

## **YOUTH LIVESTOCK AUCTION RULES**

*The Youth Livestock Auction is sponsored by the Monroe County Extension & 4-H Education Foundation. The Foundation's Livestock Auction Committee sets forth the following guidelines for selling livestock at the youth auction:*

1. Only current 4-H or FFA members who are 8 years of age and not yet 19 years of age on or before September 1 of the previous year of the Fair may sell at the youth livestock auction.
2. Youth must be a Monroe County resident and/or reside within the Waterloo, Columbia, Valmeyer or Red Bud school districts.
3. Youth must be a member of a Monroe County 4-H club and/or an FFA chapter in the Waterloo, Columbia, Valmeyer or Red Bud school districts.
4. All 4-H livestock exhibitors enrolled in Beef Cattle, Swine, Sheep Goats and/or Dairy Cattle, MUST complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training by May 1 of *each* 4-H year. All 4-H livestock exhibitors enrolled in Rabbits or Poultry for the *first time* MUST complete the online Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification (QAEC) by May
5. Members must attend four 4-H meetings in their primary club (or four FFA chapter meetings of which they are a member of if not in a 4-H Club) prior to the Fair.
6. 4-H members must present a talk or demonstration during the 4-H year.
7. 4-H members must be enrolled in the project they are exhibiting/selling.
8. 4-H and FFA members should have 4-H or FFA Livestock Record Books up-to-date and show their **in-progress** records to their 4-H Club Leader or FFA Advisor by their **May, June or July club meeting**, prior to the county Fair. 4-H Record Books must be **completed by September 15** and turned into the Monroe Co. Extension office.

\*Note: members **must** complete a Livestock Record Book for any of the livestock species they are selling in the current year, AND in order to sell in the Youth Livestock Auction in the following year.

9. Market animals receiving a blue or red 4-H ribbon are eligible to sell. Those receiving a white ribbon and/or not meeting the weight or rate-of-gain requirements are not eligible to sell.
10. Exhibitors may sell **two livestock projects of two different species: Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat, Rabbit, Poultry, and/or Dairy Cattle Basket (basket=products or certificates with a minimum value of \$50.)** **\*Dairy Goat Baskets will sell with Goats.**

11. Participants should declare the specie they plan to sell at the Livestock Entry Day prior to the Monroe County Fair. Any changes should be provided to the U of I Extension office prior to 8am, Thursday of Fair week.
12. If a 4-H or FFA member receives Grand Champion and/or Reserve Champion in any specie area, they will have the opportunity to sell the Grand and Reserve Champion regardless of the number of other species they plan to sell, as long as all of the additional sale requirements are met.
13. Auction participants are responsible for helping to recruit potential buyers to the auction. Exhibitors should recruit and invite potential buyers of their livestock prior to the livestock auction via letters or personal visits.
14. Youth are encouraged to dress in neat and clean attire when selling their animal. Members should not wear business promotional clothing during the auction.
15. The seller's immediate family is discouraged from bidding on their child's animal.
16. Payment from the buyer must be made to the auctioneer service before the animal is moved from the Fairgrounds.
17. The seller is responsible for the animal until it is delivered to the buyer's destination and until the buyer's check has been successfully processed by the bank.
18. The exhibitor/seller is responsible for the delivery of the animal to the processor.
19. The exhibitor/seller is responsible if the carcass is rejected by the health inspector.
20. The exhibitor/seller is responsible for making necessary arrangements and/or agreements with the buyer if the exhibitor wishes to exhibit the animal at other fairs.
21. The cost of the thank you advertisement photo will be deducted from the check the exhibitor receives on the sale of their animal.
22. The exhibitor/seller will receive their animal sale check after the buyer's check has been successfully processed by the bank and internal financial processes have been completed by the Monroe County Extension and 4-H Education Foundation.

**2026 Youth Livestock Auction Sale Order:**  
**LAMBS-SWINE- POULTRY- RABBITS- BEEF-DAIRY-GOATS**