

**EASTERN OREGON LIVESTOCK SHOW ~
4-H AND FFA AUCTION COMMITTEE
P O Box 1273, La Grande, OR 97850**

Welcome to the 2009 Eastern Oregon Livestock Junior Auction. Attached are the Auction Rules for the 2009 Show.

Please read your Premium Books and be aware of all rules and requirements.

2009 Changes

1. **WEIGH IN TIME CHANGE:** Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
2. **MARKET ANIMAL WEIGHTS:** ~ The EOLS Auction Committee has decided to lift the top weight on all market animals for this years show, but will only pay to the preferred top weights listed in the Auction Rules.

The reason we lifted the top weight is for those animals that have larger frames and do not look finished with the preferred top weight. What we don't want to see is sloppy overweight animals or animals that are not being fed to make weight or be in a lighter weight class.

MARKET STEER EXHIBITORS ~ Please be aware that Tyson will not kill any steer over a weight of 1500 pounds, so if your animals official show weight will be over 1500 pounds, it would be wise to find a buyer that will have it custom cut.

3. **COOL AFFIDAVITS** ~ All Exhibitors will need to sign a COOL Affidavit that indicates if the animal was USA origin, with the breeders' information. These are available on the Union County Extension Website if you would like to pre-sign the form, and will be available at weigh-in.

PLEASE REMEMBER: Each exhibitor must personally show their market animal in the appropriate MARKET CLASS AND must participate in a SHOWMANSHIP class, and must PERSONALLY sell their own animal in the auction ring.

BRING YOUR OWN BUYER: If you are out of Union County, we also want to stress to "bring your own buyers". If you need someone to purchase your animal for your buyers, please let John know and we will make arrangements. There is information at easternoregonlivestockshow.com for buyers.

NOW IS THE TIME: If you have questions to be contacting your local Extension Agent, the Union County Extension Agent, Carole Smith (963-1010 ~ carole.smith@oregonstate.edu), your FFA Advisor, the EOLS FFA Superintendent, Dennis Clark (562-5166 ~ Dennis.Clark@union.k12.or.us), John Leithner (562-5099 ~ Leithnerlvstk@eoni.com) or Billie Jo Boothman (975-9519 ~ billiejo@eoni.com).

See you all in June,

Billie Jo Boothman and John Leithner, Auction Co-Chair's

4-H AND FFA AUCTION SALE RULES

1. All 4-H and FFA exhibitors may sell one market animal. Sale order will be hogs, steers, lambs **and goats**.
The Eastern Oregon Livestock Show Auction is a TERMINAL SALE. Any animal shown in either a 4-H or FFA market class and deemed eligible for sale, MAY NOT be shown in any future market classes in any show. All market animals must meet the guidelines within the 4-H and FFA Premium Books as well as the rules stated within these auction rules to be eligible to sell.
2. Market animals must be weighed between **1:00 p.m.** and **7:00 p.m.** on Wednesday of the show. Animals should weigh upon arrival at stock show grounds. Owners of any animals that arrive before **1:00 p.m.** must have written permission from the FFA General Superintendents for FFA animals or the Union County Extension Agent for 4-H animals acknowledging the reason for early arrival. These animals shall be stalled and must weigh as soon as the scales open at **1:00 p.m.**
3. **All Exhibitors will need to sign a COOL Affidavit that indicates if the animal was USA origin, with the breeders' information. These are available on the Union County Extension Website if you would like to pre-sign the form, and will be available at weigh-in.**
4. **OFFICIAL SALE WEIGHT** - The official sale weight shall be weight upon arrival less a 2% shrink. *Only one weight will be permitted.* Exhibitors may bring two animals (same species) to weigh in. The first animal to make weight across scale is the one tagged. Second animal must leave the grounds unless it is a ewe lamb and entered in that class. Weighing conditions are identical between 4-H and FFA. No weighing on two scales or later weigh in. If the animal weight is in question, the animal will be taken off scale, the scale re-balanced, then the animal re-weighed immediately. That weight will stand. Prior to show, scales are checked and certified by State Weight and Measurers Division. (If there is an emergency regarding late arrival for market animals weigh in, individuals must call the 4-H or FFA Superintendent to verify at 562-6237.
5. Only animals exhibited in the regular market classes at this show may be sold through the sale. Each **exhibitor** must personally show their market animal in the appropriate MARKET **class AND must participate in a SHOWMANSHIP** class, and must personally sell **their own animal in the** auction ring. Special situations may be considered with written application to the EOLS Executive Board one month prior to the show.
6. All animals meeting the weight limitations will be evaluated by a qualified judge who will estimate if beef will grade select, choice, or prime; if sheep will grade choice or prime; if hogs will grade US 1 or 2 **or if goats will grade choice or prime**. The Judges decisions are final.
7. All market lambs **and goats** grading choice or better must be sold through the sale. Steers grading prime, choice or select must sell in the Auction Sale. Market hogs grading 1 or 2 must sell in the Auction Sale. Lambs **and goats** grading below choice; standard steers and utility hogs will receive a white ribbon and will not be allowed to sell.
8. The order of sale will be based upon quality (grade) and class placings. For each type of livestock the first sale will be the highest placing animal with the highest grade classification. Within each grade classification, sales will alternate between 4-H and FFA participants.
9. **OVERWEIGHT PENALTY:** Exhibitors will be able to show & sell overweight animals, but are only paid to the top weight listed below. The weight that will be shown on the Sale Order will be the official sale weight as stated below. This rule is the penalty for an overweight. i.e.: The lamb may weigh in at 165 lb's., an exhibitor may show and sell the animal, but will only be paid up to 155 lbs.

10. **WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS** - Market hogs must weigh a minimum of 230 and will only be paid to a top weight of 280 lbs; Market lambs must weigh a minimum of 100 and will only be paid to a top weight of 155 lbs; Market steers must weigh a minimum of 1,000 lbs. and will be paid to a top weight of 1,450; Market goats must weight no less than 50 lbs. and will only be paid to a top weight of 120 lbs. , across the scales in order to sell at the Auction. The official sale weight shall be weight upon arrival less a 2% shrink.

11. Transfer of ownership takes place at the time of the sale. All Exhibitors will care for their market animals through 6:00 p.m. Saturday night. If your animal is a "Pickup or Take Home Animal", please water your animal once that species has completed selling. All pickup/take home animals must be checked out with the Auction Office before loading. The Auction Committee will assist in loading out of the animals.

12. **MARKET STEER REQUIREMENTS** - Change of Ownership Slips (not transportation certificates) must accompany all market steers that weigh in.

All resale steers (both 4-H and FFA) will be sold on carcass and yield grade. Any discount taken or premium paid by the re-sale packers will be passed on to the exhibitors. This means that the exhibitor will be paid on carcass quality plus the premium the buyer bids above market price. Market steers going for re-sale may be charged a feed lot fee for approximately one week if arrangements are made in hopes to prevent "dark cutters."

Exhibitors that sell steers to buyers of locker meat will be paid total price bid on animals using the live grade.

All market steers sold as custom kill at the auction must be left tied with a rope halter at least 3/8-inch in diameter in the areas designated for the Custom Kill Processors. A \$15 penalty will be imposed on those who fail to comply with this rule. All Exhibitors will care for their market animals through 6:00 p.m. Saturday night. All re-sale steers will be turned loose in the location stated by the Auction Committee.

13. **ANIMALS CONDEMNED AT SLAUGHTER** - If an animal is rejected, condemned, or discounted in the slaughter process for any reason, the final buyer would have the option of accepting the floor price of the animal or a comparable worth in meat (if custom killed). The exhibitor would assume this loss.

ANIMAL HEALTH POLICY

14. The Eastern Oregon Livestock Show Junior Auction is committed to the production of safe, wholesome food products and the safety of all exhibitors and visitors.

The EOLS Screening Committee reserves the right to require a health inspection, diagnostic tests, treatment and/or disease control measures or procedures which become necessary in emergencies at the exhibitors expense.

No cryptorchid will be allowed to show/sell in market classes. This includes swine, beef, and sheep. All steers must be dehorned and healed.

An unmanageable animal may also be disqualified from the show and auction at any time it is deemed necessary.

Disqualification of an animal is not directed towards an Exhibitor, it is for the safety and well being of the production of safe, wholesome food products and the safety of all exhibitors and visitors.

ALL ANIMALS shall be subject to inspection by the initial EOLS Screening Committee upon admission to the grounds or by members of the Screening Committee as deemed necessary throughout the show. No animal shall be admitted to the show or allowed to remain on the grounds that shows evidence of abuse, infection, contagious disease, any unsightly disease or condition, (i.e.: warts, ringworm/club lamb fungus, pinkeye, strangles, contagious ecthyma, scabies, lice, mites, ticks, fleas, prolapse, etc) or is unmanageable.

It will be the **initial** EOLS Screening Committee's decision to isolate the animal for disqualification from the show if there is any question about the health of the animal. Animals **NOT** passing health inspection by the Screening Committee must be **IMMEDIATELY** removed from the grounds.

INITIAL EOLS SCREENING COMMITTEE - The **initial** EOLS Screening Committee shall include two (2) to three (3) unassociated market animal producer(s) (i.e. a lamb, hog or beef producer without immediate family showing in that species) and will be available only on Wednesday, weigh-in day. If the initial Screening Committee is not immediately available, the animal in question will be placed in a separate pen by the Superintendent until the Committee is available.

EOLS SCREENING COMMITTEE - The balance of the Screening Committee shall consist of two (2) or more members of the EOLS Auction Committee and a Licensed Veterinarian. The Veterinarian will be available only on an on-call basis. **EOLS Executive Board** shall include the President and Vice Presidents. The Producer(s) and the Licensed Veterinarian shall be procured by the EOLS Auction Committee prior to the show.

APPEAL PROCESS - Any adult who wishes to file an appeal for an Exhibitor may do so in writing to the EOLS Screening Committee immediately and accompany the appeal with \$50 **cash** (nonrefundable). Those who appeal will have their animals placed in a separate pen until the EOLS Executive Board reviews the appeal with the Screening Committee. The EOLS Executive Board decision shall be final.

15. There will be no decorating of sale animals.
16. No thank you gifts will be allowed in the auction barn. Gifts may be taken to buyers after the Auction is over or to their place of business with a thank you card.
17. **PAYMENT** - All Exhibitors selling market animals will be paid within 60 days of the close of the Auction. Steers will be paid as stated in the rules above; hogs and lambs will be paid based on Sale Weight. All Exhibitors will be charged a **four-percent (4%)** commission to help pay auction expenses.

For those 4-H and FFA members that have financed their market animals through a lending institution, market animal checks will be jointly issued when EOLS Auction Committee has been so advised.

PLEASE SEND A THANK YOU NOTE TO THE BUYER(S) AND ANYONE WHO MAY ADD-ON OR BUMP UP THE PRICE OF YOUR MARKET ANIMAL. ADDRESSES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE AUCTION OFFICE ON SALE DAY, FROM THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY CALLING (541) 963-1010, AND IN YOUR SALE PROCEEDS CHECK. PLEASE CHECK YOUR LIST OF BUYERS WHEN YOU RECEIVE YOUR CHECK FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF ADDITIONAL BUYER INFORMATION.

Thank you for participating in the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show 4-H & FFA Auction.

EOLS AUCTION COMMITTEE

Co-Chairmen: Billie Jo Boothman and John Leithner

Committee: Carole Smith, Dennis Clark, JD Cant, Paul Anderes

EOLS Board Representatives: Dave Billings and Ray Randall