

WHAT GOES INTO A LIVESTOCK PROJECT

- The selection process may include shopping at multiple farms or sales before the youth ultimately chooses their project.
- For some youth, the animal may be born on their family farm, in which case multiple hours of research and care has taken place to ensure delivery of a club livestock project.
- Selection of proper feed and nutrition for the project, and monitoring of appropriate weight gain.
- Veterinarian expenses.
- Daily chores of feeding, watering, cleaning pens and grooming give the member a sense of responsibility.
- Daily exercise for animals.
- Expenses including entry fees, show supplies, and transportation.
- Attendance at various clinics regarding fitting, showmanship and nutrition.
- Participation in club and county events such as meetings, leadership and teamwork functions, and community service.
- Hard work pays off and results in not only a lot of fun, but in building strong work ethic and relationships that last a lifetime!

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The 4-H Pledge

I pledge...

My HEAD to clearer thinking
My HEART to greater loyalty
My HANDS to larger service,
My HEALTH to better living

For my club,
my community,
my country,
and my world

Eaton County Junior Livestock Association Auction



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Large Animal Auction

Thursday, July 13, 2017
Beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Buyer Barbecue

Thursday, July 13, 2017
following the beef sale

SALE ORDER
Beef, Sheep, Swine
(including feeder calves)

Eaton County Fairgrounds

1025 S. Cochran
Charlotte, MI 48813
MSUE Phone: (517) 543-2310
Lansing: (517) 485-3417 x2310
MSUE Fax: (517) 543-8119

BENEFITS FOR THE BUYER

- A sense of pride by supporting the local youth.
- Quality meat locally raised and well-cared for by youth for your freezer (if you desire)
- Advertising
- Having your name placed over the animal immediately following the sale.
- Your name in local newspapers after the sale. Photos of each Grand Champion and Reserve Champion animal is included in that advertisement.
- You will also receive a buyer's rosette to display in your home or place of business.
- Opportunity to donate an animal to a local food bank.
- Opportunity to help build out future leaders and support the great organization of 4-H.

DONATION AND RESALE OPTIONS

- If you would like to support the auction, but not keep the meat, you can resell the animal to a local livestock yard.
- The buyer will only be responsible to pay the difference between their bid and the support price.
- If you choose this option for sheep and swine, a support price per pound established on the day of the auction will be applied to your purchase.
- If you choose to resell a beef animal, you will be responsible for the entire amount of the purchase. A check will be sent to you at a later date from the resale barn for the current market price.
- If you choose to donate the animal to the food bank, you will be responsible for the price agreed upon in the sale ring. The food bank will take care of processing costs.

HOW TO BUY A LIVE ANIMAL

- Sale programs are available the day of the sale and include exhibitor and animal information.
- 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.
- Price per pound is paid based on live weight of the animal.
- Buyers are encouraged to have a photo taken with the animal and youth following the sale of the animal.
- If you are unable to attend, a Junior Livestock Association representative is available to handle your bidding for you through proxy.
- Proxy forms are available from the MSU Extension office or ask a Jr. Livestock youth for animal purchases and premium donations by proxy.
- You will be responsible for payment arrangements.

HOW TO BUY A CARCASS ANIMAL

- All carcass animals are sold by the member prior to the sale. Buyers are responsible for submitting payment for carcass animals to the Back 4-H Office or Extension office.
- Grand Champion and Reserve Champion carcass contest winners are sold through the sale ring on sale day.
- Price per pound is paid based on carcass (hanging) weight.
- All carcass judging and meat processing is handled by Jones Farms Meats.
- If you are interested in purchasing a carcass animal, please contact the Eaton County Extension Office .



***Eaton County 4-H
Junior Livestock
Association***

PREMIUMS

- A premium is a monetary donation of your choice (minimum of \$10) to any member.
- Premiums can be made the day of the sale or mailed to the Extension Office prior to fair week using the Premium Authorization Form. Premiums are due by noon of the Friday after the sale (next day).
- These premiums help to offset the cost that occur with raising market animals, and contributes to the purchase of next year's project.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE ON SALE DAY

- If you choose to have your animals processed for meat, then payment in full must be received on sale day or by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 14th at the **Eaton County Fairgrounds in the Back 4-H Office.**
- All animals that have not been paid for by that time will be shipped for resale. All other payments are due net **10 days.**
- All purchases must be paid with a check or money order. Credit cards are not accepted. Please make checks payable to **GreenStone Farm Credit Services.**

PROCESSING OPTIONS

- You will need to choose a processing plant and make sure the sale clerk is aware of your plant choice.
- **If a choice is not indicated by 12:00 noon on Friday, July 14, 2017, your animal will be shipped to a local barn for resale.**
- It is the buyer's responsibility to contact the processor after the auction to inform them of the tag number and species of animals you are having processed at their plant, and your cut-up instructions.
- Buyers must also make arrangements with the plant to pick up the meat.