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Hello, Pulaski County 4-H Families!

If you plan to auction livestock at the 2025 Pulaski County 4-H & Community Fair, please keep reading for important updates.

The 4-H Livestock Auction will be held on Wednesday, July 2nd, 2025. Due to the 4th of July falling on a Friday, we will not have a buyer for the animals that go through the auction and are not kept by the buyer. These were previously considered “turn” animals. This means that all animals that go through the 2025 4-H Livestock Auction will be going home with the 4-H families after the auction. We will also not have the option to send animals as excess.

This is good news for you as 4-H members because you will receive more money for your animals by handling this piece on your own!

If you are unsure what to do with your animals, here are some options:

- 1) Schedule an appointment for your animal at a locker. Either keep the animal for yourself or have someone else purchase it. The individual purchasing your animal will pay you for the animal and pay the locker for the processing fee. If you are planning to take your animal(s) to the locker, it is important to schedule your appointments for them now as appointments fill up quickly. Trailers will NOT be available to take your animal from the fairgrounds to the locker so you will need to make these arrangements on your own.
- 2) Take the animal home and feed it for a few weeks. Then take it to the Rochester Sale Barn. (This is where the “turn” animals have gone in previous years.) You will get a higher price per pound than what someone is able to offer at the fair. The check for these animals will come directly to you from the Rochester Sale Barn and will be sent to you quicker than what you would have received it in the past.

Since the Pulaski County 4-H & Community Fair Association will not be keeping a percentage from the money received from the “turn” animals, the decision has been made to increase the percentage kept from those animals going through the auction to 7%. This amount goes back into the fair and helps the Fair Board continue to provide the opportunity for youth to auction animals at the fair.

As a reminder, any animal that goes through the auction at the county fair is ineligible to show at the Indiana State Fair 4-H shows. Even though the animal is going home, it is unable to show at the Indiana State Fair.

Please reach out to the Extension Office or the Pulaski County 4-H & Community Fair Association with any questions. We are willing to help you understand these changes and assist you in figuring out what to do with your animals after the fair.

Sincerely,
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Pulaski County 4-H & Community Fair Association