

4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK MARKET PROGRAM & AUCTION

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OBJECTIVE: To provide youth, their parents and leaders an experience in one method of marketing and selling.

- Through participation in an auction, improve the livestock enterprise by encouraging excellence in management and economical production. To be part of the consumer education efforts of 4-H and FFA with focus on marketing at proper weight, quality grade and producing a desirable carcass from consumer and producer standpoint.
- To provide an awareness by the general public of the efforts expended by 4-H and FFA members in connection with the livestock project and provide one way for citizens of the community to participate in a 4-H and FFA experience.

1. All members in market animal class are subject to Fair 4-H and FFA policies. Market beef must be in the member's possession by initial beef weigh-in. Market sheep, swine and goats must be in member's possession by initial sheep, swine and goat weigh-in.
2. All members entering market animals must be currently enrolled in this project in Linn County 4-H or FFA. FFA may not participate past summer of graduation.
3. To sell in the auction, beef, sheep, swine and goats must be weighed and ear tagged according to the following schedule. Animals must be identified by a specific member at spring weigh-in. Members may bring 2 of each species to initial weigh-in.

BEEF: Jan 3 and April 4

SWINE: May 12 and 13

SHEEP: May 12 and 13

GOATS: May 12 and 13

At this time, the member will receive advice on the care of their animal to attain marketable quality for the Fair sale. If there is a concern over the projected animal's condition, the member may purchase another animal within one week of the initial weigh-in date and must also make arrangements for it to be weighed and ear tagged.

4. Between initial and final weigh-in, members with market animals will keep records on amount and cost of feed and will hand these records in at final weigh-in.

5. 4-H/FFA members must bring their entries in market beef, sheep, swine, goats, poultry and rabbit classes to initial weigh-in. Animals not selected for market class may be shown in a non-market class or returned home. Each 4-H/FFA member is eligible to sell only one market animal. No re-weighs on all market species except to re-zero scale. Beef and goats must be hornless.
6. A 4-H or FFA member may show two market animals in each species at the 2009 Linn County Fair in July. The member can only sell one animal at the July 18 auction.
7. The final weigh-in will be Tuesday of Fair week at Linn County Fairgrounds. 4-H/FFA exhibitors are to enter the South (blue) gate and proceed to the livestock unloading area. Immediately upon unloading and penning the breeding and market animal(s), each exhibitor's vehicle must be moved to the Wind Sox area if leaving vehicles on the fairgrounds. 4-H/FFA members having Market Auction animals will have up to 2 hours from time of unloading to complete their weigh-in.
8. Market lambs will be shown in no more than 1/4" fleece (see sheep section). All animals meeting the following weight restrictions and of marketable quality will be eligible for 4-H/FFA Auction:

SWINE: 230 lb minimum. No upper weight at fair. (see Swine section for specifics)

BEEF: 1000-1450 lbs. steers. (see Beef section for specifics)

LAMB: **110 lb minimum. No upper weight at fair.** (see Lamb section for specifics)

GOATS: **60 lbs. minimum. No upper weight at fair.** (see Goat section for specifics)

CHICKENS: 4 to 6 lbs., less than 8 weeks (pen of 3).

TURKEYS: Hens-12-16 lbs., less than 16 weeks. Toms-20-30 lbs., less than 25 weeks.

GEESE: 8-15 lbs., less than 20 weeks.

DUCKS: 5 to 8 lbs., less than 8 weeks (pen of 3).

RABBITS: 6 to 8 1/2 lbs., (pen of 3).

9. All male market animals must be castrated, except poultry & rabbits) by first weigh in.
10. Animals meeting all of the above requirements will be placed in special market classes by

weight. The animals then will be judged and placed into one of three market quality groups based on the judges' evaluation: **Blue** - above average market quality; **Red** - average market quality; **White** - below average market quality. Only blue and red ribbon animals will be sold. WHITE WILL NOT BE SOLD.

11. Ownership of the auctioned animal changes at the time the auctioneer cries "Sold"; however, the member retains responsibility for care until animal is transported.
12. Champion/Reserve Champion Market animals must be sold.
13. All auction Beef animals will be slaughtered for carcass evaluation.
14. The conformation quality group and weight of each animal will appear in the sale catalog.
15. A 6% sale commission will be charged to cover sale expenses ie: advertising, forms, computer program.
16. The member must participate in showmanship with all species, schedule permitting. The member must decide which animal to sell in the auction by 9:00 a.m., Thursday, July 16, or one animal will be selected by the auction and species superintendent.
17. Members who do not show in showmanship may not sell in auction. If emergency or extreme circumstances prevent participation in showmanship class, a member must notify the Superintendent no later than the day before showmanship.
18. Youth's appearance in the sale ring will make an impression on buyers and the general public. It's important that clothes are clean and tidy. The exhibitor's hair should be neatly trimmed and combed.
19. The recommended auction dress code is shirts with a collar, long pants and close-toed shoes.
20. The sale order within species will be determined by order: champion, reserve champion, blue and red.
21. Rabbits, chickens, and ducks will sell by the pen of 3, not by the head.
22. The operation of this sale is a cooperative effort of the Kiwanis Takena Chapter, Willamette Community Bank, and the Linn County 4-H/FFA Auction Committee.
23. Each 4-H/FFA member shall show their own animal through the sale ring unless excused by specific livestock superintendent involved.
24. Members will be paid within 60 days based on price bid minus sale charges provided that the 4-H/FFA youth seller has written the buyer(s) their thank you letter(s) and turned in by the end of fair on Sunday, July 19.
25. Checks must be cashed by Jan 1, 2009 or money will revert to the Linn County 4-H/FFA Market Auction fund.
26. When a person purchases an animal for their own use and the carcass does not grade on the rail as estimated by the judge, it will be the purchaser's responsibility to accept the carcass as graded.
27. The Auction Committee reserves the right to test any animal for drug residues for any form of tampering. If an animal is condemned in the slaughter process (because of disease, etc.), it is the seller's (4-H-FFA member) responsibility to absorb the loss.
28. The Auction Committee shall not be held liable for uncollectible accounts.
29. Donation animals must be pre-approved by the Market Auction Committee before the auction in order to sell.

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