2027 Ontario County 4-H General Livestock Auction Rules

1. Youth must be enrolled in Ontario County 4-H(at least 8 as of January 1st of current year) **and** commit to participating the 4-H Livestock Auction by December 1st. Youth may choose to wait to declare which species of animals they want to raise by January 5th, except for beef which needs to be declared by December 1st for weigh in purposes.

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.

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

5. Animals must meet the minimum and maximum weight requirements.

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

7. 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 participant is unable to fulfill this requirement, they will be removed from the auction program. **See calendar attached**.

8. If a 4-H member chooses not to 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.

9. Participants are required to exhibit and show their own animals in the auction market class and must participate in showmanship.

10. Participants are required to provide feed and bedding for their animals while on exhibit at the fairgrounds. Exhibitors are expected to help keep the barn aisles swept and looking presentable to the public.

11. Youth must send **10 letters per youth/species** to potential buyers and follow up with an in-person visit to their potential buyers.

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

13. 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.

14. **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 December 1st/January 5th.
    - 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

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