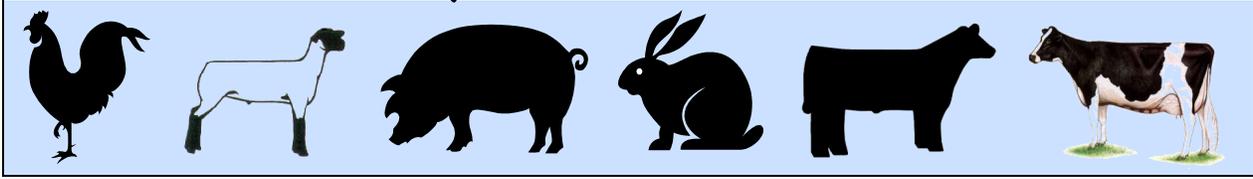


# Green Lake County Fair Livestock Auction Information



The Livestock Project Members of Green Lake County 4-H and FFA invite you to participate in the Livestock Sale. The livestock sale enables youth in Green Lake County to sell their animals, an important step in the livestock projects. Businesses and individuals who support the livestock projects by purchasing animals are advertising their businesses and facilitating the project for members.

Typically, the animals that are sold at the auction are “Show Quality” animals, which are more expensive for members to purchase when they begin their project, and the auction helps these members recover the costs of their initial investment, feed costs, and labor. The projects are designed to teach kids about the livestock industries, animal care and marketing. Producing meat that is of the highest quality and marketability is stressed in the livestock projects, and even those animals that receive a fourth place ribbon are better than the average marketed animals.

The following information will assist you in understanding how the Green Lake County Fair Livestock Auction operates.

**Step One: REGISTRATION** The Markesan State Bank will provide the registration/clerking services for the livestock auction. It is best to arrive at the Fairgrounds at least ½ hour before the start of the auction. The Livestock Auction is held on Friday night during the fair starting at 7:00 p.m., in the Swine & Sheep Barn. When you register with the Markesan State Bank, you will have a small amount of paperwork to complete, and you will be given a paddle containing your business name. The sign is used to make a bid during the sale.

**Step Two: BIDDING** The bidding is based on a per pound basis for all Swine, Sheep, and Beef. Poultry and Rabbits are auctioned off per exhibit, not by weight. There will also be five dairy lots auctioned off to recognize the dairy youth and their contribution to the agriculture sector. The dairy will be auctioned off on a per exhibit basis. The dairy animals will remain under ownership of the youth exhibitor after the auction. Funds generated from the sale of the dairy animal will be split between the youth exhibitor and the dairy bonus committee.

**Step Three: THE PURCHASE** After being identified as the winning bidder, you will be approached by staff and be asked to fill out an AUCTION TRUCKING SHEET for your purchase. On this sheet, please double check to be sure that the price you paid is correct and that you have written your name and contact information. In regards to processing, you will have to make the following decisions.

You can decide to have the animal processed for personal use or to re-sell the animal.

**PROCESSING EXAMPLE:** If you choose to have the animal processed for your own personal use, please make arrangements with your processor by calling them on Monday or Tuesday after the fair with your cutting directions. Please remember to write on the SALE SLIP where you want the animals to be processed after the fair.

If you opt for re-sale, you will be reimbursed for the market value of your animal:

**RE-SALE EXAMPLE:** If you purchase a Beef that weighs 1,000 lb. for \$1.05 per pound, you will pay \$1050.00. When the animal is resold, you will receive market price for the animal (\$0.70 for the example) and you will receive \$700.00. Your total expense is \$350.00 for supporting an exhibitor in the Beef Project. Please be aware that the animals do lose some weight at the fair, and you will be paid for the animal's actual weight on the day it is sold at the market.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**SWINE PURCHASE** If you purchase swine, we ask that you consider sending them to Brandon Meats for re-sale or for personal use. The reason we suggest Brandon Meats is because they are entered in the Swine Carcass Evaluation Contest. At the carcass evaluation show, members learn about the pork industry and the factors that influence meat and muscling quality. If you choose to send your swine to a different processor, please be aware that all swine must go directly from the fairgrounds to a processor.

**POULTRY AND RABBIT PURCHASE** If you purchase a rabbit or poultry exhibit, these projects are not processed or re-sold. You need to make arrangements with the exhibitor for getting the animal after the fair. Animals must be picked up from the fairgrounds no later than 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

**Step Four: THE PAYMENT** You are asked to pay the Markesan State Bank the evening of the Auction. If not, please make arrangements with the Markesan State Bank regarding payment.

***We thank you for your continued support of the  
Green Lake County Livestock Exhibitors!***

Feel free to contact the Green Lake County UW-Extension Office at 920-294-4032, if you have any further questions.