

DIVISION 39

MISCELLANEOUS LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

These programs are under the auspices of MSU Extension.

4-H Livestock Developmental Committee Chairperson: Jim Budd H (734-699-9022) C (734-740-8425)

SECTION-5: Livestock Auction

Supervised by: 4-H Livestock Auction Committee: Chairperson: Lori Orsette (734-716-3752).

1. The Wayne County 4-H Livestock Auction will be held on Thursday evening during the Fair at 6:30 p.m. in the Livestock Pavilion.
2. The auction is open to registered 4-H youth (age 9-19) or non 4-H youth (age 9-19) who exhibit a market animal which receives passing award on meat quality for his or her market animal, and who have turned in their fees and paperwork on time. All eligible Grand and Reserve Champion market animals **MUST** be sold through this auction. Grand and Reserve placement will be granted to the highest placed market animal exhibited by a 4-H youth (age 9-19) or non 4-H youth (age 9-19). All age requirements noted in this Division are as of January 1st of the current fair year.
3. All market 4-H youth livestock sales will be required to pay a commission of 21% of total sale price. The commission is used to pay for auction for the following year. This commission can be reduced to as low as 4% by participating in different activities as established by the Wayne County 4-H Livestock Developmental Committee. A list of activities is as follows:

- Attend mandatory auction workshop in March -1%
 - Provide one of the following by the 1st Saturday in May: -3%
 - Name, email and complete mailing addresses for 5 new buyers*
 - Name, email and complete mailing addresses for 4 new buyers *plus* 1 paid sponsor*
 - Name, email and complete mailing addresses for 3 new buyers *plus* 2 paid sponsors*
 - Participate in Market Record Books, one book for one market animal, regardless of the number of animals shown, sold through the Livestock Auction -3%
 - Attend mandatory auction meeting on Wednesday night of Fair week -1%
 - Participate in the set up for the Livestock Auction and Dinner -3%
 - Attend one work bee between March and two weeks prior to fair week -3%
 - Attend one work bee the week before fair week** -3%
- ALL non 4-H youth will pay a \$10.00 Livestock fee and 21% deduction on auction sales

4. Animals going through the 4-H Livestock Auction must be ear tagged or tattooed by the 4-H Livestock Developmental Auction Committee.
 - A. Steer- First Saturday in May
 - B. Swine-First Saturday in May
 - C. Lambs- First Saturday in May
 - D. Goats- First Saturday in May
 - E. Poultry- Last Saturday of July
 - F. Rabbits- Last Saturday of July

These dates also coincide with the Wayne County Fair Association, Inc. animal tagging dates. No animal going through the 4-H auction may have been previously shown or exhibited at any other county show or 4-H fair.

5. All eligible market animals **MUST** be sold at the 4-H auction unless the 4-H youth fills out an Auction Withdrawal Form and submits it to the Auction Chairperson by 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday of fair week.
6. All exhibitors selling livestock through the 4-H auction must be in show clothes, 4-H, or 4-H club attire in order to sell their livestock. No bare feet, sandals, torn/thread-bare clothes, or open-toed shoes are allowed for safety reasons. Hard-soled shoes are also recommended.

7. All youth must present their own animal for sale in the auction ring. If an emergency arises and a youth cannot be present, they must contact the chairperson.
8. Youth selling animals are responsible for their animals until the animals are claimed by the buyer or released for processing. All animals must be picked up by 1:00 p.m. on Sunday following the Auction. Any animal not picked up by 1:00 p.m. will be sent home with the youth.
9. No medication can be given to any market animal 30 days prior to fair.
10. Any youth participating in the 4-H Livestock Auction **MUST** write all of their buyers a thank you cards. Each 4-H youth is responsible for turning in their buyers' thank you cards to the Auction Chairperson by Noon on Saturday of fair week. Failure to do so can result in the loss of that buyer attending the 4-H Livestock Auction in the subsequent year(s).
11. Meat turkeys will be sold through the auction individually, and **must** weigh a minimum of 16 lbs.
12. No more than two pens of each species of poultry can be put through auction per youth.
13. A mandatory auction meeting will be held in March and again during the week of fair. All 4-H youth selling animals in the auction must attend both meetings. First year members that join after March are exempt from the March meeting.

*Completed Sponsorship form(s), fee(s) and buyer names and addresses must be turned into the Auction Chairperson by the 1st Saturday of May. The amount of buyer names and sponsors above is a minimum. Additional names and sponsors are always appreciated.

**If special circumstances interfere with attending a mandatory work bee the week prior to fair, you must contact the 4H Livestock Chairperson no later than the first of July to discuss other arrangements.