

Van Buren Youth Fair Large Livestock Program

Each year exhibitors make a commitment to raise a market animal. Exhibitors can choose to raise and sell: beef, feeder calves, sheep and swine.

Through this program the youth learn skills in raising, judging and marketing livestock as well as responsibility, caring and teamwork life skills which last a lifetime.

The support you give them through the auction encourages them to continue year after year to strive for success. The work ethic and pride of a job well done helps to promote and foster a sense of accomplishment that in turn leads our youth into becoming useful, productive citizens in our local communities.

Why purchase an animal at the Van Buren Youth Fair Large Livestock Auction?

- To support local youth as well as the Livestock Program (a commission is taken to help with auction, building improvements, etc.)
- To obtain high quality meat for your freezer
- To receive free advertising as a livestock buyer in local papers

Buying an animal at the Livestock Auction

Buyers

Banks, businesses, and friends; all who can afford to purchase animals are welcome to register as buyers.

Buyers' Registration

Buyers' Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and is located in the southeast corner of the Arena. There will be an express check-in. In order for you to participate in express check-in, the forms in the packet you receive in the mail must be filled out. You will receive a buyer number, lunch tickets. A copy of the Livestock Sale Bill be available the day of the auction. You will be required to sign an agreement of responsibility to pay for all animals purchased under your registered buyer's number.

Bidding

When the animal or animals you're interested in is in the ring and at a price you desire, signal the auctioneer (or spotters) by holding up your number. If you and a friend want to buy the animal(s) together, make sure your friend has a buyer's number and when the bidding is over make sure the auctioneer recognizes both buyer numbers.



Multiple buyers for a single livestock purchase must name a representative who will be responsible for the collection of money from the participating buyers and full payment of the invoice.

Each lot can be donated back to the exhibitor one time. To be auctioned off a second time to support the exhibitor.

Tax Deductions

You may be able to take a tax deduction on part of the purchase price of the animal(s) - check with your tax advisor.

What do I do with the animal(s)?

You have the following options: Have the animal(s)

1. Processed for your personal use.
2. Resold at a livestock auction/stockyard.

Checking out

Before you leave you **must** check out at the Buyers Registration. You will be asked to sign a bill of sale and indicate the following: Animal destination, processor, auction, or self pick up. **ALL DESTINATIONS ARE FINAL AT CHECK OUT!**

All out of state buyers must provide a bank letter of credit or have payment approved by the fair prior to the commencement of the auction.

The Large Livestock Committee will be clerking the auction and will accept cash, checks and credit/debit cards at the sale. Only pre-approved buyers may be invoiced. Accounts not paid after 60 days shall incur a 2% late fee.

Payment

Many of our exhibitors have outstanding loans on their animal projects. The Van Buren Youth Fair would like to issue checks as soon as the funds for the auction are collected. Payment is due the day of the auction unless the buyer presents a letter of credit or makes prior arrangements. Payments can be made by cash, check, Visa or MasterCard. **If you choose to make payment by credit/debit card, there will be a price differential of 3% added to your invoice total. All accounts not paid within sixty (60) days will be subject to an assessment fee of 2% per month until paid in full. Financial collections proceedings will be sought. Failure of any buyer to make payment in full, including accrued interest, by June 1, 2025 will result in ineligibility to participate in the 2025 auction.**

Animal Processing

Decide which processor you would like to have your animal sent to and make sure this appears on the paperwork before you leave the auction. You will need to fill out a sheet of instructions on how you would like your meat cut (or meat will be cut & wrapped per processor discretion) and arrange for paying and picking up your packaged meat.



If you do not designate a processor, your purchased animal will be sent to resale!

Processor List

B=Beef S=Sheep H=Hogs

Blue Star Meats (B, S, H) 616-392-4291
Byron Center Meats (B,S,H) 616-878-1578
Earl's Meats (B, S,H) 616-392-6392
DeVries Meats, Inc. (B,H) 616-837-7115
Galesburg Meat Co. (B,S,H) 269-665-9501
Pease's Packing (B,S,H) 269-626-8891
Smokin' Butcher (B,S,H) 269-436-0286

All animals will have a support price which will be subtracted from your total bid if the animal is checked by you for resale.

Example:

Amount of bid

1020# steer @ \$1.70/lb. = \$1,734.00

Support price

(Set by local livestock representative)

1020# steer @ \$0.69/lb. = - \$703.80

Total to be paid by livestock buyer \$1,030.20

- ◆ Free lunch served to all registered buyers from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- ◆ Two complimentary passes to the fair on the day of the auction
- ◆ Proxy buyers will be provided upon request
- ◆ Resale option with trucking available
- ◆ Cash, check and credit/debit cards accepted
- ◆ Multiple buyers for a single livestock purchase must name a representative who will be responsible for the collection of money from the participating buyers and full payment of the invoice

Thank you in advance for attending and supporting the Van Buren County youth at their livestock auction. If you have any questions please contact any Large Livestock Committee member.

The Van Buren Youth Fair Board reserves the right to make any or all necessary changes in regards to the rules governing the Large Livestock Auction. Any such changes will be announced before the beginning of the auction on Thursday, July 18, 2024.

Van Buren Youth Fair Large Livestock Committee

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Transportation of Animals

The Large Livestock Committee will arrange transportation to designated slaughter houses and to resale auction facilities free of charge to buyers. If you select self pick up you will need to make your own transportation arrangements and be responsible for all costs.

Any animals that are designated for self pick-up must be picked up at the following time or special arrangements can be made with species superintendents:
Sunday, July 21, 2024 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.



Van Buren Youth Fair Large Livestock Auction



**Thursday,
July 18, 2024
Livestock Arena
Van Buren Youth Fair
Hartford, Michigan**

AUCTION AT 10:00 a.m.

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

Sale Order

Sheep
Swine
Beef
Gallon of Milk
Beef Feeders
Dairy Feeders

Complimentary lunch for registered buyers
from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.