



Clay County 4-H Council

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Dear 4-H Families,

2023 is moving fast as always and we are quickly preparing and getting ready for another great Clay County 4-H Fair. We hope this letter finds you all doing well and that 2023 is off to a great start! We want to thank you all for participating in 4-H and building a better future. This year we will be making some major changes to the auction format as we try to combine the best of what has worked in the years past to hopefully bring the most success for everyone involved.

This year we will be doing a combination of live auction with animals as well as an add on auction with dinner provided for our 4-H members and their families to close out the fair. For **2023** we will have a **live auction** on **Friday** night beginning at **6:00 pm** with an animal lineup that will have Beef, Dairy, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep and Swine. The auction will follow the same guidelines as in years past with a buyer that will provide us with peg prices and animals will have the option to be shipped, processed, or kept depending on the buyer's choice. You will need to have a market animal to elect for the auction in order to be a part of it as normal procedure, these animals will not be eligible to show at the Indiana State Fair. The auction committee will also be hosting a buyers' meal inside the Exhibit Hall beginning at 5:00 pm and then proceed with the live auction in the show arena beginning at **6:00 pm on Friday July 21, 2023**.

On **Saturday July 22, 2023** the auction committee and 4-H Council will be providing a meal for all Clay County 4-H members and their families beginning at 6:00 pm with doors opening at 5:30 pm. **This meal will be free to ALL Clay County 4-H members provided by First Farmers Bank.** This includes non-livestock members and those livestock members not participating in the auction. This evening will look similar to the event we have held the last 2 years in the Exhibit Hall as we will recognize our last year 4-H members, have a video playing with pictures from throughout the fair week, as well as providing a way for buyers who could not be present on Friday night to be there and add money to members. Any 4-H'er who participated in the Friday night live auction will be eligible to have money added by these buyers.

We hope this letter provides you with the information you need to plan for the 2023 Clay County 4-H Auction and we highly recommend and encourage you all to reach out to a minimum of 5 businesses letting them know our plans and how they can help support the 4-H members within our community.

With questions in regards to the changes and new format please reach out to the auction committee.

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Thank You,

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