Cornell Cooperative Extension

Ontario County 4-H Livestock Auction Commitment Form 2026-2027

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 and commit to participating in the auction program, youth may choose 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. The Auction Committee is strongly encouraging youth to have a backup animal for their species and/or to commit to two different species.
4. Youth must complete and submit a record book which will be turned in prior to county fair.
5. Animals must have a clean bill of health at time of auction. This includes following correct withdrawl protocols for any vaccines, antibiotics, and/or dewormer. An example of this is making sure your animal has its rabies vaccine at least 28 days prior to the sale.
6. Animals may not have any growth implants to enhance growth weight.
7. Animals must meet the minimum and maximum weight requirements.
8. All male animals must be fully castrated at time of 1st weigh-in.
9. 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**.
10. If a 4-H member chooses to not participate in the auction program halfway through 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.
11. Once a project animal has been identified and committed, no species changes will be allowed for any reason after the commitment deadline, including animal death, illness, or sale.
12. If planning on having a donation lot, youth must follow all the same guidelines listed. Youth must donate 100% of the money raised from that donation lot (check will be cut directly to the organization).
13. Participants are required to exhibit and show their own animals in the auction market class and must participate in showmanship.
14. After the sale, families need to communicate to the Auction Committee where that animal will be housed until it goes to the processor.
15. 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 for the public.
16. Youth must send **10 letters per youth/species** to potential buyers and follow up with in-person visits to their potential buyers.
17. 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.
18. 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.

I have read and understand the Participants Responsibilities of Ontario County 4-H Livestock Auction Project.

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Name_____ Phone Number_____

Email _____ Parent Email_____

Species_____ Speices _____

_____ I am waiting to declare my species until January 5th. Beef must be declared by December 1st for weigh in purposes.

_____Yes, I would like to raise a donation animal. I will donate to _____organization. (Please read guidelines for raising a donation lot)

Signature_____ Date_____

Return to: CCE Ontario County
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Tjb322@cornell.edu

Return this program contract on or BEFORE December 1st.