

EOLS 2012

4-H AND FFA AUCTION

RULES

EXHIBITORS

1. All 4-H and FFA members currently enrolled in an Oregon 4-H or Agriculture livestock project are eligible to enter the EOLS Junior Auction classes.
2. Potential exhibitors must pre-register for the EOLS by May 15th.
3. Exhibitors are allowed to sell one market animal.
4. Exhibitors are required to show in at least one showmanship class. This animal may be a market or breeding animal which is entered in the show.
5. Any animal shown in either a 4-H or FFA market class and deemed eligible for sale at the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show Auction, MAY NOT be shown in any future market classes in any show.
6. 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.
7. All Exhibitors are required to complete a USDA Country of Origin (COOL) Affidavit at weigh-in, verifying the animal was bred and born in the USA. These affidavits will be available at weigh-in. (*Exhibitors should also have gotten a COOL form completed by the original breeder verifying the animal origin - this should be kept in the exhibitor's record book.*) Copies are available on the Union County 4-H Extension Website if you would like to pre-sign the form and bring to weigh-in.
8. Only animals exhibited in the regular market classes at this show may be sold through the Auction. Each exhibitor must personally show their market animal in the appropriate market class.
9. Exhibitors must personally sell their own animal in the auction ring. Special situations may be considered with written application not less than one month prior to the show. A letter must be written to 4-H Superintendent or FFA Advisor. The letter will be forwarded to the Auction Committee with recommendation, then to EOLS Executive Board. (rarely are exceptions given)!

REGISTRATION AND CHECK-IN

1. 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 the stock show grounds.
2. In case of extenuating circumstances, owners of any animals that need to 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. If there is an emergency regarding late arrival for market animal weigh in, individuals must call the EOLS Office at 541-562-6237 to obtain approval for late arrival. Permission must be obtained from the 4-H Agent for 4-H exhibitors or from the FFA Superintendents for FFA exhibitors.

WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS

1. **Official Sale Weight** - The official sale weight shall be weight upon arrival less a 2% shrink. *Only one weight will be permitted.*
2. Exhibitors may bring two animals (same species) to weigh in. The first animal to make weight across the scales will be considered the animal entered in the EOLS market class. Second animal must leave the grounds unless it is a ewe lamb and is entered in a breeding class.
3. Weigh in conditions are identical between 4-H and FFA. 4-H animals will weigh on the 4-H scale; FFA animals will be weighed on the FFA scales. If the animal weight is in question, the animal will be taken off the scale, the scale re-balanced, then the animal re-weighed immediately. That weight will stand. Prior to the show, scales are checked and certified by State Weight and Measurers Division.
4. **Minimum/Maximum Weight** - To be eligible to sell in the Auction, market animals are required to fall within an optimum weight range for their species. Animals must weigh at least the minimum weight while not exceeding the maximum weight. (See table below). To encourage exhibitors to feed animals to a market standard, there will be a “top weight paid”. Animals going over this weight will be subject to an “overweight” penalty.
5. **Overweight Penalty** - Exhibitors will be able to show & sell overweight animals to the maximum weight as stated below but they will only be paid to the “top” weight. Animals under the minimum weight and over the maximum weight will be ineligible to sell in the auction.

Example: A market lamb’s official weight across the scales is 165 lb’s. The exhibitor is allowed to show and sell the animal since it is not over the “maximum” weight but, because it is over the “top weight paid”, it is subject to the “overweight penalty”. Thus, the exhibitor will only be paid to the “top weight paid” of 155 lbs.

The weight that will be shown on the Sale Order will be the “official sale weight” as defined in the above rules of the “Weight Requirements” section.
6. **Weight Requirements** - Market animals will be weighed on the official scales and must meet the minimum/maximum weight requirements for their species to be allowed to sell in the auction. The official sale weight shall be weight upon arrival less a 2% shrink.

	Minimum Weight	Top Weight Paid	Maximum Weight
Hogs	230	280	310
Goats	50	120	130
Lambs	100	155	170
Steers	1,000	1,450	1,530

7. Market animals not making the minimum weight or going over the maximum weight will NOT be eligible to sell through the auction but are allowed to be shown in a feeder or over-weight class and showmanship class to allow exhibitors to still compete at the show. Exhibitors of under/overweight animals may add their animal to a potential buyer list in the 4-H office in case there are after auction buyers available. However, the auction is not responsible for the sale of these animals or for their care.

SALE ORDER

1. **Individual animal order** – Sale order of individual animals will be based upon quality (grade) and market class placing. Within each species the first to sell will be the highest placing animal with the highest grade classification (indicated by blue or red ribbons). Animals receiving a white ribbon for grade will not be allowed to sell. Within each grade classification, sale order will alternate between 4-H and FFA participants as appropriate.
2. **Sale order of species** - Hogs will sell first, then steers, lambs and goats.
3. **Program order** – 4-H and FFA will alternate every year as to which program member will be the first to start the auction. 4-H will go first on even years and FFA will go first on odd years.

SALE REQUIREMENTS

1. 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.
2. All market lambs and goats grading choice or better must be sold through the Auction. Steers grading prime, choice or select must sell in the Auction. Market hogs grading 1 or 2 must sell in the Auction. Lambs and goats grading below choice; standard steers and utility hogs will receive a white ribbon and will not be allowed to sell.
3. 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. All animals should be off the grounds before 7:00 pm.
4. **Market Steer Requirements** - Change of Ownership Slips (not transportation certificates) must accompany all market steers and must be presented to the weigh master at weigh in time. *(These forms should be completed at time of purchase and signed by original seller.)* 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.
5. **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.
6. There will be no decorating of sale animals.

ANIMAL HEALTH POLICY

1. 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 crypt orchid will be allowed to show/sell in market classes. All steers must be dehorned and healed.
An unmanageable animal may 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 of all exhibitors and visitors as well as for the production of safe, wholesome food products.
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 (sore mouth), 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.

APPEAL PROCESS

1. Any adult who wishes to file an appeal for an Exhibitor may do so in writing to the EOLS Screening Committee immediately. The appeal must be accompanied 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.

PAYMENT

1. **Sales Commission** - All Exhibitors will be charged a three and one half-percent (3.5%) commission. Commission is used to assist with auction expenses and support repairs and maintenance of facilities.
2. All Exhibitors selling market animals will be paid within 90 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.
3. 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.

COMMITTEES

1. **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
2. **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.

3. **EOLS Auction Committee**

Co-Chairmen: Billie Jo Boothman and John Leithner

Committee: 4-H Agent - Carole Smith and FFA Instructors - Dennis Clark, JD Cant, Paul Anderes

EOLS Board Representatives: Luke Shaw and Darren Hansen

THANK YOU

1. 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, or after the sale from the Extension office, 541-963-1010, and in your sale proceeds check. Please check your list of buyers when you receive your check to see if you had additional buyers.
2. Gifts may be taken to buyers after the Auction is over or to their place of business with a thank you card. No thank you gifts will be allowed in the auction barn.
3. Buyer "thank you placards" will be mailed directly to buyers by the auction committee.

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