

SECTION-5: Livestock Auction

Supervised by: 4-H Livestock Auction 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 7-19) 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. All age requirements noted in this Division are as of January 1st of the current fair year.
3. All market 4-H youth and non 4-H youth livestock sales will be required to pay a commission of 22% of total sale price. The commission is used to pay for the auction for the following year. This commission can be reduced to as low as 5% 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 meeting in April -1%
- Provide one of the following by June 1st: -3%
 - Name, email and complete mailing addresses for 4 new buyers*
 - Name, email and complete mailing addresses for 3 new buyers *plus* 1 paid sponsor*
 - Name, email and complete mailing addresses for 2 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 4H Livestock Auction -3%
- Attend mandatory auction meeting on Wednesday night of Fair week -1%
- Participate in the set up for the 4H Livestock Auction and Dinner -3%
- Attend one work bee between September 1st and July 31st. Fairgrounds improvement and storage intake -3%
- Attend one work bee between August 1st and through the day prior to fair move-in day. Work Bee time must be submitted to the auction chairperson on a completed Work Bee Participation Form in order to receive credit. -3%

ALL non 4-H youth will pay a \$10.00 Livestock fee and 22% deduction on auction sales if they don't complete the requirements in #3 of this section.

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 4H auction unless the 4-H youth or non 4-H youth complete an auction Withdrawal Form and submits it to the Auction Chairperson by 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday of fair week.

6. All exhibitors selling livestock through the 4H auction must be in show clothes, 4H, or 4H 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. All youth participating in the 4H Livestock Auction **MUST** write all of their buyers a thank you card. Each 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 4H 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 April and again during the week of fair. All 4H youth and non 4H youth selling animals in the auction must attend both meetings. First year members that join after April are exempt from the April meeting.

*Completed Sponsorship form(s), fee(s) and buyer names and addresses must be turned into the Auction Chairperson by June 1st. 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 between August 1 and the day prior to fair move – in day, you must contact the 4-H Livestock Chairperson no later than the first of July to discuss other arrangements. Any exceptions must be submitted in writing to the 4-H Auction Chairperson no later than 3:00 p.m. on fair move-in day.