

# GRAYS HARBOR YOUTH LIVESTOCK AUCTION BEEF, SHEEP, SWINE, GOATS, RABBITS, & POULTRY 2019

The purpose of this livestock auction is to provide an incentive to youth to exhibit and sell quality market stock, which have reached marketable size. Both the sellers (4-H or FFA members) and the bidders and/or buyers are reminded that the price paid to the seller may not, in fact, reflect the true market price at the time of the sale. It is the desire of the sponsoring groups that the buyers of the animals featured in this sale, will bid sufficiently to cover the individual exhibitor's additional expenses incurred in feeding, fitting, and transporting the animals to this show to gain experience in feeding and the management of market animals. Any animal sold in the auction is suitable for slaughter at the time of the sale.

## MARKET ANIMAL OWNERSHIP DEADLINES:

(Seller must take possession and have in their care by)

<b>Steers</b>	<b>March 31</b>
<b>Hogs &amp; Turkeys</b>	<b>May 1</b>
<b>Lambs &amp; Goats</b>	<b>June 1</b>
<b>Chickens</b>	<b>June 20</b>
<b>Rabbits</b>	<b>July 1 **</b> (see rule 34)

*The following rules apply to all species and have been set forth by the Auction Committee:*

1. Each exhibitor and/or seller assumes responsibility for securing at least two buyers, one of whom did not purchase an animal at last year's sale. Exhibitors will contact the potential buyers by July 15 and furnish the names and addresses to the Livestock Auction Committee. This is so the Grays Harbor Youth Livestock Auction Committee can contact these prospective buyers and provide them the necessary information on the sale.
2. Each exhibitor may tag as many species and may raise more than one animal of each species. Requirements for each species must be met. Selection decision for the "sale animal" must be specified by the time scales close at final weigh-in. Each exhibitor may sell one large animal (steer, hog, lamb, goat or turkey) and a pen of three rabbits or chickens in the auction.
3. Each exhibitor must be enrolled in 4-H (Junior, Intermediate, or Senior) or be a member of an FFA chapter in good standing with the Washington FFA Association and be actively caring for the animal exhibited as a 4-H project or FFA Supervised Agriculture Experience Project in Grays Harbor County. 4-H and FFA members can exhibit through their senior year in high school.
4. When entering this division, each exhibitor makes a commitment to sell their animal at the auction. Entry forms must be completed in accordance with the division, section, and class number as listed in the Fair Exhibitor Guide and are due by the deadline printed in the Exhibitor Guide.
5. Exhibitors may not withdraw their animal from the show or auction sale after 10:00 p.m. of the animal entry day of the fair.

6. Exhibitors may not enter their animal for the sale after the established deadline without special action by the Auction Committee.
7. The Sale Sifting Committee, composed of three members of the Auction Committee, shall inspect all animals entered in the sale by 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday. If the animal does not make the minimum weight limit, (animal will only be weighed once) the exhibitor may change their entry and show it in the appropriate division, section, or class not associated with the Market Livestock Sale. The exhibitor must be present for this inspection.
8. All animals registered for the sale will be tagged, tattooed, and weighed shortly after registrations are due. Participants will be notified of the date and location. It is **mandatory** that all participants attend this activity.
9. A 5% commission consignment fee of the gross sale and 1% commission on all donations will be deducted from the sale of each animal or pen of three. This consignment fee will be used to pay the expenses of the auction.
10. Condemned Carcass: If an animal is condemned during the slaughter process, the seller will absorb the loss and the consignment fee will be waived. The buyer's offer becomes void. The slaughter fee will be paid by the Youth Livestock Auction Committee.
11. Proceeds from the sale will be distributed to the exhibitors after payment has been received from all buyers.
12. Market animals will, as much as possible, be penned separately or grouped by club or chapter. Individual exhibitors are responsible for the feeding and herdsmanship of their own animals and pens.
13. Market animals can be cooperatively raised by a group of members with shared responsibilities identified. It is highly recommended to establish a contract. Sample contracts are available through the 4-H Extension Service and Elma FFA. At final weigh-in, each pen of 3 and/or individual livestock projects must be specifically identified and shown by one assigned exhibitor.
14. All animals are raised for the purpose of slaughter. No advertising is allowed on any female animal regarding the animal's eligibility for registration or pedigree indicating its use as a breeding animal. No advertising is allowed offering to continue showing the animal after the auction. The animal's show career is over, regardless of ownership, when sold and is not eligible to be shown at any other show or sale beyond the Grays Harbor Livestock Auction.
15. Individual exhibitors are responsible for the care and feeding of their animals until the animal is removed from the fairgrounds. Feed must be provided for two days. If feed is not provided, the feed costs will be deducted from their auction check. Pens/stall space must be cleaned within two days after the animals are removed from the fairgrounds. If pen/stall space is not cleaned, the cost of cleaning the pen/stall space will be deducted from their auction check.
16. To qualify for the sale, the animal must be a blue or red ribbon animal based on the judge's discretion. Animals receiving a white ribbon placing are not eligible for the sale. Animals over the maximum weight requirements must earn a blue ribbon in order to sell.

17. Donations: Anyone wishing to donate to a student can do so. This does not purchase the animal. Donations can only be accepted as bankable transactions (cash or check). Goods and services will not be considered acceptable donations to be recognized in GHYLA advertising. No personal raffles or auctions are allowed.
18. There is a mandatory shrinkage of 3% deduction of weight deducted from the selling weight.
19. If participating in the Grays Harbor Youth Livestock Auction, you are **not** eligible to participate in livestock auctions held at any county fair outside of Grays Harbor.
20. It is mandatory that all species have their pictures taken on the day that pictures are set. Youth participating in the Auction will bring their show clothes for pictures. Youth will not be eligible to auction their animal if their picture is not taken.
21. Youth participating in the Auction have to participate in Fitting and Showing to be eligible to auction their animal.
22. A \$5.00, non-refundable, tagging fee per large animal (steer, hog, lamb, or goat) will be due at the time of registration. Tagged animals will be identified by the individual exhibitor and/or family residing in the same household. The tagged animal must remain in ownership by the individual and/or designated family. Transfer of animals is not allowed.
23. How stock can be purchased and how buyers handle stock:
  - a) Anyone can bid and purchase any animal.
  - b) There will be a floor price set by a turn buyer for those buyers who do not wish to take delivery of an animal. In each case, the buyer will pay the difference between this base price and what he bids with the packing house picking up the balance of purchase and taking delivery of the animal.
  - c) There will also be arrangements for the buyer who wants to purchase and have the animals slaughtered and processed for his own use.
  - d) Animals must be paid for at the time of the sale.
24. What recognition will be made for buyers who purchase animals at the sale?
  - a) Each animal will have a card displayed in such a manner that the public can see the animal and identify it with the card. The card will bear the name of the exhibitor and the person or firm who purchased the animal.
  - b) Each animal will be displayed during the Grays Harbor County Fair. The seller will be responsible for the care and feeding of the animal until the buyer gains possession of the animal.
  - c) There will also be press releases of the sale for publicity of the buyers in appreciation for their support of the sale and the youth.
  - d) Buyer gifts/presents will not be allowed to be presented during the auction itself. Participants need to make arrangements for presenting gifts at a later date.
25. Quality Assurance (QA) is mandatory. A completed QA form is required for the final weigh-in of the market animal at the Grays Harbor County Fair.
26. All animal lots will only be sold once.

27. Cause for Disqualification:

- a) Registration is not received by the auction committee by April 15 for all animals.
- b) Non-attendance at the mandatory meeting or did not make prior arrangements with the chairman of the auction committee.
- c) Not tagging large livestock by the GHYLA committee on the designated date.
- d) Authorization to Sell Form not received by July 15.
- e) Did not solicit two buyers, one of who did not purchase an animal at last year's auction, and submit their names and addresses to the auction committee by July 15.
- f) Did not make weight or disqualified by the sifting committee (which is made up of three members of the auction committee).
- g) The animal received a white ribbon placing from the judge that meets within the acceptable weight range. Animals sold that are over the maximum weight limit must be a blue ribbon.
- h) Fair Entry Forms not received at Grays Harbor County Fair office by July 15.
- i) Did not present the QA information at final weigh-in.
- j) Entering a non-tagged GHYLA animal or entering an animal not raised by the exhibitor.
- k) Not maintaining 4-H and/or FFA membership as a student or club/chapter in "good standing" identified by the 4-H leader/council or FFA advisor/State Association.

28. The following rules apply specifically to beef:

- a) Beef will be sold by the pound. All sales are final.
- b) Sellers of market steers must complete a Hauling Slip. If branded, a Brand Inspection Slip must also be completed.
- c) Sellers of market steers must provide a rope halter, which will not be returned to the exhibitor. This halter must be left on the steer in the barn.
- d) Beef animals must be steers. Heifers and bulls are not allowed. Animals must be polled or dehorned. Market steers must be all beef breeds and recognized by the Commercial Meat Industry Market. Beef/dairy crosses are not allowed.
- e) **Market steers (1000 lb. minimum weight – no maximum weight) must grade at least USDA High Select and have a Yield Grade of #3 to qualify for the sale. Steers who weigh more than 1500 lbs. will be listed in the sale program as 1500 lbs minus 3% shrinkage and must be judged as a blue ribbon. Applicable commission will be assessed.** (See item 9.) The age of the steers must be no older than 25 months of age. Ribbon placing will be at the discretion of the official judge based on yield grade and quality grade.
- f) Steers can be tagged at the Spring Youth Fair in Chehalis or at the swine and lamb tagging in May. At either of these events, a member of the Auction Committee can observe the steer to see if he is leadable. The final chance to prove the steer can lead will be at the weigh-in at the Grays Harbor County Fair. If the steer is not controllable, it will not sell at the sale.

29. The following rules apply specifically to sheep:

- a) All sheep must have scrapies identification.
- b) Sheep will be sold by the pound. All sales are final.
- c) Market lambs must be ewes or wethers, and must be recognized meat breeds.
- d) Market lambs (**90 lb. minimum weight and no maximum weight**) must grade at least USDA Choice or better to qualify for sale. **Lambs who weigh more than 150 lbs will be listed in the sale program as 150 lbs. minus 3% shrinkage and must be judged as a blue ribbon. Applicable commission will be assessed.** (See item 9.) Ribbon placing will be at the discretion of the official judge based on quality and yield grade.
- e) Lambs must be born after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the auction year.

30. The following rules apply specifically to swine:
- Hogs will be sold by the pound. All sales are final.
  - Market hogs must be either gilts or barrows, and must be recognized meat breeds.
  - Market hogs (**225 lb. minimum weight and no maximum weight**) must grade at least #2 to qualify for sale. **Hogs weighing more than 300 lbs. will be listed in the sale program as 300 lbs. minus 3% shrinkage and must be judged as a blue ribbon. Applicable commission will be assessed.** (See Item 9.) USDA#1= blue, USDA#2=red, and USDA#3 and below=white. Ribbon placing will be at the discretion of the official judge based on quality and yield grade.
  - When the hogs are tagged and weighed, the hog must have the owner or someone there to represent them.
  - Hogs must be born after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the auction year.
31. The following rules apply specifically to goats:
- All goats must have scrapies identification.
  - Goats will be sold by the pound. All sales are final.
  - Market goats must be either wethers or does. Billys are not allowed. Market goats must be all meat goat breeds. Dairy crosses are not allowed.
  - Market goats are to be clipped and not have over ½” hair at the fair.
  - Market goats should have all their baby teeth and be dehorned prior to tagging.
  - Market goats (**80 lb. minimum weight and no maximum weight**) must grade USDA Choice or better to qualify for the sale. **Goats weighing more than 115 lbs will be listed in the sale program as 115 lbs minus 3% shrinkage and must be judged as a blue ribbon. Applicable commission will be assessed. (See Item 9.)** Goats will be between six and eleven months of age. Ribbon placing will be at the discretion of the official judge based on quality and yield grade.
32. The following rules apply specifically to a pen of 3 chickens:
- Chickens will be sold in a pen of three. All sales are final.
  - The minimum weight of each bird is 4.5 lbs. with no maximum weight. They must be a recognized meat breed. The maximum age of Cornish Cross chickens is 8 weeks. The maximum age of all other meat breeds is 12 weeks. Poultry may be either sex. All poultry in the pen of three must be the same breed. Ribbon placing will be at the discretion of the official judge based on quality and yield grade.
  - All chickens need to have official paperwork indicating hatch date submitted with quality assurance paperwork.
33. The following rules apply specifically to turkeys:
- Turkeys will be sold by the bird. All sales are final.
  - The minimum weight of each bird (tom or hen) is 15 lbs. and the maximum weight is 35 lbs. Birds must be between 14-18 weeks of age and be a broad breasted breed.
  - All turkeys need to have official paperwork indicating hatch date submitted with quality assurance paperwork.
34. The following rules apply specifically to rabbits:
- Rabbits will be sold in a pen of three. All sales are final.
  - The minimum weight of each rabbit is 4.5 lbs. with no maximum weight. They must be a recognized meat breed by the American Rabbit Breeders Association. Crossbred meat breed animals are allowed. The maximum age of the rabbits is 12 weeks. Rabbits may be either sex. All rabbits in the pen of three must be the same breed. Ribbon placing will be at the discretion of

the official judge based on meat quality and yield grade. Pelt color and quality will not be a disqualifying factor. (\*\* State 4-H rules maintain that the exhibitor must be involved in the regular care and management of the project 45 days prior to haul in day of fair, not necessarily have possession of the project.)

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