

# Linn County Youth Livestock Auction Rules

## Auction Objective:

- To provide a sales outlet in conjunction with the Linn County Fair, Linn County Extension, and Leaders Association for market livestock or animals raised in a 4-H or FFA project area.
- To assist with the educational efforts of the 4-H and FFA programs concerning production and marketing of livestock and animals using current industry standards such as, quality grades and weights.
- To provide an opportunity for recognition of the members and their projects, as well as the buyers who support the youth auction. This action of bringing buyer and seller together helps to increase the networking capabilities for all parties involved.

## Auction Rules:

1. All members participating in the Linn County Youth Livestock Auction are subject to 4-H and FFA policies, rules, and guidelines.
2. All 4-H & FFA market animal projects will be eligible for the market animal auction if they meet the requirements of the market animal program as follows:
  - a. Market animals being sold must meet the LCYLA weight requirements.
  - b. Beef, sheep, swine and goats must be ear tagged prior to coming onto the scale at the final weigh in. All animals eligible for the sale must be weighed and the weight recorded by the Weigh Master at the final weigh in.
  - c. Animals meeting all the above requirements will be placed in special market classes by weight. White ribbon animals will not be sold.
3. All animals will be sold by the head, except for chickens and rabbits.
4. No re-weighs on all market animals except to re-zero scale.
5. Each 4-H & FFA member is eligible to sell only one market animal. (Pen of three chickens or pen of three rabbits is considered one market animals)
6. The conformation quality group and weight of each animal will appear in the sale catalog.
7. Ownership of the auctioned animal changes at the time the auctioneer cries "Sold"; however, the member retains responsibility and care for the animal until it is transported off the grounds.
8. A 6% sale commission will be charged to cover sale expenses.
9. Every member will be given a placing card for each market animal. It will be the exhibitor's responsibility to turn in the card for the market animal they want to sell in the auction. Placing card must be turned in to the auction committee no later than 8 am Thursday morning.

10. All animals printed in the final sale catalog must sell in the auction.
11. All animals that are sold through the auction must go to an approved harvest facility or resale buyer.
12. Members will sell their own project animals in the auction except when there is an emergency or extreme circumstance preventing them from doing so. Those will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. A written request for waiver must be presented to the auction committee for an accommodation to be made.
13. Total lots sold will be determined by the LCYLA committee prior to the fair.
14. The sale order within species will be determined by order: champion, reserve champion, blue and red.
15. Members will be paid when the Auction Committee receives enough funds to cover the gross sales of the auction.
16. Checks will not be distributed to members until an approved thank you note has been written. Stamps and thank you notes will be available at the auction. If an approved thank you note has not been turned in checks will be released to the 4-H Extension Agent or FFA advisor.
17. Checks must be cashed within 6-months or money will revert to the Linn County Youth Livestock Auction fund.
18. The auction committee reserves the right to test any animal for drug residues or for any form of tampering. If an animal is condemned in the slaughter process (because of disease, etc.), it is the seller's (4-H/FFA member) responsibility to absorb the loss.
19. The auction committee shall not be held liable for uncollectible accounts.
20. Donation animals must meet the above requirements to sell the auction.
21. The operation of this sale is an effort of the Linn County Youth Livestock Auction Committee.

- **Linn County Youth Livestock Action Weight Requirements:**

- Swine                                    220 to 300 lbs.
- Beef                                        1000 to 1500 lbs.
- Sheep                                     110 lbs. to 150 lbs.
- Goats                                      60 lbs. to 110 lbs.
- Chickens:                                4 to 6 lbs. (pen of 3)
- Rabbit:                                    4.5 to 6 lbs. (pen of 3)
- Turkey                                    13-25 lbs.