

**COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR  
LIVESTOCK AUCTION  
RULES AND REGULATIONS  
2023**

1. Entries can start being accepted starting June 1 by taking them to the fair office. If mailing entries, they must be postmarked by Thursday, July 20, 2023. Last day to register will be Tuesday, July 25 from 8am to 8pm at the Youth and Ag Center, Fairgrounds. **A late fee of \$10.00 will be assessed for entries received between July 26-July 28. After 4:00pm on July 28, no new entries will be accepted.**

2. Youth who are eligible to show at the Grant County Junior Fair and who meet the following requirements are eligible to sell in this auction, providing they have not sold an animal at another fair sale in Grant County this year.

a. Exhibitors must have completed fourth grade prior to fair. 4-H, FFA and approved breed group members may not sell at more than two fairs after their scheduled high school graduation.

b. 4-H, FFA, and approved breed group members may sell an animal related to their project.

c. Each beef, dairy beef, dairy, goat, sheep, swine, poultry and rabbit exhibitor must be YQCA (Youth for Quality Care of Animals) certified to sell at the auction and be approved by the Grant County Extension Office. YQCA certification needs to be valid during the dates of the fair. Notification of seminar options is found in the 4-H "ECHO."

d. Each exhibitor may consign and sell a maximum of one (1) species of livestock (either beef, sheep, swine, goats, poultry, rabbits or dairy (cheese) and not more than one (1) head of the species they select can be auctioned, with the exception of goat cheese (a pen of rabbits = one head). Exhibitors must be in the sale ring when their picture is presented to the buyers, unless special permission is granted by the auction committee. If someone other than the exhibitor is present without permission from the Livestock Auction Committee, all proceeds from that animal's sale will be forfeited and returned to the buyer. To get permission to have another exhibitor present you must provide a written request to the Livestock Auction Committee by **2:00 pm on Thursday** containing the reason for the request and the name of the person who will accompany your animal. **Exhibitors are only granted one substitution for selling through the Livestock Auction per their career at the Grant County Fair regardless of any reason.**

Exhibitors that have consigned particular species of livestock and are awarded the Champion or Reserve Champion in another species, in any weight class, will be given the option of selling the original consignment or the Champion or Reserve Champion. The substitute animal must be properly identified and all relevant requirements met. Under no conditions will exhibitors be permitted to sell more than one lot with the exception of goat cheese.

e. Consignors of beef, hogs and lamb wethers and dairy cheese will be charged a mandatory 6% commission on premiums received over market price. The market price for beef, hogs and lambs will be the market price found on the Equity Livestock Exchange website for the week of the sale. A 3% commission on the total sale price of goat wethers, poultry, and rabbits will be mandatory.

The Grant County Junior Fair Livestock Auction Committee reserves the right to adjust the commission for anything sold at the auction within two weeks after the auction if it is deemed necessary. These commissions will be deducted from the consignor's check. Funds raised from the commission will be used to fund promotional

costs (including pictures and a buyer thank you advertisement in the "Shopping News"), sale expenses and livestock facility improvements. The allocation of these funds rests with the Grant County Fair Junior Livestock Auction Committee. Sale checks will be ready for pick up after the fair. Exhibitors that sold will be notified of the date. The Livestock Auction Committee will host a buyer ice-cream social prior to the auction at fair time.

f. The champion or reserve champion dairy goat exhibitor will sell a block of cheese immediately following the sale of champions. All of the proceeds will go to the Livestock Auction Committee and the exhibitor does not have to attend an educational seminar or identify the animal. The exhibitor also has the right to sell another animal in the auction provided that exhibitor has met all other criteria for sale in the auction.

3. Animals sold in this auction must have been identified and recorded in the Grant County Extension Office according to the following procedure and deadline dates:

**BEEF** - (includes dairy and beef) RFID tagged and clear picture of tag in ear submitted with proof of weight to Grant County Extension Office by January 6, 2023 by exhibitor, for the sale and total evaluation program. All steers must be castrated and dehorned before weigh-in and identifying.

**MARKET WETHERS/EWES** – RFID ear tagged, tattooed and weighed in accordance to the schedule established by the Grant County Extension Office.

**GOAT WETHERS/DOES** – RFID tagged, tattooed and weighed in accordance to the schedule established by the Grant County Extension Office.

**HOGS** - RFID tagged and clear picture of tag in ear submitted to UW-Extension Office by May 31. All swine to be identified by exhibitor. **NOTE:** All swine **NOT** selling in the Grant County Junior Fair Livestock Auction will be the exhibitor's responsibility to determine terminal location. We encourage you to contact processing plants well in advance of the fair to secure an appointment.

**RABBITS and POULTRY** - identified in accordance to the schedule established by the Grant County Extension Office.

**DAIRY CHEESE** - Animals need to be identified through the Grant County Extension Office using the Grant County Junior Fair Livestock Auction Dairy Registration Form by May 1, 2023.

4. Livestock sold must meet the following requirements:

**BEEF** - Prime, Choice or Select Plus 1,000 lbs. and over. Lightweight breeds are exempt from this weight restriction. **ALL MARKET STEERS/MARKET HEIFERS MUST BE WEIGHED AND GRADED LIVE UPON ENTERING THE FAIRGROUNDS (PRIOR TO FEEDING AND WATERING).** Those receiving a grade of select plus or better and a yield grade under 5.0 will be allowed to sell. **THE DECISION OF THE GRADER(S) IS FINAL.** In the event that a market steer/market heifer fails to grade select plus or higher in the carcass contests, the buyer has the option to pay market value plus \$25.00 for the animal.

**MARKET WETHERS/EWES** - U.S. Prime or U.S. Choice from 90 lbs. to 150 lbs. Wethers weighing more than 150 lbs. may be sold, but will only receive payment for 150 lbs.

**HOGS** - 220 lbs - 315 lbs. Buyers will pay up to a maximum of 280 lbs. Hogs outside the weight limit may show in special "show only" class. They will not be eligible to show for champion. **Hogs outside the weight limit will not be eligible to sell.** In the event that an animal is discovered to be cryptoid (testicles inside the body cavity)

upon butchering, the member shall replace it with another animal (either from their own farm or one they purchase).

MARKET GOATS - May be sold up to one year of age.

RABBITS and POULTRY - Meeting the requirements of market classes will be eligible to sell. It is the seller's responsibility to slaughter and deliver the animal to the buyer. Delivery must take place by the date of the Buyers Appreciation Night, unless other arraignments have been made. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the auction proceeds.

### **EXHIBITORS OF ANIMALS DEEMED UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION BY USDA INSPECTORS WILL FORFEIT THE TOTAL AUCTION PRICE PAID BY THE BUYER.**

**ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR DAIRY CHEESE** - in addition to all sale criteria the following will be used pertaining to youth selling blocks of cheese during the Livestock Auction.

The Dairy Cattle Department is allotted 20 lots in the cheese sale. It is the goal of the sale committee to fill all 20 lots and give more opportunities to more exhibitors. In recent years, the Dairy department has filled no more than ½ of their allotment.

- All current forms, deadlines, limits will remain the same and must be adhered to, to sell cheese.
- The Dairy Cattle Department is allotted 20 lots in the cheese sale. It is the goal of the sale committee to fill all 20 lots and give more opportunity to more exhibitors.
- Exhibitors that meet all requirements set forth by the fair premium book and that have qualified cattle at the fair will be eligible for an opportunity to sell cheese at the Youth Livestock Auction.
- Each animal that was properly entered and shown at the Grant County Fair will eligible to sell cheese and earn an entry into a random drawing for the opportunity to sell cheese. Exhibitors may earn up to 6 opportunities solely by entry and exhibition.
- Breed Senior and Junior Champions (if properly entered) will earn two additional entries to enter. Breeds include: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn, Any Other Breed
- Any Showmanship winners and all participates in the Fitting Contest (if properly entered) will earn an additional entry.
- No exhibitor will sell more than one cheese lot per year. If an exhibitor is selected more than once in the random drawing, that duplicate selection will be discarded and a new name will be drawn. Drawing order is the sale order and ticket will have the exhibitor name and choice of animal on it.
- Any high school graduate exhibitor that has shown in at least three consecutive Grant County Junior Fair shows and has not previously sold in the Grant County Junior Fair Livestock Auction, will be given the opportunity to sell (if properly entered and eligible) a lot of cheese at the Grant County Junior Fair Livestock Auction.
- An animal may earn an exhibitor the opportunity to sell in multiple years.

Failure to complete any of the following will result in forfeiture of selling cheese in the Grant County Junior Fair Livestock Auction

- Identification of up to 6 dairy animals per exhibitor in their immediate family, on Dairy ID Form. Breed, Birthdate and Registration/Tattoo/Vaccination Tag for each animal

completed and turned in to the Grant County Extension Office by May 1.

- Grant County Junior Fair Livestock Auction Consignment Sheet must be submitted with exhibitor entries prior to the due date.
  - Members who are given the opportunity to sell to cheese must put together their own cheese lot prior to the auction. Cheese lot is to include a minimum of 5 lbs. of cheese (or more if you so choose) and be presented in professional manner.
5. Consignors must notify the Superintendents at time of weigh-in as to which animal of the consigned species they wish to sell. If the consignor wishes to change the animal consigned for another qualified animal, they must notify the Grant County Extension Office prior to 2:00 p.m., Friday, August 18. If for some reason a consigned animal cannot be sold, another qualified animal, owned by the exhibitor, may be substituted. Anyone wishing to withdraw a market steer/market heifer, hog, market lamb, ewe, goat, rabbit or poultry from the Auction Sale must notify the Grant County Extension Office by 2:00 p.m., Friday, August 18. It is the buyer's prerogative to determine how the animal is used. If a consignor wishes to request the reservation of show rights to an animal he or she must notify the Grant County Extension Office by 2:00 p.m., Friday, August 18. Such a request will be announced at the auction, but it is the buyer's option to honor such a request.
  6. ALL LIVESTOCK SOLD AT THIS AUCTION on Saturday, August 19, will not become the possession or the responsibility of the buyer until officially released, Sunday, August 20, 2023.
  7. Absolutely no swapping of sale animals after the Grant County Fair Junior Livestock Auction.
  8. Buyers reserve the right to advertise at the fair over the stall or pen of the animals they purchase from auction time to the close of the fair.
  9. Youth may not wear hats or other articles of clothing with firm or farm identification while in the sale ring.
  10. Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their animal during the fair until it leaves the fairgrounds.
  11. When livestock leaves the fairgrounds on August 20, 2023 that animal becomes the responsibility of the buyer and Grant County is no longer liable for the animal.
  12. Exhibitors also understand and agree that Grant County Fair is not liable if an animal dies on premise, in transit, or at the processing plant. Both exhibitor and purchaser agree to hold Grant County harmless and indemnify against any loss.
  13. All sheep and goats need to have their halters and coats/wraps removed for weigh-ins at the fair.
  14. All animals being shown in the market division below need to be ID'ed at/by the appropriated dates in order to show in the market classes at the Grant County Fair. This includes the following:
    - Market Beef
    - Market Goats
    - Market Lamb and Market Ewes
    - Market Barrows and Gilts

## **SHOW, AUCTION, AND CARCASS SHOW PROCEDURE**

**Auction will be on hoof, and will be open to packers and the public.**

All consigned market steers/market heifers, hogs, market lamb, market goat, poultry and rabbits must show in the regular Junior Market Classes of the Grant County Fair. There will be no special classes for auction animals.

- All market steers/market heifers must be weighed and graded live upon entering the fairgrounds (prior to feeding and watering) on Thursday of the fair between 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. to establish show classes.

- Market lambs will be weighed and ear tagged on Thursday of the fair between noon and 1:00 p.m.
- Hogs will be weighed and ear tagged on Wednesday of the fair between 9 a.m. - noon. **NOTE:** All swine **NOT** selling in the Grant County Junior Fair Livestock Auction will be the exhibitor's responsibility to determine terminal location. We encourage you to contact processing plants well in advance of the fair to secure an appointment.
- Market goat will be weighed and ear tagged on Wednesday of the fair between 11:00 a.m. - noon.

Sale time is Saturday - "**Sale of Champions**" - 1:00 p.m. Champion and Reserve Champion of each species will sell at this time and will be immediately followed by the sale of goat cheese. Goats, rabbit, dairy cheese, hogs, poultry & market steers/market heifers, and lambs will sell in order according to the ear tag number, with the exception that the first animal of each species to sell will be a weight division champion to be determined by lot.

Animals not ready to sell when called and miss their sale order will sell at the end of the auction for that species.

All Livestock Auction consignors must be available to have pictures during fair. It will be posted in the barns. Any exhibitor needing an alternate time must discuss this with the superintendent at check-in. The exhibitor must be in the picture. If an exhibitor fails to have their picture taken with their animal they cannot be in the sale. A schedule will be sent to each exhibitor prior to fair and will be posted in the appropriate barns. These times are subject to change. Check with superintendent.

Only beef, sheep, swine and goats sold in the Grant County Junior Fair Livestock Auction are eligible for competition in the carcass contests held at Bloomington Meats II, the Butcher Shop, and Weber's Processing.

**YOUTH WITH A UNIQUE SITUATION, PROBLEM OR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE AUCTION SHOULD CONTACT THE AGRICULTURE EDUCATOR AT THE GRANT COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE AT 723-2125.**