per day, Swine 1.5 pounds per day, Lambs .45 pounds per day: Goats .20 pounds per day.
22. All age requirements are calculated from birth or hatch to final weigh day. Final weigh day is Tuesday of Fair.
23. There will be no reweighs. The weight called at the scale at the final weigh-in will stand as the final weight.

MARKET STEERS - DAIRY & BEEF
Tagging day – Feb. 13, 2010 – 10am
1. Steers must weigh a minimum of 900 pounds at the final weigh-in, have a 2-pound rate of gain, and grade good or better to sell.
2. All market steers must be taken off of pasture and must be grain and hay fed from the first to the final weigh-in. All animals must be pulled off all medicated feed 30 days prior to sale and adhere to all medication withdraws as set by the manufacturer.
3. No un-castrated or stag animals will be allowed to be sold at the auction, as determined by the Market Grader and/or the Auction Committee.
4. Beef steers must not be more than 2 years old at time of final weigh-ins.
5. Only dehorned or polled cattle will be admitted. Tipped horns are not allowed. Steers not complying will be removed from the competition.
6. Brand inspection will be enforced according to law in effect at show time. Evidence of ownership must accompany each exhibit at final weigh-in time. Example: transportation slip & E-slip

MARKET HOGS
Tagging day – May 15 - 10 a.m., 2010
1. Market hogs at the final weigh-in must weigh between 230 and 300 pounds; have a 1.5 -pound rate of gain and grade U.S. No.1 or No.2 to sell.
2. All market hogs must be taken off of pasture. They must be grain fed from the first to the final weigh-in. All animals must be pulled off all medicated feed 30 days prior to sale and adhere to all medication withdraws as set by the manufacturer.
3. No un-castrated or stag animals will be allowed to be sold at the auction, as determined by the Market Grader and/or the Auction Committee.
4. Market hogs will be born after January 1st of the current year.

MARKET LAMBS
Tagging day – May 15 - 10 a.m., 2010
1. Lambs must be born after January 1 of current year.
2. Lambs at the final weigh-in must weigh between 105 and 160 pounds; have a .45 pound rate of gain and grade choice or better to sell.
3. No un-castrated or stag animals will be allowed to be sold at the auction, as determined by the Market Grader and/or the Auction Committee.
4. All market lambs must be taken off of pasture and grain and hay fed from the first to the final weigh-in. All animals must be pulled off all medicated feed 30 days prior to sale and adhere to all medication withdraws as set by the manufacturer.
5. All lambs must have ear tags in accordance with current state and federal regulations.
6. All Lambs must be slick shorn to 1/4” and be dry at final weigh in.

MARKET GOATS
Tagging day – May 15 - 10 a.m., 2010
1. All goats must be born after November 1st of previous year.
2. Goats at the final weigh-in must weigh a minimum of 60 pounds; have a .20 pound rate of gain and grade choice or better to sell.
3. No un-castrated or stag animals will be allowed to be sold at the auction, as determined by the Market Grader and/or the Auction Committee.
4. All market goats must be taken off of pasture. They must be grain and hay fed from the first to the final weigh-in. All animals must be pulled off all medicated feed 30 days prior to sale and adhere to all medication withdraws as set by the manufacturer.
5. All animals must be polled or dehorned.
6. No pygmy goats or pygmy cross goats.
7. All goats must have ear tags in accordance with current state and federal regulations.
8. Birth date of Goats for 2008 Fair will be: Born after

MARKET TURKEY
Tagging day – May 15 - 10 a.m., 2010
1. Hen and Toms must be: born after March 1st, and weigh between 14-35 pounds.

MARKET RABBITS
June 12, 2010, 10:00 am
1. Rabbit fryer weights will mirror 4-H and/or FFA requirements as stated in the Fair Book and not be over 84 days old at final weigh in.
2. Animals must be grade A to sell.

MARKET FRYERS
June 12, 2010, 10:00 am
1. Market Fryers must weigh between 4 and 6 pounds and not be over 8 weeks old.
2. Animals must be grade A to sell.

THANK YOU, 2010 BUYERS AND SUPPORTERS