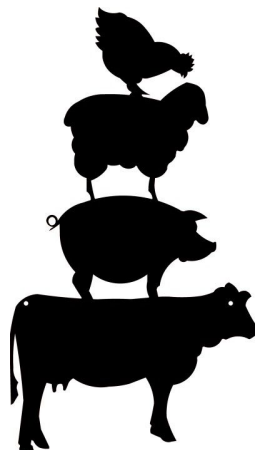


Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction

The Ogle County Auction Committee has again decided to host a “live” virtual auction in 2021 this year. This will look just like the virtual auction hosted in 2020. For any questions regarding the auction, please contact the superintendent of the department you are auctioning from. *Please note that the Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction is NOT affiliated with Extension or 4-H.* For any questions regarding the auction, please contact the superintendent of the department you are auctioning from.

The 2021 auction order will be as follows:

- Beef Carcass
- Live Beef
- Sheep Carcass
- Live Sheep
- Swine Carcass
- Live Swine
- Dairy Basket
- Dairy & Meat Goat Wethers
- Live Poultry
- Live Rabbits
- Live Beef
- Live Sheep
- Live Swine



General Rules & Regulations:

1. The auction is only open to 4-H members enrolled in an Ogle County 4-H club, and have attended at least 50% of the 4-H club meetings from September 1st through June 30th of the current 4-H year, or met the requirements of a signed and filed contract.
2. 4-H members **MUST** participate in the Ogle County 4-H Fair with your animal. A video or photo must be uploaded to Fair Entry along with a short description about your livestock project by June 23.
3. All animals will be weighed at designated times during the Ogle County 4-H Fair, as stated in each departmental rules. No re-weighs. Exhibitors may ask for a balance of the scales.
4. 4-H Members may **ONLY** auction 1 live and 1 carcass animal in 2021.
5. The 4-H Auction Committee will take a 3% flat fee off of all auction items. This money will be taken out prior to 4-H'ers receiving their sale checks. The fee will be utilized to cover costs associated with risk management and expenses associated with conducting the auction.
6. When checks are available, 4-H members must stop at the Ogle County Extension Office with a Thank you note addressed and postage ready to be mailed to your buyer, in order to receive your auction check.
7. 4-H members must feed and care for their animals until the animals are loaded on Saturday night or Sunday. Auctioned animals are released at this time unless other arrangements are made between the buyer and seller. 4-H members **MUST** be present to assist in loading his or her animal on the truck.
In the case of the Ogle County Fair being cancelled, the following rules will be used: Beef and Swine Exhibitors will have an option to butcher at Eickmans. However, exhibitors MUST be able to drop animals off at designated site:
 - Swine- August 1 at 4 PM at Fairgrounds*
 - Beef- August 1 at 4 PM at Nordman Feedlots @ 1154 S Blackhawk Road, Oregon.*
8. Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Dairy Cattle Exhibitors **MUST** retain ownership of the animal. Due to hosting a virtual auction and the auction deadlines, any members registered for eligible classes may auction an animal... not just the champion or reserve champion animal.
Beef and Swine Exhibitors have the option of delivering to Eickmans OR Retaining ownership. Due to the auction deadline being prior to judging, and the virtual auction site needing to be set up prior to the Ogle County 4-H Fair, no champions or other awards will be acknowledged in 2021.
9. Pork, lamb, and goat carcasses will be sold whole. Beef carcasses will be sold in halves.
10. The Ogle County Auction Committee will send a letter to last year's buyers, but not do any extra promotion. It is critical that you reach out to buyers for your animals. If you don't spend the time reaching out to buyers, then please don't sell your animal in the auction.

More information to come on how the “live” virtual auction will be shared via email to families as plans are finalized!