

# 4-H Livestock Auction

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**Auction Day:** Friday, July 11, 2025; 9:00AM, Show Arena, Kosciusko County Fairgrounds

**Sale Order:** Sale of Champions, 10-Year 4-H'ers, Poultry, Rabbits, Goats, Sheep, Beef, Dairy Beef, DCFS, Dairy and Swine

## **4-H Livestock Auction Eligibility Requirements:**

1. The 4-H'er must take part in YQCA (Youth for Quality Care of Animals) or QLC (Quality Livestock Care) training. The training session must be completed and verified by JUNE 15<sup>th</sup>.
2. A Google Auction Form will be emailed (to the email listed in 4HOnline) on June 1st. All potential auction participants must complete the online Auction Form electronically for one (1) saleable auction lot by JUNE 15<sup>th</sup>. Failure to submit the Google Auction Form by JUNE 15<sup>th</sup>, will result in a NO SALE in the Premium Only Auction.
3. Eligible 4-H Livestock Auction Animals:  
*All species must be exhibited (shown by the 4-H'er that is selling) to be eligible for auction participation*  
*All weight requirements are based on Fair Check-in*
  - a. **Beef**
    - i. Market Steer or a Market Heifer
    - ii. Breeding Heifer, if the 4-H'er exhibits only breeding heifers
    - iii. Feeder Calves must weigh a minimum of 225 pounds to be eligible for exhibition and auction participation
  - b. **Dairy**
    - i. Dairy females
  - c. **Dairy Calf Feeder Steers:**
    - i. Calves must weigh a minimum of 225 pounds
    - ii. Calves weighing over 300 pounds at April tag-in are auction eligible
  - d. **Dairy Steers**
    - i. Dairy Steers must weigh a minimum of 1,000 pounds to be eligible for exhibition and auction participation. If the weight requirement is not met, the steer must be taken home immediately.
  - e. **Goats**
    - i. Market goats must weigh a minimum of 45 pounds
    - ii. Specialty Market Goats, Dairy Market Goats, Market Wethers, Market does, Senior Market Milking Goat
    - iii. If the 4-H'er only exhibits non-market dairy goats, the 4-H'er may sell a figurative 'goat dairy product basket'
  - f. **Poultry & Waterfowl**
    - i. Market Broilers, weighing a minimum of 3 pounds and no more than 10 pounds
    - ii. Market Roasters, weighing a minimum of 10 pounds and no more than 15 pounds
    - iii. Market Turkeys, weighing a minimum of 10 pounds
    - iv. Market Ducks, weighing a minimum of 4 pounds and no more than 10 pounds
  - g. **Rabbit**
    - i. Meat pens (Lightweights weighing 3 ½ to 4 ½ pounds) Meat pens (Heavyweight weighing 4 ½ to 5 ½ pounds)
    - ii. Fryer (weighing 3 ½ to 5 ½ pounds), Roaster (weighing up to 8 pounds), and Stewer (weighing over 8 pounds)
  - h. **Sheep**
    - i. Any lamb that exhibited as a Market Lamb
    - ii. If the Grand or Reserve Grand Market Lamb was shown in a 'Pair of Two Market Lambs' class, the 4-H member may sell the pair containing the champion animal
  - i. **Swine**
    - i. Market Barrows
    - ii. Barrows weighing less than 220 pounds are auction eligible
4. If the 4-H'er does not have an auction eligible animal or eligibility for a figurative auction 'basket', the 4-H'er is not eligible for auction participation and will not receive a monetary reward of any kind.

## **General 4-H Livestock Premium Only Auction Rules:**

1. **Premium Only Auction:** A dollar amount is donated to each 4-H'er as a reward for their livestock project completion, their accomplishments, and work ethic
  - a. The Premium Only Auction will begin at 9:00AM on Friday

- b. Premium Only Auction: Each 4-H'er goes through the ring once.
2. Buyer Groups are for the Sale of Champions or 10<sup>th</sup> and/or Last Year members only.
3. Add Ons can be done for any 4-H member using the online platform.
4. A flat commission will be taken from each 4-H'er participating in the Premium Only Auction. These fees are used to pay for Software, Online Platform Fees, Auction Buyer Meals, Chair Rental, Programs, Insurance, Sale of Champion Banners, and Miscellaneous Office Expenses. Commission is 2% minimum and subject to change at the discretion of the Auction Committee for the purpose of paying auction expenses.
5. Auction checks will be mailed as soon as sufficient money is collected to cover the 4-H'ers' checks.
6. **Sale Order:** The Auction begins with the Sale of Champions and will end with the 10-Year 4-H'ers. Poultry and Rabbits are first species in the Auction, and will alternate annually. All other species follow and maintain a rotating schedule.
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#### **4-H Livestock Member's Expectations:**

1. 4-H members must be present in order to sell in the 4-H Livestock Auction. If 4-H'er requests an in-person auction substitution, the 4-H'er and their parent or guardian must submit a written request and participate in a personal 4-H Auction Committee interview no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>. The 4-H Auction Committee will take each request into consideration and report their ruling to the 4-H Council.
2. 4-H'ers participating in the auction need to be in line with their species at the time of the auction. If the 4-H'er is not present at the designated time, they will be placed at the end of the species they are selling. If they do not appear before that species is auctioned, they will not be allowed to sell.
3. Participation in the 4-H Auction is a privilege, not a right. If a 4-H'er breaks the 4-H Code of Conduct Agreement or violates barn rules, they may be removed from the auction.
4. Proper show attire shall be worn during the Livestock Auction. Clean jeans, below the knee skirts, shirts (4-H t-shirt or appropriate show shirt), and clean footwear should be worn. No shorts, cut off shorts, tank tops, halter tops, or hats. Midriff is to be covered. Tuck shirts in, if needed.

#### **4-H Animal Related Rules:**

1. If a veterinarian disqualifies your animal for any reason, the 4-H'er is not eligible to participate in the auction. Specie Committees will determine if the animal will be exhibited.
2. If a feeder steer is sold through the auction, it is no longer eligible for the two-year program in Kosciusko County.
3. Animals' ineligible for exhibition at the Indiana State Fair 4-H Livestock shows include: 1.) 4-H animals IDENTIFIED WITH THE 4-H'er THROUGH A 'PREMIUM ONLY AUCTION' and 2.) 4-H animals purchased, sold, or offered for sale after the enrollment deadline (prior to the Indiana State Fair).
4. **AUCTION CHANGES:** If the 4-H'er removes their 'animal' from the auction, changes the selected species, and/or changes the animal ID, that information must be communicated to the Extension Office staff by 9 am, Thursday, prior to the Friday auction.

#### **Specie Superintendent Expectations:**

1. Verify all 4-H Livestock Auction eligibility requirements at Check-in (using the provided form)
2. Report the following to the Auction Committee Superintendent:
  - a. **At Check-In:** 4-H'ers that have not met Auction Eligibility Requirements
  - b. 4-H'ers interested in donating all or part of their 4-H Livestock Project to the 'Heart of 4-H'
  - c. **By 5:00PM THURSDAY** Any known 4-H'ers that choose to withdraw from the livestock auction
3. Notify 4-H'ers of their eligibility to participate in the Sale of Champions
  - a. Provide Sale of Champion packets to appropriate 4-H'ers
4. Assist with 4-H Auction line-up and review proper auction attire
5. Each species will designate 5 individuals to assist with: Auction Clean-up, Set-Up and Tear Down. **Clean-up and Set-up** will follow Thursday's Supreme Showmanship Contest. **Tear Down** will immediately follow the conclusion of Friday's auction

#### **Sale Of Champions:**

1. Each 4-H'er will receive a Sale of Champion packet with information about the sale.
2. The Sale of Champions will follow the same rotation as the regular auction and will include the sale of the 4-H King and 4-H Queen kisses.
3. Participation in the Sale of Champions constitutes the 4-H'ers one sale ring appearance.

4. Each 4-H'er that is eligible to participate in the SOC must complete a sale card to designate intentions to SELL or NO SALE. The card needs to be turned in to the Auction Committee within ONE HOUR AFTER YOUR SPECIES SHOW IS FINISHED. Any changes must be made by 9:00AM, Thursday, prior to the Friday auction.
5. Sale of Champion animals cannot be substituted with any other animal
6. **Livestock species included in the Sale of Champions are represented as follows:**
  - a. Beef:
    - i. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Beef Steers
  - b. Dairy Beef:
    - i. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Beef Steers
  - c. Dairy Calf Feeder Steer:
    - i. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Calf Feeder Steers
  - d. Dairy: A Total of 2 Lots
    - i. If Three Breeds: Supreme and Reserve Supreme
    - ii. If Two Breeds: Grand Champion of each breed
    - iii. If One Breed: Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion
  - e. Goats:
    - i. Grand Champion Specialty Market Goat
    - ii. Grand Champion Dairy Market Goat
    - iii. Grand Champion Senior Milking Goat
  - f. Poultry & Waterfowl:
    - i. Grand Champion Broiler Pen
    - ii. Grand Champion Market Duck Pen
    - iii. Grand Champion Meat Turkey
  - g. Rabbit:
    - i. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Meat Pen
  - h. Sheep: Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb
    - i. If the Grand or Reserve Grand Market Lamb was shown in the pair of two market lambs class, the 4-H member may sell the pair containing the champion animal.
  - i. Swine:
    - i. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Barrow

**Expectation of Sale of Champion Participants:**

1. Attend the Sale of Champions meeting, held THURSDAY, at 2:00PM. LOCATION: To be Announced
2. Complete the biography in your packet and bring it to the Thursday afternoon meeting.
3. Present yourself as a positive image of 4-H. This is a privilege few will receive.
4. Appropriate Attire: Show clothing or dress clothing
5. Animals should be groomed as for show. Bring them into the Show Arena in a tasteful manner.