

**Section 17: Sale Committee Rules**  
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**Livestock Eligibility:**

1. Minimum weight requirements for livestock to sell are:
  - Market Beef: 1,000 lbs.
  - Feeder Calves: 300 lbs. with a maximum weight of 700 lbs.
  - Dairy Beef: 300 lbs. with a maximum weight of 700 lbs.
  - Lambs: 90 lbs.
  - Goats: 50 lbs.
  - Market Dairy Goats: 50lbs.
  - Hogs: 220 lbs. with a maximum weight of 290 lbs. Overweight or underweight hogs will not go through the sale.
  - Poultry:
    - Meat Pen Chickens (Pen of 3): Minimum of 15 lbs.
    - Single broiler (Market Chicken): 5 lbs.
    - Market Turkey: No minimum or maximum
  - Rabbits:
    - Meat Pen Rabbits (Pen of 3): 9- 16.5 lbs., with no individual rabbit weighing more than 5.5 lbs. or less than 3 lbs.
    - Single fryer (Market Rabbit): 3 lbs. to 5.5 lbs.
  
2. For an animal to be eligible to sell, the exhibitor or a designee must present a Drug Use Notification Form at the time of the fair weigh- in for each species. Drug Use Notification Forms are due the Friday prior to the opening of the fair; by 5pm. Exhibitors must complete the Drug Use Notification Form online. The link will be provided one week prior to the start of the fair. The animal must be weighed, and they must show in the designated market show.
  
3. All market class hogs shall be tattooed at weigh-in in such a manner to comply with federal regulations. Those market class hogs not tattooed shall be removed from the grounds by 6 p.m. the day of the fair weigh-in.
  
4. For any hog to be allowed to sell, its hair length must be at least ½-inch long. No exceptions. If the grand or reserve champion barrow or gilt is determined to have hair length less than 1/2 inch, it will not sell but, pursuant to Ohio law, the animal is still terminal, and the exhibitor is required to have the animal delivered to a facility as determined by the Clermont County Agricultural Society.

- a. Exhibitors also must sign the Hog Hair Length Statement. This statement will be online and provided one week prior to the start of the fair.
  - b. No clipping of any hog project after 8am Sunday of the fair.
  - c. Hair length will be measured at the convenience of the Sale Committee.
  - d. Hair length will be measured by a third party person hired by the Sales Committee.
5. If any of these requirements are not met, the animal is not eligible to be sold.
  6. No dead animals may be sold. Contributions may be made directly to the exhibitor and not through the Sale Committee.
  7. All animals will be sent to a stock yard designated by the Sales Committee or the barn. If the buyer wants the animal to go to a packer, it is their responsibility to make arrangements with the packer. It is no longer the sale committee's responsibility to handle packer arrangements.
  8. Stall cards will be placed above each exhibitor's assigned stall and must remain in place for the duration of the fair.

### **Exhibitor Responsibilities**

9. Each exhibitor may sell only two animals in the livestock sale in any combination of species. In the event an exhibitor has more than two animals receiving grand and/or reserve champion, they will be permitted to sell all grand and/or reserve champion animals. A pen of three chickens or rabbits is considered one animal. A dairy product lot or a fiber product lot shall be considered one animal.
  - a. **Dairy Rules:**
    - All participants will sell identical lots.
    - The items sold will be purchased with donations collected from the participants.
    - Each dairy participant will sell a selection of dairy products as determined by the dairy committee, which will be considered one lot.
  - b. **Fiber Rules:**
    - All participants will sell identical lots.
    - The items sold will be purchased with donations collected from the participants.
    - Each fiber participant will sell a selection of fiber products as determined by the fiber committee, which will be considered one lot.
10. Any exhibitor is permitted to sell one single fryer rabbit or broiler chicken. The one single fryer rabbit or broiler chicken is considered one of the maximum two lots that can be sold by one exhibitor.

**11. Market Livestock Sale Consignment. For an animal or dairy lot to be eligible to sell, a Market Livestock Sale Registration Form must be completed and verified by a Sale Committee member 45 minutes after the conclusion of market show in the Sale Trailer. The Sale Trailer will be located outside the Holman Livestock Complex.**

**a. Exhibitors less than 18 years of age must have a parent show ID when registering.**

**b. No animals will be added or scratched from the sale after the deadline – ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**c. If you DO NOT show up during the sale to sell your animal, you will NOT be able to sell that same species the following year.**

12. Any exhibitor in violation of the Clermont County Junior Fair Standards of Behavior will not be permitted to sell their animal(s). If the violation occurs after the sale, the exhibitor will receive market value only for their animal(s). Failure to care for the animal that is sold after the sale, but prior to the animal being picked up, will constitute a violation of the Standards of Behavior. The remainder of the money will be deposited into the Sale Committee account.

13. Exhibitors may not solicit buyers inside the sale arena or during the auction sale. If an exhibitor violates this rule, the exhibitor will NOT sell that market project.

14. There will be a 30- minute lunch break on Friday and Saturday. This means the afternoon portion of the sale may begin before 1pm.

15. Exhibitors selling animals are ENCOURAGED to be in the barns prior to the sale to talk with buyers who have questions about their animals. Pens and aisles must be kept neat and clean to allow people to walk through.

16. Exhibitors are responsible for the accuracy of their animal's sale information.

17. Exhibitors are responsible to have their animal clean and ready for line up at the appropriate times. If the exhibitor is not ready to sell on time and when their name is called with their animal, the exhibitor will be moved to the end of the sale of that species. If the exhibitor fails to show or sell by the end of that species, that exhibitor will not be able to sell that same species the following year.

18. Exhibitors who are caught soliciting any buyer during the sale will not sell their animal.

19. As per the Ohio Administrative Code 901-10-02(g), the exhibitor is responsible to feed and water their animal until the animal leaves the fairgrounds. The code states: "From the beginning of the exhibition until the departure for slaughter or consignment to a licensed livestock facility, the exhibitor or exhibitor's designee shall be responsible for caring for the livestock."

20. All animals must be off the fairgrounds by 10 a.m. the Sunday after the fair. Animals remaining on the grounds will be considered abandoned and will be shipped by the Sale Committee to the stockyard. The Sale Committee will retain all sale proceeds.

21. Feeder steers and feeder heifers are not required to be slaughtered and may, but are not required to, sell through the sale.

### **Grand and Reserve Champion**

22. Only Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions will be permitted to use Multiple Buyer Sheets. If a multiple buyer form is used for a Grand or Reserve Champion animal, it must include the following:

a. A signature of each buyer. If a buyer's signature is missing, that buyer's bid amount will be deducted from the total bid amount.

b. If the multiple buyer form is submitted for a Grand or Reserve Champion and is outbid, it will not be used. Those buyers may become add on.

c. The minimum amount an individual buyer can bid on the multiple buyer form is \$25.

23. All Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion market steers, hogs, lambs, market goats, dairy breed market goats, market poultry (turkeys, meat pen chickens and broiler chickens), and market rabbits (meat pen rabbits and single fryer rabbits) must be slaughtered in accordance with Ohio and federal law. No other animals are required to be slaughtered.

24. All Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion market steers, hogs, lambs, market goats, dairy breed market goats, market poultry (turkeys, meat pen chickens and broiler chickens), and market rabbits (meat pen rabbits and single fryer rabbits) will be sent to Stock Yards assigned by the Sales Committee, or a processor approved by the Sales Committee. The Processor must be USDA Certified. No exceptions.

25. All Grand and Reserve Champion winners will have a live sale photo taken with their buyers at the time of sale.

### **Fees and Penalties**

26. A sale commission of four (4) percent of the gross sales amount will be deducted from each exhibitor's check.

27. A check-off fee will be deducted from the exhibitor's check for each beef, hog and lamb sold at the rate designated by the federal and state agencies.

28. Each exhibitor is permitted to have one free photo card per animal/lot. Exhibitors can purchase additional photo cards for \$3 each at the sale committee trailer.

29. A fee of \$50 will be deducted from any exhibitor's check if that exhibitor does not appropriately clean their pen/stall/cage or if they are not there to help load their market animal onto the trailer. The species consultants and Sale Committee officers will assess the fee. See Rule 3 under Care and Handling in the General Livestock Rules.

30. A fee of \$50 will be deducted from an exhibitor's check if their animal is moved from its assigned location or stall cards are removed before they are loaded on a trailer or dismissed from the fairgrounds.

31. Checks issued to exhibitors have a 90-day expiration period. A fee of \$50 will be charged for re-issuance of checks or December 31, 2022, whichever comes first.

### **Sale Order**

32. If the exhibitor is not ready to sell on time and when their name is called with their animal, the exhibitor will be moved to the end of the sale of that species. If the exhibitor fails to show or sell by the end of that species, that exhibitor will not be able to sell that same species the following year.

**33. The sale will take place on Friday and Saturday of the Fair beginning at 9:00 am both days. Fridays Sale will take place in the Friends of the Fair Rabbit and Poultry Barn. Saturdays Sale will take place in the Holman Livestock Complex. Sale order will be the following:**

**Friday:** There will be a 30- minute lunch break on Friday. This means the afternoon portion of the sale may begin before 1pm.

A. Dairy Products/ Fiber Products:

To be administered for the benefit of exhibitors of dairy cattle, dairy goat, fiber animals. A joint committee of dairy cattle, dairy goat, and fiber animal exhibitors will determine items to be auctioned. Should this committee reach no consensus, no items will be auctioned.

B. Rabbits:

Grand Champion Pen of 3

Reserve Champion Pen of 3

Remaining class winners, followed by seconds, thirds, etc.

Grand Champion Fryer

Reserve Champion Fryer

Remaining class winners, followed by seconds, thirds, etc.

C. Poultry:

Grand Champion Turkey

Reserve Champion Turkey

Remaining class winners, followed by seconds, thirds, etc.

Grand Champion Pen of 3

Reserve Champion Pen of 3

Remaining class winners, followed by seconds, thirds, etc.

Grand Champion Broiler

Reserve Champion Broiler

Remaining class winners, followed by seconds, thirds, etc.

**Saturday:** There will be a 30- minute lunch break on Saturday. This means the afternoon portion of the sale may begin before 1pm.

A. Hogs:

Grand Champion

Reserve Champion

Grand Champion County Born

Reserve Champion County Born

3rd Overall

4th Overall

5th Overall

Remaining division champions and reserve champions

Remaining class winners followed by seconds, thirds, etc.

B. Lambs:

Grand Champion

Reserve Champion

Champion Rate of Gain

Grand Champion County Born and Raised

Reserve Champion County Born and Raised

3rd Overall

4th Overall

5th Overall

Remaining class winners followed by seconds, thirds, etc.

C. Goats:

Grand Champion Market Goat

Reserve Champion Market Goat

Rate of Gain Champion

Grand Champion County Born and Raised

Reserve Champion County Born and Raised

3rd Overall

4th Overall

5th Overall

Remaining class winners followed by seconds, thirds, etc.

D. Dairy Market Goats:  
Grand Champion Market Goat  
Reserve Champion Market Goat  
3rd Overall  
4th Overall  
5th Overall  
Remaining class winners followed by seconds, thirds, etc.

E. Market Beef:  
Grand Champion  
Reserve Champion  
Rate of Gain Champion  
Reserve Rate of Gain Champion  
Grand Champion Born and Bred  
Reserve Champion Born and Bred  
3rd Overall  
4th Overall  
5th Overall  
Remaining class winners followed by seconds, thirds, etc.

F. Feeder Steers:  
Grand Champion  
Reserve Champion  
Grand Champion Born and Bred  
Reserve Champion Born and Bred Reserve  
3rd Overall  
4th Overall  
5th Overall  
Remaining class winners followed by seconds, thirds, etc.  
Grand Champion Dairy Feeder Calf if not overall grand or reserve champion in the other classes.

F. Feeder Heifers:  
Same order as feeder steers

### **Buyer Criteria**

34. Buyers are required to show photo identification to receive a buyer number.

35. Buyers may place bids/donations for an exhibitor's lot prior to the auction sale of the specific market animal. Only Grand or Reserve Champions will be eligible to have a multiple buyer sheet. Sheets will be kept inside the sale trailer and any sale committee member may retrieve and assist you. Multiple buyer sheet participation is voluntary. The committee wants to provide you with an option where you may distribute your funds without being overburdened by repetitive requests.

36. Only one buyer (individual or business) per number will be acknowledged in advertising.
37. Only paid buyers will be recognized and acknowledged in advertising and publications.
38. Payment in full is required by the completion of the sale for all lots sold that are under \$1000.00. Arrangements may be made and approved by the Livestock Sale Committee for any buyer whose bill is over \$1000.00. Payments may be made by cash, check, credit card, or Venmo. There will be a convenience fee of a minimum of 4.0 percent for processing credit cards. Any buyer who has not paid by the end of the sale Saturday and has not made prior arrangements will be charged a 10-percent invoicing penalty for every 30 days after the sale date.
39. Buyers who do not follow the buyer rules under the buyer criteria will not be issued a buyer's number in the future.
40. Bidder numbers will be issued at the discretion of the Sales Committee.
41. Animals may NOT be resold for charities or any other group or individual through the Junior Fair Livestock Sale. They may be donated to charity or any other group or individual.
42. All poultry and rabbits must be taken home by the exhibitor unless claimed by the buyer. Poultry and rabbits not removed by the buyer is the responsibility of the exhibitor.

#### Payment to Exhibitor

43. EXHIBITORS WILL BE PAID ON THE RECEIPT OF PAYMENT FROM BUYERS.
44. Exhibitors must pick up their checks in person, Time, date, and location will be announced when exhibitor checks are ready for pick up.
45. All questions regarding buyer payments, check release, etc. should go to the Clermont County Sale Committee, P.O. Box 22 Felicity, OH 45120 or email – [clermontcosalescomm@gmail.com](mailto:clermontcosalescomm@gmail.com).