

## 2008 - 2009 4-H / FFA Auction Rules

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The word "Animal" in this section includes market beef, sheep, goats, swine, chickens, and rabbits.

1. All sold animals not floored will be delivered to a Livestock Auction Committee designated location or approved processor of choice listed in the auction sale catalog by the buyer of the animal. Auction follows the "Show Ring Code of Ethics".
2. Unethical means of removing or remedying physical defects of conformation in animals (such as lifting or filling under the skin) will be considered fraud and deception. Animals showing evidence of such treatment will result in the owner's forfeiture of all sale proceeds.
3. An animal that receives a white award (ribbon) in its market class will not be eligible for sale in the auction. If an animal is condemned in the slaughter process, the seller will absorb the loss. Any dockage will be passed on to the seller.
4. All animals must be tagged and weighed at first weigh-ins at the designated time and place to be eligible to sell at the YCLA auction. No un-castrated animals excluding fowl and rabbits will be allowed to weigh in or sell. No mass will be allowed below castrating bands. All animals must be dehorned prior to initial weigh in. Members of the immediate family may weigh in one additional shared animal to serve as a backup animal in the case of death or disqualification of an animal among those raised by the family.
5. All personal information is to be completed and turned in at initial weigh in or tattooing.
6. ***Student must be present at initial and final weigh in, or make acceptable arrangements with the auction committee prior to weigh in.***
7. ***Every animal must be registered to an individual or immediate family at initial weigh in.***
8. If a tagged animal should lose its tag or if it should die, member must notify the Auction Committee General Chair, Greg Wildhaber at (503) 864-2948, within 24 hours.
9. All hardship cases, exceptions to the auction rules and grievances must be handled through the Yamhill County Livestock Association Auction Committee. Grievances regarding the adherence to auction rules must be brought in writing to the General Chair. The Committee will respond to grievances within 7 days.
10. Animals will be weighed at designated times and locations established by the Auction Committee. Species times will be posted in the barns. No re-weighs.
11. The Auction Committee has the right to refuse to allow any animal to sell that is considered unsafe or not receiving proper care. If an animal does not receive proper care after the auction, the seller will forfeit the floor price for their animal.
  - Proper care means:
    - Feed and water at designated times
    - A clean animal and clean stall
12. The member has possession of the animal until the winning bidder is determined during the auction. At that point, the animal becomes the possession of the auction committee and the committee retains that possession until the animal is released to the floor buyer or processor. Member must provide proper care and feeding of the sold animal until it leaves the fairgrounds.
13. At final weigh-in, a maximum of two (2) Market class animals or pens may be weighed-in per division.
14. Only one animal or pen per exhibitor maybe sold. A member exhibiting more than one species of market animal must choose which species will go through the sale by the designated time or the decision will default to the auction committee. If exhibitors have only one species then it will be the highest placing animal that will be sold.
15. All auction animals must be entered in a regular 4-H or FFA market classes at the fair, and participants must abide by the rules of those specific organizations.
16. All members and animals must be groomed for the auction as they should appear in showmanship classes. This means appropriate attire for the 4-H or FFA member. The member must show their own animal. No exceptions unless approved in writing by Auction Committee General Chair.
17. USDA requirements for withdrawal of feed additives and medications shall be followed.
18. The Auction Committee will deduct a 6% commission on the price of each animal or pen sold to cover cost of operating the auction. Sales commissions will be limited to \$300 per animal. All donations will be subject to 6% commission. Check off program fees will also be deducted separate from the 6% commission fee. The fee for the photographs will also be deducted.
19. Thank you cards from the seller to the buyer must be turned in at the Auction office by the end of fair. If they are not received within 90 days from the auction date the seller will forfeit all money due. The Auction Committee will mail checks to all sellers.
20. Participants are eligible to sell for 16 months after graduation, providing they are enrolled in the FFA program for that year.
21. The auction committee, in conjunction with the fair veterinarian, will ensure that all animals in the auction are of sound health prior to the sale. An animal could be withdrawn from the sale if found to be in an unhealthy state.
22. No donated funds will be accepted for a member who did not sell their animal in the auction.
23. A member may withdraw their project animal(s) from the auction up to the time they enter the market class show ring. Members withdrawing their animal(s) from auction after that will forfeit their rights to sell an animal in next year's auction.

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**Market Steer Rules**

1. Only beef steers may participate in the auction. Dairy or dairy cross animals are not eligible for sale.
2. At first weigh-ins all steers will be haltered with lead ropes attached to the halter (rope halters preferred). Three steers maybe weighed per member.
3. All market steers must be weighed and tagged on **February 21st, 2009** at Yamhill County Fairgrounds, 9am-Noon. 600-800 pounds is recommended weight.
4. Steers must be dehorned and castrated before initial tagging. (No solid horns) If banded, no mass will be hanging below the band. Steers must be fed in accordance with FDA regulations.
5. At fair, steers must weigh over **1000 lbs.** and be graded Select or better by the judge in order to qualify for sale.
6. Steers must gain a minimum of 2.25 lbs. per day, between beginning and final weigh-in, to be eligible for sale.
7. A maximum of 5 warts no larger than a dime will be allowed on market steers.
8. Brand certificates (blue C slip or blue auction sale paper) or proof of ownership must be turned in at initial weigh-in. Transportation slips needed at final weigh-in.

**Market Lamb Rules**

1. All lambs must be weighed and tagged on **May 16, 2009** at Yamhill County Fairgrounds, 9am-Noon, to be eligible for sale.
2. No more than three lambs may be tagged per member.
3. Lambs that have been soaked for misrepresentation of weight will not be weighed.
4. At initial weigh-in, recommended weight is 70-80 lbs.
5. Lambs must have only lamb's teeth showing at the time of final weigh-in.
6. Wool may not be longer than 1/2 inch at time of final weigh-in and will be measured at the scales.
7. At Final Weigh-in, lambs must weigh at least 104 lbs. and be graded Choice or better by the judge to qualify for sale.

8. At Final Weigh-in, lambs must gain a minimum of 20 lbs. between beginning and final weigh-in to be eligible for the sale.

**Market Goat Rules**

1. No more than three goats may be tagged per member.
2. All goats must be weighed and tagged on **May 16, 2009** at Yamhill County Fairgrounds, 9:00am-Noon, to be eligible for sale.
3. Market goats must gain at least 15 lbs from beginning to final weigh-in.
4. They must also weigh at least 60 lbs at final weigh-in.
5. We recommend market goats weigh 45-50 lbs at initial weigh-ins and be born after Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
6. All male goats must be castrated and all goats must be dehorned.
7. Goats may only have milk teeth at final weigh-in.

**Market Rabbit Rules**

1. Each member may weigh 4 fryers and choose 3 of them for one market pen OR can weigh 8 fryers and choose 6 of them for two market pens.
2. Market rabbits must weigh between 4.5 to 6 pounds each. The rabbits must be less than 12 weeks of age at time of fair.
3. Rabbits must be tattooed on **June 13, 2009** at Yamhill County Fairgrounds, 9 a.m. – Noon, to be eligible for sale.

**Market Hog Rules**

1. Three market hogs may be tagged per member.
2. Market hogs must be weighed and tagged on **April 25th, 2009** Yamhill County Fairgrounds, 9am-Noon. At initial weigh-in recommended weight is 70-120 lbs. Market hogs must not exceed 140 lbs at initial weigh-in. Market hogs must weigh between 224-286 lbs at final weigh-in and grade US No.1 or No.2 to be eligible for sale.
3. **Hogs must gain a minimum of 1.4 lbs per day, between beginning and final weigh-in, to be eligible for sale.**
4. Pork check off program fees will be deducted from the sale of the animal in addition to the 6% commission.
5. **Hogs must have minimum hair length of one half inch, except on ears and tail.**
6. Hogs are to be fed only commercial feeds and water after arrival at fairgrounds before final weigh-in. Animals must be clean before weigh-in, especially ear tags.

**Market Chicken Rules**

1. Each member may have up to 10 chicks marked. Chicks must **be no more than 6 days old when marked on June 13, 2009** at the Yamhill County Fairgrounds, 9am-Noon to be eligible for sale.
2. Market chickens must be sold in fryer pen of 3 and exhibited in that class.
3. Fryers must weigh at least **5.5** pounds at time of final weigh in.