

Junior Livestock Auction Rules:

The Junior Livestock Committee is responsible for the La Crosse Interstate Fair Junior Livestock Auction.

In order to participate in the La Crosse Interstate Fair Junior Livestock Auction, participants must comply with the following rules:

1. In order to sell an animal in the auction, a youth must be a member, by April 1 of the exhibit year, of a La Crosse County 4-H, FFA, FHA, Scouting program, La Crosse County junior livestock breed association or any other recognized La Crosse County youth organization under adult leadership with an education program approved by the local fair. Exhibitor must have beef, sheep or swine as a project. If the exhibitor is showing as a 4-H member, they must be in grades 3-13 during the exhibit year. If they are showing as an FFA member, as a member of a junior livestock breed association or other recognized youth organization, they must be between the ages of 8-19 on January 1 of the exhibit year. Proof of membership will be requested.

2. Educational Sessions: All livestock project members must have attended at least two educational sessions (animal selection, judging, grooming and fitting, etc.) sponsored by, or approved by, the Junior Livestock Committee and La Crosse County Extension in order to participate in the auction. At least one (1) educational session will be in the species exhibited by the youth. **Meat Animal Quality Assurance (MAQA) is required of all swine project members who sell an animal in the auction and is recommended for beef and sheep exhibitors.**

3. Junior Livestock Committee Recommendation: Market animal exhibitors should participate in showmanship in all species that they show to ensure eligibility for the auction. **However, it is required to participate in showmanship in the species that is to be sold.**

4. All auction animals must comply with all La Crosse Interstate Fair junior livestock show and project rules. Animals must be eligible to show in order to be eligible to sell in the auction.

5. The Junior Livestock Committee determines the maximum number of animals to be auctioned. The auction species maximums of 35 steers, 40 market hogs, and 30 market lambs will not be exceeded. Maximums may not be filled due to judge's discretion; no substitutions across species.

6. The Junior Livestock Committee determines the order in which each species is sold during the auction. An annual rotation of beef, market hogs, and market lambs is observed.

7. To be eligible for the auction, animals must meet the following requirements:
Steers

- beef and beef-cross animals must weigh a minimum of 1050 pounds
- dairy and dairy-beef cross animals must weigh a minimum of 1150 lbs
- 35 head is the maximum number of steers that can be sold

Market hogs-any breed or crossbred

- gilts are eligible
- must weigh a minimum of 230 pounds
- must not weigh more than maximum of 280 pounds
- 40 head is the maximum number of market hogs that can be sold

Market lambs-any breed or crossbred

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- must weigh a minimum of 100 pounds
- no maximum weight limit
- prolapsed lambs will not be allowed to sell
- 30 head is the maximum number of market lambs that can be sold

8. Livestock judges will select individual animals within each species for the auction. Judges' decision is final in determining eligibility of each market animal in the livestock auction. Judges of beef and sheep species will determine the order in which steers and lambs will sell. Swine superintendents will select market hogs randomly for auction selection groups. The swine judge will then select market hogs that are eligible to sell. Eligible market hogs, as determined by the judge, are then randomly selected to determine the order in which they will sell.

9. The supreme champion and reserve supreme champion market animal of each department (beef, sheep and swine) must sell at auction. The supreme champions and the reserve supreme champions of each species will sell first.

10. Exhibitors may sell only one animal in the auction. Exception: an exhibitor may sell more than one animal if the animal is the supreme or reserve supreme champion of beef, sheep or swine.

11. If the exhibitor has more than one species selected for the auction, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to contact the Junior Livestock Committee no later than 5:00 pm on Friday of the fair to indicate which species will sell.

12. All exhibitors selling an animal in the auction must be present to sell his/her own animal. If the exhibitor cannot be present, they must submit a written excuse to the Junior Livestock Committee officers by noon on the day of the auction.

13. Once an animal is sold, it becomes the property of the buyer. However, the exhibitor must adequately feed and water the animal until it is shipped to market following the auction. If an exhibitor abandons an auction animal, the Junior

Livestock Committee will care for the animal and will deduct all money over market price from the exhibitor's auction check. The Junior Livestock Committee will retain all money deducted from the exhibitor's auction check. Fair premiums will also be withheld and exhibitor will not be permitted to participate in their next eligible auction.

14. If the animal is loaded for market on Sunday evening, the exhibitor or a member of the exhibitor's family is expected to be present to assist.

15. An adequate halter must be left on steers until shipped to market. Halters will be returned to exhibitor if labeled with exhibitor's name.

16. Shipping of auction and non-auction animals: Each market animal will be issued a livestock shipping document by the Junior Livestock Committee. Pertinent ownership information will be included on the shipping document as the animal passes through the scale. The committee will use this document to schedule trucking of auction and non-auction animals. **Animals not in the auction but trucked to slaughter by the Junior Livestock Committee will be charged \$10 per animal (beef, sheep, swine). The animals to be trucked by the Junior Livestock Committee must be declared by the youth or parent/guardian and fees must be paid to the committee no later than noon on Sunday or animals cannot be hauled.** It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to report to the auction committee how each non-auction animal will be trucked: to Equity Livestock, to a local meat processing plant or taken home.

17. All beef, swine and lambs sold in the auction are inspected for evidence of tampering upon slaughter. Any animals not clearing inspection will forfeit auction payment, ribbons, prizes, and premiums and exhibitor will not be permitted to participate in their next eligible auction.

18. All exhibitors participating in the auction and their parents/guardians are expected to assist with assembling and/or dismantling of the auction area. Assembly of the auction area will take place early Saturday afternoon and will be announced via the public address system. Dismantling of the auction area will take place immediately following the auction.

19. Exhibitors are eligible to sell an animal in only one (1) county junior livestock auction. Selling one animal at the La Crosse Interstate Fair Junior Livestock Auction and one animal at another county junior livestock auction will result in the exhibitor being barred from future auctions at the La Crosse Interstate Fair.

20. Auction Commission: Five percent (5%) of each animal's auction price will be deducted by the Junior Livestock Committee to offset auction-related costs such as trucking, advertising, insurance, youth education and donor/buyer recognition.

21. All auction workers, auctioneers, clerks of sale, and Junior Livestock Committee members are volunteers and receive no compensation of any kind for their services.

22. Any questions not provided for by the auction rules, or the interpretation of the auction rules, will be referred to the Junior Livestock Committee Officers (immediate past president, president, president-elect, secretary and treasurer) and their interpretation and/or decision will be final.