



## IOWA COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Saturday, August 30, 2025, at 3:00pm

Schimming Building Iowa County Fairgrounds, Mineral Point

### **What is the Livestock Auction?**

The Livestock Auction is an option for youth who show their small animal or livestock project at the Iowa County Fair to learn more about the care of animals, agri-business and meat science by selling their animal at a real livestock auction at the fair. The auction not only provides Iowa County youth a marketing opportunity, but it also encourages community involvement by inviting local community members and businesses to bid on and purchase products from local youth.

Special thanks to Community First Bank, Farmers Savings Bank, Mound City Bank, the Auctioneers, and the Livestock Sale Committee for their help each year. Sandwiches for buyers during the auction are co-sponsored by Scott Construction. Thanks to the Iowa County Cattlemen and Mineral Point FFA Chapter for cooking and serving the delicious steak sandwiches.

### **General Information for both sellers and buyers**

#### **What will be auctioned?**

- Quality beef, pork, lamb, goats, chickens, ducks, and turkeys that registered judges have evaluated
- Blocks of high-quality cheese donated in honor of the top 6 dairy animals and Champion dairy goat
- Product baskets representing the champion breeding stock in sheep and beef
- Fairest of the fair specialty basket

#### **What is the sale order?**

- The 2025 sales order is: cheese (dairy and goat exhibitors), poultry, rabbits, swine, goats, lambs, steers
- Each species begins with selling the overall grand champion and the overall reserve grand champion followed by the species' home-raised champion and reserve champion

#### **Who may sell in the auction?**

The Livestock Auction is limited to actively enrolled Iowa County youth organization members. Other requirements include:

- The animal to be sold must be carried as a project throughout the year and must be identified early in the project year
- All youth planning to sell an animal must be YQCA certified. YQCA is an educational program to help youth learn about food safety, animal well-being, and character development.

### **Information for interested buyers**

#### **Who can buy at the auction?**

- Anyone who is interested in supporting the youth of Iowa County
- Anyone who enjoys and appreciates quality meat and cheese
- Anyone who benefits through valuable advertising

#### **How do I get involved?**

Be sure to register as a buyer/supporter for the sale before the sale begins at the registration table.

#### **What information do I need during the sale?**

- Before the sale, identify youth who are selling animals. The consignor's name, animal weight, and names of the youth's parent(s) appear on the auction sale catalog which will be located at the registration table.
- Bids are taken by the pound for steers, barrows, and lambs. The bid for rabbits, poultry, and goats is per animal and multiplied by the number of animals in the pen. Basket price is per basket.
- Once you win the bid, you will be asked for the destination of the animal. Options will be posted at the auction.

#### **What do I need to do after the auction?**

Following the closure of the auction, be sure to settle your accounts. Animals will be transported to your destination on Monday.

- If you selected a processing destination, you will need to call that location with a cutting order. You are also responsible for any processing costs and picking up the meat
- If you selected a market destination (swine, sheep, and goats), you will receive a check for the market price of the animal a few days later.
- For small animals, speak to the youth regarding delivery and dressing preferences.

## Iowa County Junior Livestock Auction

### **Chairs:**

Sean Brown 608-574-1412

Ted Lawinger 608-482-4290

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### **Objectives:**

1. To provide incentives and to encourage participation in livestock feeding projects.
2. To provide recognized youth organizations with a market opportunity to have their market animal projects sold

### **Procedures:**

1. Meat Animal Auction is limited to youth actively enrolled in recognized youth organizations. Animals must be carried as a project throughout the year.
2. Consignments must be made from one animal entered and shown in the regular county fair. Entries for the meat animal auction must be made with the superintendent at check-in/weigh-in.
3. All youth exhibitors of beef, dairy, poultry, rabbits, sheep, swine, and goats must be YQCA certified to be eligible to sell in the auction. Youth will not be allowed to sell if they do not complete YQCA.
4. All market animals will be required to be officially identified according to Iowa County Fair regulations. Notice of identified dates is publicized on the Iowa County Fair website and Facebook.
5. All market animals will be weighed in and checked by a committee from the respective departments on the entry day.
6. Livestock sold must meet the following requirements:
  - Beef steers must weigh at least 1000 lbs
  - Swine must weigh at least 230 lbs and will only be reimbursed up to 285 lbs
  - Market lambs must weigh at least 90 lbs
7. Goats, poultry, and rabbits must be entered in a meat or market class.
8. Youth exhibitors are responsible for contacting, soliciting, and providing buyers for their consignments at the sale.
9. All youth who sell in the auction are required to assist with setting up or cleaning up of the auction.
10. All livestock sold at the sale on Saturday will not become the possession or the responsibility of the buyer until release time of the fair.
11. Consignor is responsible for feeding and care for animals until release time on Monday.
12. Following the sale, it is the responsibility of the youth to post a sign near the animal exhibit indicating the buyer's name.
13. Exhibitors are limited to one animal for the auction.
14. There will be an 8% commission charge on the sale animals, and on the rollover steers this 8% commission is charged on the gross of the generated amount.
15. Neither the fair nor the Auction Committee will make a guarantee as to sale price.
16. No sandals, shorts or hats may be worn in the sale ring.
17. All animals destined for a slaughter plants or sale barn will be released per trucking schedule on Monday morning. All other animals returning home will be released at 4pm.
18. Exhibitors who have extra animals that did not sell in the auction must make their own trucking arrangements and schedule an appointment at the processing plant. If there is space in a trailer already going, and it is agreed upon by both parties, the owner sending their animal must pay a \$10 (beef and swine) or \$5 (sheep and goats) fee for liability reasons. Money will be collected by the superintendents at the time of weigh-in.
19. Exhibitors must sell their own animal in the auction unless prior arrangements are made with the sale committee prior to the first day of the fair.
20. Exhibitors or a family member must be present on Monday to load their animal(s)
21. Animals or produce donated back for resale will be sold at the end of the auction with all proceeds going to the Iowa County Fair Building fund. The buyer donating the animal or produce back relinquishes all rights to reimbursement.

### **Carcass Show**

When exhibitors enter in a carcass class, their animal is not judged at the fair-it is judged at a locker plant. They judge the animal on its actual carcass cutout, yield, and quality grades based on size, marbling, fat cover, muscling, etc.

Carcass shows take place at one of the local locker plants for market animals in the beef, swine, and sheep departments. The date and location for the carcass show will be announced at the Iowa County Fair Livestock Auction on Saturday evening.