

STEBEN COUNTY 4-H FAIR BOARD



Tyson Knox, Auction Chair

May 8, 2025

Dear 4-H Supporter,

You are invited to the Steuben County 4-H Auction on **Thursday, June 26 at 10 am**. Thank you for your support in previous years. Again, this year we will be registering buyers all week during the fair. Stop by the fair office to register and pick up your buyer packet as early as you would like. This is to help the morning of the auction to go smoother. Registration the morning of the auction will still be available for those that are unable to do so ahead of time. Day-of Auction registration will take place at the Fair Office by the Dairy Barn.

Auction items to be aware of:

- The auction will be held at the Steuben County Park on Crooked Lake. If you are unable to join us on site, we invite you to submit the enclosed add-on sheet in support of 4-H members.
- The auction will be a Premium Auction Only again this year. This means that all animals that enter the auction ring will go home with the 4-Her. There will not be a "Keep by Buyer" option nor "Consign" (consignment/market truck) for the animals. Buyers wishing to take animals home may do so by connecting with a 4-H family outside of the auction.
- With the Premium Auction, each exhibitor will only enter the auction ring one time for support. So that means as a buyer you and others will only have one opportunity to give support for the individual 4-H member.
- There will still be the option to contribute "Add-Ons" to any 4-H member's project to help support them as well.
- Buyers of Grand & Reserve Grand Champions will have their pictures taken in the sale ring immediately after the sale of the animal.
- The auction order should be available online for buyers on the evening of Tuesday, June 24th at the earliest. It will be located at www.extension.purdue.edu/steuben.
- Cash or check will be collected on site, or invoices can be mailed for payment following the auction. We cannot accept credit cards or online payments.


Buying an animal will result in advertising exposure in the newspaper and at the auction itself. Most importantly, you will have the satisfaction of helping a Steuben County 4-H'er raise money for their future education, their first car, or next year's livestock exhibit. The sale order is: Meat Rabbits, Market Lambs, Turkeys, Market Ducks, Meat Chickens, Laying Hen Egg Baskets, Market Geese, Market Heifers, Beef Steers, Dairy Steers, Goat Wethers, Dairy Goat Milk & Cheese Baskets, Swine Barrows, Market Gilts, Dairy Cattle Milk & Cheese Baskets, and Feeder Calves.

If you would like further explanation, contact the Extension Office at 260-668-1000 Ext. 1400. Thank you in advance for your continued support of the Steuben County 4-H Program.

Don't forget the fair has moved! We look forward to seeing you at the fair, June 20-26!


Sincerely,
Tyson Knox, Auction Chair

This has been provided to our youth:



2025 STEUBEN COUNTY 4-H AUCTION

[The BIG three...]



- 1 YOUTH WILL ONLY ENTER THE AUCTION RING ONE TIME.**


Buyers aren't interested in your auction animal; they're interested in you and your future!

While you will take an animal in the ring with you, the buyers are really supporting your 4-H experience more than they are supporting the pig you have with you, for example.
- 2 THERE WILL BE NO CONSIGNMENT TRUCK, BUT YOU HAVE SOME OPTIONS.**

If your family can't keep your animal after the fair, please don't panic. While we don't plan to take that animal off your hands, we are here to help you problem solve and find meaningful solutions. You can feed the animal out, work with another family to take it to a sale barn, or direct market to a farmer or fellow 4-H family who might want it. Some may be interested in the meat or the prospect of your animal becoming their 2026 project.
- 3 THE AUCTION WILL BE A "PREMIUM-ONLY AUCTION."**


Since there is no market truck, there is no need to consider market prices. As a result, all sales will be dollar-for-dollar. Whatever is bid as support money, called a premium, will be the amount you receive after the fair, plus add-ons and minus commission. On the your side of things, it's basically the same as previous years.

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