

Defiance County Junior Fair Livestock Sale Guidelines

All Junior Fair exhibitors participating in the feeder calf support price sale and or the junior fair livestock sale are to present a clean animal and be dressed in proper show attire. The Barn Supervisor reserves the right to move an exhibitor to the bottom of the sale order to allow time to present a clean animal and/or ask the exhibitor to wear appropriate attire.

Add-On Bids:

- **No Refunds:** Add-on bids placed on exhibitors who do not have an animal in the livestock sale will not be refunded. The funds will be placed in a "Booster Pool" to be distributed towards other livestock sale projects.
- Exhibitors must participate in the livestock sale on Friday to be eligible to receive Add-On Bids.
- Add-On Bids under \$250 must be submitted with payment.
- A \$10 minimum is required for all add-on bids.

Lactating Animals/Laying Hens - Market Animals in the Livestock Sale:

- Must complete a form of intent at the County skill-a-thon to participate.
- The Ohio Department of Agriculture defines lactating dairy cattle, lactating goats, laying hens animals that produce a food product. **Exhibitors with these projects and not selling another market project will be able to go through the Livestock sale with their animal individually.** This will be for a premium bid only. The Livestock Committee will allow young dairy goat doe kids/yearlings and young dairy heifers to participate in the livestock sale.

Sale Order Number: The sale order of exhibitors is randomly assigned by the Livestock Sale software. Exhibitors missing their sale spot will be placed at the end of that species.

Livestock Sale Listing: Grand and Reserve Champion animals will sell first in their species. The Grand and Reserve Champion animals will be the only animals listed as champion animals in the Sale Listing. [Essay Lamb and Pig Catch overall class winners will not be listed.]

General Guidelines:

1. Market Livestock exhibitors shall be limited to **one entry** in the Junior Fair Livestock Sale. An entry shall consist of an individual animal or a pen. **Animals eligible to sell** in the livestock sale will be:

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| Poultry: | Meat Chickens, Market Ducks, Market Geese, Market Turkeys, Laying Hens |
| Rabbits: | Roasters or Fryers |
| Beef: | Dairy Market Steer, Beef Market Steer, Dairy Beef Feeder, Beef Feeder |
| Sheep: | Market Lamb and Pen of Two Market Lamb. |
| Goats: | Boer, Dairy, Pygmy Market |
| Swine: | Market Swine |
| Dairy & Goat: | Lactating Animals |
2. **Market Class Entry:** Exhibitors must show animal in a market class to be eligible for livestock sale and feeder calf auction. Exhibitors must participate in the livestock sale on Friday to be eligible to receive Add-On Bids.
3. **Quality Assurance:** All members exhibiting an animal project at the Defiance County Fair must attend a quality assurance session.
4. **Sale Order:** The sale order number of exhibitors selling will be randomly assigned by the Livestock Sale software. The order of species is rotated on a yearly basis with the species selling last rotated to the top the following year.

5. **Final Destination:** Exhibitors must determine at check-in the final destination of all animals. Exhibitors will designate the animal that will be sold in the Junior Fair Livestock Sale at the time of weigh-in. The choices are:
 - A. **Direct Sale** – Animal does not go through the sale ring. The designated processor will take the animal and pay support price.
 - B. **Sale Ring** – Animal will go through sale ring and receive the support price plus premium bid. Exhibitor is allowed one trip through sale ring.
 - C. **Custom** – The exhibitor has made previous arrangements for a local butcher shop to process the animal. Exhibitor may not send a grand or reserve champion animal for custom processing.
 - D. **Home** – Exhibitor will take animal home at completion of fair.
 - E. **Exceptions:** The only exception will be if a non-designated animal becomes grand or reserve champion. In that instance, the exhibitor will sell the grand or reserve champion animal in the sale instead of the animal designated at the weigh-in.
 - F. **Feeder Calves:** The exhibitors of grand and reserve feeder calves are not required to sell animal through the ring and must notify the sale committee by 9:00 pm on Monday evening as to whether or not the animal will be going through the livestock sale ring.
 - G. **Feeder Calves – Two Year Project:** Effective 2021: Exhibitors planning on bringing back a feeder calf the following year may participate in the Livestock Sale for a “Premium Bid” only. Animal will not go through the Feeder Calf Auction for a support price. (The owner does not have to buy back the feeder calf in order to participate in the Friday livestock Sale.)
6. **Attendance at Livestock Sale Required:** For the privilege of selling a market animal in the Livestock Sale, the exhibitor must present his/her own project for sale. Exhibitor will sell the grand or reserve champion animal in the sale instead of the animal designated weigh-in. Exceptions must be presented at least two (2) days prior to sale day to the Sale Committee. Sporting events and practice will not be considered as situations warranting an exception.
7. **Terminal vs. Partial Terminal Shows:**
 - A. **Terminal Show:** All animals exhibiting in the show must go directly to slaughter.
 - B. **Partial Terminal Show:** Only the grand and reserve champion animals are required to go through the livestock sale ring and then directly to slaughter. **Defiance County Partial Terminal Shows: Poultry, Rabbits, Beef, Sheep, Goats and Swine**
 - C. **Non Terminal Show:** No livestock is required to be slaughtered. Defiance County Non Terminal Shows: The feeder calf show exhibitors may choose to sell a feeder calf through the livestock sale and must notify Barn Supervisor at time of check-in if selling their feeder calf.
8. Should fraud, or deception, and proof, as determined by the agricultural society, be discovered after the animal or animals have been shown and prior to the sale, such animal(s) shall not be permitted to sell. Any placings in the show shall be vacated. NO animals will move up. Any animal suspected of being tampered with or suspected of containing drugs will be detained until the investigation is complete.
9. Should violation be discovered after the sale or if the carcass is condemned at the packing plant for any reason, it shall be grounds for disqualification from the show. Additionally, all fair premiums and sale money shall be forfeited and the loss of the animal be incurred by the exhibitor. Market value proceeds received from the packing company will be returned to packing company and all sale premiums will be retained by the Sale Committee.
10. Failure to comply with any of these Rules would result in dismissal from ALL Defiance County Fair Activities for one (1) year and forfeit premiums, awards, and would result in an incomplete.
11. All grand and reserve champion market animals will go to a local processor for slaughter. These animals will receive a premium bid only. If buyer wishes to purchase the dressed meat, he/she must contact the processor outside of the Livestock Sale.