

# HUDSONVILLE COMMUNITY FAIR YOUTH MARKET LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Thursday, August 24 at 2:00 p.m.

Registration begins at 1:00 p.m.

## Hudsonville Community Fairgrounds

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### Q: WHAT IS THE YOUTH MARKET LIVESTOCK AUCTION?

A: The Youth Market Livestock Auction is the culmination of a year-long project for many youth members. At the auction, they have the opportunity to sell their animals and learn first-hand how the marketing process works. It is an educational process that begins with the selection of an animal many months before and continues until the animal is shipped to a slaughterhouse or becomes property of the buyer after the fair.

### Q: WHY SHOULD I PURCHASE AN ANIMAL FROM THE YOUTH MARKET LIVESTOCK AUCTION?

A: You will receive personal satisfaction through:

1. Helping to promote youth "Learn by Doing" programs.
2. Obtaining high-quality meat for your freezer.
3. Free advertising you will receive as a buyer, both in next year's livestock auction booklet and in the show arena.

### Q: WHAT TYPES OF ANIMALS WILL BE SOLD?

A: Steers, market heifers, lambs, hogs, and feeder calves. There is also a gallon of milk for sale, which benefits the Dairy program.

### Q: AS A POTENTIAL BUYER, SHOULD I PLAN TO ARRIVE EARLY?

A: It's a good idea to arrive early enough to view the sale animals and/or talk to the youth members/owners. The registration table will be in the show arena so you can obtain a buyer's number and pick up your livestock auction booklet.

### Q: CAN MORE THAN ONE PERSON PURCHASE THE SAME ANIMAL?

A: Yes, but make sure you provide the names, addresses, and phone numbers on the bill of sale.

### Q: HOW DO I BID?

A: When an animal you'd like to purchase is in the ring and at a price you desire, signal the auctioneer by holding up your number. The highest bidder will purchase the animal.

### Q: SO, I'VE BOUGHT AN ANIMAL, NOW WHAT?

A: You will be asked to sign a bill of sale to indicate whether you'd like the animal processed, kept for your personal use, donated, or resold at Ravenna Livestock Auction. Your sale/processing options for the species you purchase will be listed on the bill of sale and you will choose one option from that list. All hogs must go directly to slaughter or be resold only.

### Q: HOW DO I TRANSPORT THE ANIMAL TO SLAUGHTER OR RESALE?

A: Free trucking is provided on designated trucks on Saturday morning after the Youth Market Livestock Auction.

### Q: CAN I BUY AN ANIMAL AND TAKE IT HOME?

A: Sheep, beef, and feeder calves can be taken home. This choice must be marked clearly on the bill of sale and arrangements should be made between the buyer and the seller for transportation after the fair. All animals must be taken out of fairgrounds within the allowed pick-up time, Saturday morning. Hogs may not be taken home.

### Q: IF I DECIDE TO HAVE MY ANIMAL PROCESSED, WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

A: Make sure the bill of sale indicates the processing plant you choose from the list of processors provided. Contact the processor Monday morning following the auction to inform them of the number and species of the animals you're having processed. You will also provide instructions on the types of cuts, thickness, packaging materials, etc., that you desire. Some processors may reach out to you before Monday. Make arrangements to pick up your packaged meat from the processor when processing is complete.

### Q: CAN I BUY AN ANIMAL AND NOT KEEP THE MEAT?

A: Yes, you have two options:

1. You can resell it at Ravenna Livestock Auction. Trucking and reselling will be handled for you. You will receive a check in the mail from the livestock auction, less a marketing fee.

2. You can donate your animal to F.A.R.M. They will use the proceeds of the animal to help put food in their food pantries. F.A.R.M., a ministry of Love Inc., will be at the auction if you are interested in learning more about this option.

### Q: HOW/WHEN DO I PAY FOR MY PURCHASE(S)?

A: You can either pay at the Youth Market Livestock Auction or be billed later. Bills will be sent by email and will be due within 15 days of receipt. We accept both cash and checks as forms of payment at the auction.

### Q: WHAT IS LIVE WEIGHT VS HANGING WEIGHT, AND WHAT KIND OF YIELD CAN I EXPECT?

A: Live weight is the weight of the animal before it is slaughtered. The hanging weight or carcass weight is the weight of the slaughtered animal as it hangs from the rail. At this stage, the hide and viscera have been removed. The animal is then taken down and cut into saleable meat. The following are examples of average yields:

- \* A 1,000 lb steer= 651 lb carcass=432 lb of saleable meat.
- \* A 210 lb hog= 150 lb carcass=120 lb of saleable meat.
- \* A 120 lb lamb= 60 lb carcass= 50 lb of saleable meat.

The auction will take place both live in-person and online at <https://www.hudsonvillelivestock.com/> (simultaneously).

If you cannot attend but wish to buy and support the youth, you can do so by calling one of these Hudsonville Livestock Committee members:

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