WHAT IS THE 4-H LIVESTOCK PROGRAM?
Through the 4-H Livestock Program, youth gain skills in raising, showing and marketing livestock. In the process, they learn record keeping, responsibility, financial accountability, and animal care... fundamental skills that last a lifetime!

WHAT IS THE 4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION?
The 4-H Livestock Auction is the culmination of 4-H livestock members’ efforts – when the animals they have raised are sold to the public. It is the last step in their project where the educational marketing aspects come to life.

WHY SHOULD I PURCHASE A 4-H ANIMAL?
High quality meat!

- The personal satisfaction of supporting 4-H youth in their “learn by doing” projects!
- Free advertising in the Tuscola County Advertiser and at the Fair!
- Free admission onto the fairgrounds on auction day.
- Call (989) 672-3870 for a buyers pass.
- Free appreciation lunch or dinner!
- It is a nice way to say thank you to the parents of members who do business with you!
- You may qualify for a tax deduction; consult a tax advisor.

WHO CAN BUY AT THE 4-H AUCTION?
The livestock auction is open to the general public – businesses and individuals. Two or more individuals can also go together to purchase an animal by splitting the purchase price. Everyone is invited to join in the fun and excitement of the 4-H Livestock Auction!

WHAT IF I CAN’T BE AT THE AUCTION?
Buyers who are not able to attend the auction can still purchase an animal by authorizing another individual to bid on their behalf. You can set a limit on the amount you wish to spend and specify whose animal you wish to purchase.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN ANIMAL I PURCHASE?
Buyers have several options:

- Have the animal processed for personal consumption.
- Have the animal processed and give as a bonus to employees or as a gift to customers.
- Have the animal processed and donate it to a local food pantry or another non-profit organization of your choice.
- Donate the animal back to 4-H with the proceeds going to support 4-H livestock educational programs.

AS A POTENTIAL BUYER, SHOULD I PLAN TO ARRIVE EARLY?
It is a good idea to arrive early enough to register as a buyer, review the sale animals and talk to the 4-H/FFA members and other buyers. Sale catalogs will be available at the clerk’s table at sale time.

HOW DO I BID?
When an animal you would like to buy is in the ring and at a price you desire, signal the auctioneer by raising your hand. If you receive the final bid, make sure the auctioneer has your name and number so that it can be announced and recorded.

AFTER I PURCHASE AN ANIMAL, THEN WHAT?
Every person that purchases an animal must checkout before leaving the sale. Please report to the clerk’s table as soon as possible after you are finished bidding for the day. At the clerk’s table you will need to:

1. Indicate whether you would like the animal processed for your personal use and your choice of processor or resold at United Producers Inc.

2. Pay for your purchases or request to be billed. Billed accounts will incur a 1% finance charge per month after 30 days.

Please keep in mind that 4-H members do not receive payment for their animals until the buyer has paid.
SUPPORT AREA YOUTH IN THE 4-H LIVESTOCK PROGRAM!

IF I DECIDE TO HAVE MY ANIMAL PROCESSED, WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?
You will need to choose a processing plant. Make sure the clerk is aware of your processing plant choice. A list of processors will be available on the day of sale. If a choice is not given, your animal will automatically be shipped to United Producers Inc. sale barn for resale.

Contact the processor following the auction to inform them of: the tag number and species of animals you are having processed, the cutting instructions, payment arrangements, and to arrange for picking up your packaged meat. The 4-H Livestock Committees arrange the transportation of the animal to the processor.

SALE ORDER:
Small Livestock: 9:30 a.m.
Rabbits, Fryers, Roasters, Turkeys, Ducks, Geese, Goats
Large Livestock: not to begin before 11:00 a.m.
Feeders, Swine, Sheep, Steers, Dairy

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