

2024 Ontario County 4-H General Livestock Auction Rules

1 - Youth must be enrolled in Ontario County 4-H and commit to participating the 4-H Livestock Auction by October 15th. At this time youth will also declare which species they will be participating with.

2- Youth are eligible to auction off a maximum of one animal for up to two species.

3- Youth must complete and submit a record book upon completion of the project.

3- Animals must have a clean bill of health at time of auction.

4- Animals must meet the minimum and maximum weight requirements.

5- All male animals must be fully castrated at time of 1st weigh-in.

6- All 4-H members exhibiting beef, dairy beef, hog, lamb, meat goats, meat rabbits and market poultry at the county fair level are required to complete all educational activity requirements. If a good reason is communicated ahead of time, a participant may be permitted to miss one meeting in a 4-H year. It is the responsibility of the participant to get the notes from a peer or leader about information that they may have missed. If a participant misses more than one meeting, they will be removed from the auction program. See calendar and checklist below on the F&Q sheet.

7- If a 4-H member chooses to not participate in the auction program halfway thru the year, they will forfeit their eligibility to participate for the next year. However, if you cannot complete the auction program due to unforeseen circumstances, it will not be held against you.

8- Animals must be exhibited at the fair.

9- Youth must send 10 letters per youth/species to potential buyers. Youth should also follow up with an in person visits to their potential buyers.

10- Youth must write a thank you note to buyer, they will not receive their check until they submit a copy of it to the 4-H office.

11- Youth are required to meet all deadlines, stay up to date by joining the Ontario County 4-H Livestock Auction Facebook page and regularly check their emails.

12- Donation Lots: Any youth who is wishing to donate their auction proceeds to a charity organization and have it promoted in our auction literature and the night of the auction must adhere to these rules:

- Youth must commit to raising a donation animal by October 15th
- Youth are still limited to only selling 2 animals, each of different species
- Youth may only have one donation animal/lot
- 100% of auction proceeds must go to the designated charity (auction check will be cut directly to the designated charity)
- Donation animals will follow the same rules as listed under our general and species guidelines.
- All donation lots will be auctioned off at the end of the auction