

LIVESTOCK AUCTION

1. The 4-H Livestock Auction will be held during the 4-H Fair in the Show Arena. (See Fair Schedule for specific date and time.)
2. Only animals that have been exhibited at the 4-H Fair are eligible to be sold. A 4-H member may sell only one species of animals in the auction. The sale will be limited to one of the following: one steer or one market heifer only, weighing at least 800 pounds; one barrow or gilt only, weighing at least 170 pounds; one meat goat wether or meat goat market doe only, weighing at least 40 pounds; one dairy wether goat only, weighing at least 40 pounds; one market lamb or one market ewe only, weighing at least 50 pounds; one pen of three meat rabbits only or fryer rabbit, weighing not less than 3 pounds or more than five (5) pounds each; one pen of two commercial meat bird hybrids weighing 4.0-10.0 pounds each. All animals sold in the auction will be sent to market and are ineligible to be shown at any other 4-H or State Fair show. Gilts will be sold as a market gilt, not as a breeding gilt. Therefore, if the Grand Champion gilt or Reserve Grand Champion gilt are sold in the auction, they will not be announced as such at the auction.
3. The order of selling will be rotated each year. **The 2023 sale order will be 1) Poultry 2) Swine 3) Sheep 4) Dairy Goats 5) Meat Goats 6) Rabbit 7) Beef .** (the species selling last this year is first next year).
4. Club members may sell additional animals at appraised price without going through the auction, or may take them home. To sell additional animals, they will have to weigh the following: market lambs, at least 50 pounds; steers or market heifers, at least 800 pounds; and rabbits, between 3.8 - 5.8 pounds each.
5. To help cover expenses, 4-H members selling animals (appraiser or auction) will be asked to pay a fee that is to be determined by the 4-H Fair Board no later than April 1 per entry when they nominate their animals to be sold. Fees are payable to Boone County 4-H Club, Inc.
6. No animal will be allowed to be sold through the auction if shown in a breeding class. The exceptions to this rule are gilts, market ewe lambs and meat goat market does. Any animal sold in the auction is ineligible to be shown again in the Boone County 4-H Fair or Indiana State Fair.
7. There are several restrictions on the use of medicated feed. Check with your supplier about withdrawal periods required prior to the sale of any animals to be placed in the 4-H Auction. No tranquilizers may be given to food producing animals.
8. Prior to the 4-H Fair Auction, 4-H Livestock members will be informed concerning the time for nominating, weighing, and numbering of animals to be sold.
9. All animals in each species will be identified in the same manner at the time they are weighed and appraised.
10. Prior to the sale, all steers or market heifers, barrows, wether goats, lambs, rabbits and poultry to be sold will be appraised by a market buyer and a current market price will be established. No animal will be sold below the appraised price. Rabbits and poultry will be appraised by the pen.
11. The order of selling within a species will be determined by the project leader.
12. 4-H members have one hour after their species 4-H show to change their nomination for market, home, or auction with the exception of swine. Swine must finalize all their nominations by 6:00 p.m. on their 4-H show day. In the event that appraisal prices are not available within 1 hour of show end, an extension may be granted by project leader. Since selling in the livestock auction is a privilege, any 4-H member choosing to change or withdraw their nomination after that time will forfeit their nomination next year and will not be able to sell an animal in the auction next year. Exceptions will be allowed for Grand or Reserve Grand animals.
13. All Grand Champion animals that sell in the auction must sell first. If the Grand Champion animals of any species do not sell, the Reserve Grand Champion will have the option to sell first.
14. For advertising purposes, firms or others may bid a premium on steers or market heifers, wether goats, barrows, lambs, rabbits or poultry. Auction animals premiums will be bid on a "per head" basis, not "per pound". Buyers will not be responsible for the disposition of the animal, as they will all go to the appraiser. Premiums should be paid to the 4-Her within one week following the auction. While buyers commonly combine their bids together for a particular animal, "add-on" bids will not be allowed after the auctioneer declares a sale as final.
15. Following the sale, each club member must stay with the animal until it is properly penned or loaded on the buyer's truck. Each exhibitor must clean out their own stall. The project leader and 4-H members are responsible for tear down and cleaning of the barns or tents after the auction.
16. All animals going through the auction are to go to the appraiser, NO EXCEPTIONS. If an animal goes through the auction and does not go to the appraiser, that 4-Her loses the privilege of selling in the auction the following year.
17. Immediately following the auction, buyers may pick up the invoice(s) for purchased animals at the 4-H Show Arena stage.
18. All 4-H members that sign in and work at least two (2) hours at fair clean-up will be able to pick up their check for the appraised value of the animal sold in the livestock auction plus any animals sold directly to the appraiser. Checks will be mailed from the Extension Office one week after the fair to any 4-H member who is not listed on the sign-in sheet or who does not work the full two (2) hours at fair clean-up.
19. A 4-H member must be present and walk their animal through the auction ring in order to participate in the livestock auction. If a 4-H member signs up and then does not participate in the auction the 4-H member will be ineligible from participating in the auction the following year. In case of sickness or emergency the owner may have another Boone County 4-H Club member take the animal through the auction ring. The 4-H member must notify the project leader and the auction committee chair if this type of situation arises.