



2024-25 Mat-Su Copper River District 4-H/FFA Jr. Market Livestock Auction Project Rules & Educational Insert

This is a required component of your auction project record book

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Participants must register online and be part of the Matsu-Copper River district to participate in the auction.

Deadline to register is April 14, 2025, 11:59 p.m.

Google form link is below for registration

[4-H & FFA Jr Market Livestock Registration Form & Contract 2025](#)

The Jr. Market Livestock project is an educational opportunity requiring youth to accomplish a variety of skills, including raising an animal, keeping accurate project records, and attending events related to this project. The culmination of this project is participation in the 4-H/FFA Jr. Market Livestock Auction at the Alaska State Fair.

Please ask your 4-H/FFA leaders if you have questions, conflicts, or extenuating circumstances. Please contact the Livestock Committee directly or attend a livestock meeting for possible exceptions. If an emergency falls between the Livestock Committee monthly meetings, contacting the executive committee directly is acceptable (see #29).

Livestock Committee meetings are the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Cooperative Extension Service (CES) Office. All are welcome. Voting privileges are based on enrollment and attendance (a minimum of 4 meetings attended in the past 12 months are required for voting privileges; see bylaws for details).

Required for Auction Participation

1. Enrollment/Eligibility

- Participant must live within the boundaries of the Mat-Su Copper River or FFA Mat-Su District. Participants from other districts will be handled on a case-by-case basis. The Livestock Committee will determine whether the district program is able to absorb the impact of the out of district youth member auctioning. Youth outside of the district must get an exception annually.
- Youth must be at least 8 years old and not older than 18 years old as of August 15, 2024.
- Age groups are as follows:
 - Juniors: 8-11 years old
 - Intermediate: 12-14 years old
 - Senior: 15-18 years old
- Participants must be enrolled in 4-H or FFA prior to attending the mandatory informational auction meeting (it's best to enroll at the beginning of the 4-H year in October, FFA begins when school begins in the fall).

- With the approval of the committee, a graduate may be absent from the fair if it conflicts with post-secondary education or training.
- Market beef & Heritage / All other small framed breed beef participants must be 12 years old as of Aug. 15, 2024.

2. Guides: Participants must abide by the rules of the Alaska State Fair, 4-H Exhibitor's Guide, FFA Code of Ethics, and Alaska 4-H Handbook. They must be in good standing with their 4-H club or FFA chapter.

3. Mandatory Informational Meetings: MUST attend 1 of 4 offered.

- **Feb. 6, March 6, April 3, 2025, 5:30-7:30 p.m.** at the CES office.
- **April 2, 5:30-7:30 p.m.** at the Palmer High School Agriculture Building.
- Participant must be enrolled in 4-H/FFA prior to this meeting. If you are NOT enrolled, your meeting will NOT meet the requirement, and you MUST attend another meeting.
- A parent or legal guardian must attend the meeting with their child(ren).
 - Returning participants 16 and older may attend without a parent.

4. Animal Requirements: See table 2, animal requirements (page 11).

- Must be born on or after the dates listed on the table.
- Animals must be in the possession of the participant by the date listed on table 2.
- Pens of Small Livestock should be the same breed and uniform in color.
- There are minimum and maximum weights for most animal classes listed in the table.
- All male animals (Large Livestock) must be castrated, and all large market beef dehorned sufficiently in advance to allow for complete healing. If animals are determined to have incomplete healing at the time of check-in, they will be disqualified.
- Reindeer must be de-antlered before processing.

5. Multiple animal registration: Participants may raise multiple animals and multiple species. The participant must register each animal they would like the opportunity to auction via the Google Form, due April 14 (see the top of the registration for this link). Animals not included on the intent to auction registration will not be eligible as an auction project for that year. After the fair conformation show, the participant must choose which animal to sell. If the animal is the same species, they must sell whichever animal placed highest unless previously designated for breeding at a livestock committee meeting. The deadline to request this exception is the Aug. 7, 2025, livestock committee meeting.

6. Large Livestock back up animals: A participant's family may have multiple back up animals. A family with multiple participants may use one back up animal for all participants. If the animal is being used as a back up for multiple kids in the same family, the backup only needs to be registered under one participant. Please note on the registration that it is a family back up animal.

- **Small Livestock: Family Back Up Turkey(s)** - One family backup turkey for families with 1–3 children; two family backup turkeys for families with 4–6 children; and three family backup turkeys for families with 7 or more children

7. Required care by the participant: Participants must care for their own animal a minimum of 75% of the pos-

session time. Parents may assist, but participants are responsible for the majority of the animal's feeding, show preparation, and hands-on grooming.

8. Dangerous animals: Dirty, uncontrollable, or dangerous animals, as determined by the Livestock Committee, may be excused from the shows and fair and sent home.

9. Unethical Practices: Participants will not use abusive, fraudulent, illegal, deceptive, or questionable practices in the feeding, fitting, and showing of their animal(s); nor will they allow their parents, supervisor, or any other individual to employ such practices with their animal(s). If caught doing so, they may lose the privilege of marketing an animal in the current and/or following year's fair.

10. Vaccinations:

- Required Cattle Vaccinations: "IBR, BVD, PI3, BRSV" given twice; a month apart with the second dose given at least 2 weeks before an event. For the safety of breeding stock, DO NOT give "live vaccines" within two weeks of an event. Recommended: "Clostridia 7- or 8-way vaccine" given twice, a month apart, with the second dose given at least two weeks before an event. Read the withdrawal time information on each vaccine to confirm when the last possible date to give a vaccine is. If the withdrawal time exceeds two weeks, please defer to manufacture recommendations before vaccinating two weeks prior to harvest date. If you have questions or concerns related to your vaccines, you are encouraged to reach out to your vet.
- **Required Swine Vaccines:** Erysipelas, given twice; a month apart with the second dose given at least two weeks before an event. Exception: Rally Days - only one is required beforehand as they may not have owned them quite long enough.
- Recommended Sheep and Goat Vaccines: Clostridia Types C, D, & T

11. Required Workshops: These are held October-August. Please check monthly 4-H emails for workshops offered. Families and clubs are encouraged to plan and host a workshop!

- Three in-person workshops are required
- Current YQCA certificate
- Workshops must be completed by Aug. 4, 2025.
- Students participating in any animal related high school or middle school classes or animal related FFA / 4-H competitions that have attended three or more practices will have all required in-person workshops fulfilled.
- YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) is required every other year
 - <https://yqcaprogram.org>
 - Class can be completed on-line or in person.
 - Sign up and pay \$12 for the appropriate class based on age.
 - Once complete, print and include the completion certificate in your record book.
 - An in-person version of this class MAY be offered.
- FFA-sponsored workshops (not approved by the 4-H agent) will count toward required workshop totals.

12. Large Livestock Rally Days: Wednesday, June 4, 3– 8 p.m.

- Participants must bring their Large Livestock to the fairgrounds.
- Participants can ask the livestock committee for permission to allow a family member to bring the animal in their place if there is a schedule conflict.

- Large Livestock will be checked by a vet; bring your vaccination records.
- All large animals, main and back up, must be brought to Rally Days, weighed and vet checked, to be eligible to auction. Any animal not brought to Rally Days will not be eligible to auction.
- Animals will be given an ear tag.
- Animals will be weighed.
- Participants will reserve pens for the fair (due July 7).
- Participants will request and pay for fair parking passes (due July 7). Bring a check or cash to pay if you'd like to turn it in at Rally Days. Deadline for payment is July 7.
- Participants can sign up for their herdsman shift.
- Participants will register animals for shows at the fair (online google-form due Aug, 10 @ 11:59 p.m.)
- Participants can pick up marketing materials for buyer contacts (posters, brochures, paperwork).
- Optional livestock workshops may be held on June 5; details to come.
- An alternative Rally Days will be hosted on June 13 at the Palmer High School Agriculture Building. To participate in this alternate event, 4-H and FFA members must sign up in advance.

12b. Small Stock Rally Days: Aug. 2, 2025 at 10 a.m., Rebarchek Farm

- Attendance is mandatory for Small Livestock auction participants (for main and/or backup animals)
- Mandatory hands-on Small Stock processing workshop
- Participants will register animals for shows at the fair
- Do not bring animals to Small Livestock rally days

13. Fair Ticket: Each exhibitor may request tickets to the fair for 4-H/FFA week to allow entrance to feed and take care of their animals. Adults may purchase discounted parking passes. Payment must be received no later than July 7 or discount passes will not be requested.

14. Buyer Contacts: These are formal presentations where participants invite businesses to attend the auction.

- Each participant will contact and give a presentation to a minimum of 3 potential buyers for the livestock auction (additional information to be provided).
- An additional buyer must be found if the buyer declines a presentation, cannot be reached, presentation is after the due date, or if the presentation cannot be in-person. Please inform the Buyer Contact Committee Representative (Heather Corbridge 4halaska@gmail.com) if you need additional contacts or have questions.
- You are welcome to make as many contacts as you would like, however, to meet the requirement presentations must be in person.
- Returning participants will have the same buyers as the previous year, unless they contact the Buyer Contact Committee Representative stating they would like to recycle some of their contacts.
- New participants will be assigned new buyers, please reach out to these contacts in addition to any contacts you may find. If you prefer to find your own contact, and do not want any assigned, please reach out to Heather at 4halaska@gmail.com.
- Buyer Contact completion information must be turned in via Google Docs by July 11.
- Brochures, posters, and auction information will be provided by the Livestock Committee and available for pick up at the CES Office starting the end of May. They will also be at Rally Days. Please only take what you need.
- Participants whose contacts are not received on or before July 18 will not be eligible to auction.

15. Record Books: 4-H record books can be found online in your Z-suites account, on the Alaska 4-H website <https://www.uaf.edu/ces/4-h/get-involved/current-member/forms.php>, or you can request a printed copy at the CES office. FFA AET record books can be completed online at www.theaet.com.

- A completed record book includes these 3 components, and should either be printed and placed together in a binder or folder, or submitted electronically to 2025-mscr-4-hlivestock@googlegroups.com
 1. Alaska 4-H Record Book (or FFA AET record book)
 2. Alaska 4-H Livestock project insert (or FFA AET record book)
 3. 4-H/FFA Jr. Market Livestock Auction Project Rules & Educational Insert (this document).

16. Record Book completion: Record books must be completed by the 4-H/FFA student to the best of their ability. The quality of students' record books will be judged based on what is considered developmentally appropriate. Younger students will have less sophisticated work, thus will be evaluated accordingly. Some parental help is expected where needed, especially for special needs cases. Please reach out to the district 4-H agent by July 7 for accommodations. All accommodations will remain confidential. Please allow the student to do all the recording and writing they can complete. Those requiring accommodations will be reviewed by 4-H agent at parent request or put aside to be reviewed by a committee member. A rubric will be used for reviewing record books.

17. Record Book Checks:

- Up-to-date 4-H record books or AET record book must be turned in to 4-H club leader / FFA advisor by Aug. 4 at 4:30 p.m. to be checked for deficiencies. Late record books will incur a daily fine, please see page 10 for fines (Fines & Fees # 32). Late record books will only be accepted if the participant has been communicating with the Livestock Committee. Participants who have not turned record books in by Aug. 7, will not be eligible to auction.
- Corrections if required, must be resubmitted by Aug. 14 at 4:30 p.m. If corrections are required, fines will be incurred, see Fines & Fees # 32. Corrections not received by Aug. 15, will not be eligible to auction
- Completed record books must be turned in to the CES office by Sept. 19 at 4:30 p.m. Record books must be completed to receive their auction check. If record books are not submitted on time or are incomplete, this may impact the participants eligibility to auction the following year. Fines will be incurred for late record books. See Fines & Fees # 32.
- FFA AET record books must be submitted to the FFA advisory to be evaluated by the advisor and volunteers following all deadlines listed above.

18. Fair Week Requirements: Small Livestock check in/market weigh in will be Tuesday, Aug. 26 from 3-7 p.m.;
Large Livestock check-in/market weigh-in will be on Wednesday, Aug. 27 from 3-6:30 p.m. at fair barn.

- Animals entered in open shows and already at the fair may begin weigh-in at 2 p.m.
- Animals will be required to pass a vet check – bring vaccination records.
- Entry weights will be used as the sale weights.
- Any animals over maximum sale weight may be sold, but weight over the maximum will not be charged to the buyer.
- Animals that do not reach the minimum weight will not be sold in the auction.
- Animals within 5% of minimum weight will be allowed to reweigh Friday morning prior to the auction, no later than 10 .am. If the animal meets the minimum weight requirement, then it will qualify to auction. This re-weigh must be done with at least two people present, and at least one board member. The second person should not be related to the participants whose animal is being reweighed. Every effort will be made

to have one board member, and one member of the weights committee present for the re-weigh. Animals that reweigh and are over the minimum weight on Friday may only sell at the minimum weight.

19. Mandatory Meetings: Participants must attend required meetings during the fair:

- Wednesday, Aug. 27 at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 30 at 9 a.m.
- Monday, Sept. 1 at 6:30 p.m. (a family member can represent at this meeting)

20. Auction: Participants must attend the auction from 8 a.m.-5: p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30.

- Lunch will be provided for participants
- A parent is expected to be there for the day and help where needed. This does not count toward required adult volunteer hours.

21. Judges: The judge places the eligible animals on the American System, which will constitute the sale order. The judge's decision is final.

22. Required Shows: Registrations due (online google-form) Aug. 10 at 11:59 p.m.

- Auction animals must be shown by the participant in the market show (confirmation). If the participant has more than one animal in any given market show, they may ask for another 4-H or FFA participant to show their back up animal(s)
- Large Livestock market classes are on Thursday, Aug. 28 at 4 p.m.
- Small Stock conformation is judged in the pen Wednesday night; participant will not be present.
- Small Stock showmanship is on Thursday, Aug. 28 at 11 a.m. in the barn.
- Large Livestock showmanship: participants must show their auction animal or animal of the same species they own in the showmanship class on Friday, Aug. 29 (Junior at 10 a.m., Intermediate at 12 p.m., Senior at 2 p.m.). The participant may not use an animal that is not owned by them or their family.
- Participants must wear appropriate show attire for all livestock shows during the fair. Show attire is nice pants — no holes; long-sleeved, button-down shirt (no logo wear except 4-H and FFA). Large Livestock participants must wear sturdy leather boots. Small Stock must wear closed toe and closed heel shoes (sandals, tennis shoes, and heels are prohibited). Auction attire must be neat attire and may only represent 4-H or FFA.
- Small Stock show categories are:
 - a) Poultry: chicken, turkey, game bird
 - b) Waterfowl: duck, goose, bantam duck
 - c) Rabbits
 - d) Cavies

23. Required Care and Supplies at the Fair:

- Participants are responsible for feeding, watering, and cleaning their animal's pen morning and night at the fair.
- Participants and parents will need fair tickets to get into the fair; you can request a participant fair pass at Rally Days. Parents can request and pay for parking passes.
- Barn hours: 6:30-10 a.m. for morning cleaning and feeding; 5-8 p.m. for evening feeding and spot cleaning as needed.

- Specific instructions for Small Stock cage bedding and cleaning will be posted at the fair.
- Participants will bring feed and water dishes as needed for their animals.
- Participants will bring feed for their animal; the fair will provide hay and straw.
- Participants will make a poster for their pen that includes participant name, club or chapter, animal name, breed, age, breeder, tag number and weight.
- Every pen and cage must have a poster or card with the required information.
- Animals must remain at the fair until check out (8 p.m.) on Monday, Sept. 1 (except animals delivered to the slaughterhouse Monday night or taken to the Small Livestock processing facility).
- Large Livestock auction animals will be loaded at 7 p.m. unless the buyer has made other arrangements with the barn superintendent. Loading instructions will be provided during the mandatory meeting. You may be required to bring your animal home and deliver it to the slaughterhouse later that week.
- All pens must be completely cleaned and checked off before leaving the fair either Monday, Sept. 1 or Tuesday, Sept. 2.
- Fines will be issued for dirty pens and unfed/unwatered animals. See Fines & Fees # 32.

24. Herdsman: Participant is required to work a herdsman shift at the fair. Signup will be available at Rally Days and online. During herdsman shift you're asked to clean up the barn, engage with the public and talk to them about 4-H/FFA, and/or sell raffle tickets. If you sign up for herdsman duty outside of the 4-H/FFA week, you will be required to purchase a ticket at your expense. If you miss your herdsman shift, contact the Livestock Committee for a make up day or assignment. This is a requirement to auction. Not completing herdsman duty will make you ineligible to auction the following year.

25. Hospitality Shift: This is not required but appreciated. Adults willing to work a hospitality shift at the June Tull 4-H building will receive one admittance ticket to enter the fair and one additional ticket. Signups will be made available through the 4-H office and tickets available for pick-up at Will-Call the day of the hospitality shift. During this shift you'll answer questions about 4-H and keep an eye on the static 4-H exhibits.

26. Thank You Cards: Participants will write notes to their buyers as well as to the businesses that added on funds.

- Cards will need to be turned into the CES office by Sept. 19 at 4:30 p.m.
- Cards need to be unsealed, addressed, and stamped.
- Envelopes to buyer must be 5x7 inches so we can add a photo.
- Participant must purchase and apply appropriate postage for each card.
- Cards must be handwritten; addresses may be printed.
- Addresses will be provided the week after the auction.
- A preliminary list of Add-On donors and buyers will be provided at the Monday meeting after the auction.
- Please write a minimum of three sentences. More is better!
- Thank you cards will be checked by the Livestock Committee and volunteers.
- Please let the committee know one week in advance if there are special considerations that need to be made.
- Late record books and/or cards will incur a fine, see #32 for fines and fees
- Auction checks will not be released until record book and thank you cards are received. Items received after Sept. 26, will impact your eligibility to auction the following year.

27. Small Livestock Processing:

- **Exhibitor Responsibility:** Exhibitors who successfully auction small livestock animals are required to assist with the processing of their animal and participate in group small livestock processing Sept. 1, 2025. This includes providing any requested supplies specific to their species, in coordination with the Small Livestock Committee.
- **Required Parental/Guardian/Adult Involvement:** A parent/guardian or adult sponsor must be present to assist their child. Please note, these hours do not count toward the required adult volunteer hours.
- **Volunteer Hours:** Parents/guardian/adult sponsors who sign up for shifts to assist at processing stations can receive volunteer hours that count towards Adult Volunteer Hours. Shift times and station assignments will be released by the Small Livestock Committee as we get closer to processing day.
- **Market Animal Delivery:** Small Livestock participants must deliver their processed market animal to their buyer no later than Sept. 9, 2025.
- **Proof of Delivery:** Participants must email the Small Stock Committee at smallstock4h@gmail.com by Sept. 9, 2025 with a photo confirming delivery.
- **Freezing Requirement:** If the animal is not delivered within 48 hours of processing, please freeze the product to ensure its quality.
- Auction check will not be released until the animal has been delivered. Items not delivered or untimely communication will impact your eligibility to auction the following year.

28. Auction Sales Fee: A 5% sale fee is collected by the district Livestock Committee from the funds received by the 4-H/FFA member to help cover expenses related to the Livestock auction and supporting youth activities. Some of these items include marketing materials, fitting stands, judge, livestock camp and workshops, etc. *Disclaimer, IF other slaughter arrangements are necessary the auction sales fee could be increased, a fee adjustment would need to be voted on.*

29. Livestock Committee: The Mat-Su Livestock Committee has final authority on interpretation of all rules for the market livestock project. If a participant needs an exception, please email the committee and plan on attending a Livestock Committee meeting to formally request an exception. Requests for exceptions must be presented and approved at a Livestock Committee meeting if possible. If there isn't a meeting available due to timing, the Executive Board can meet and approve or deny the exception.

30. Auction Payment: Livestock sales checks will be available for pickup at the CES office once buyer payments have been settled. Date varies and is based on when buyer funds are received. Each participant must provide a W-9 prior to auctioning. This must be in the participants name with the participants' tax ID.

31. Volunteer Hours: A parent/guardian/friend/family member will sign up for and perform a minimum of six hours of volunteer duties in connection with the 2024-2025 livestock program. They will also volunteer on the day of the auction from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (auction day itself does not count for volunteer hours). This can be one person, or a combination of helping adults (e.g. grandparent, friend, aunt, etc.). A list of volunteer opportunities will be provided by the Livestock Committee. See additional information below. Volunteer hours are a requirement to auction.

32. Revisions: Changes may occur due to unforeseen circumstances (pandemic, slaughterhouse closure, etc.). In the event changes do occur, the committee will determine a new plan of action. Each participant will be given the opportunity to continue or discontinue their involvement with the program.

33. Fines & Fees:

Action	Description	Fee, Fine, Eligibility
Missed registration	Initial registration is missed to participate in the auction.	Ineligible to auction for the current year.
Missed auction information meeting (February, March, April)	Mandatory meeting providing information related to the auction. Goes over project and rules document.	Ineligible to auction for the current year.
Missed Rally Days	Unless otherwise communicated with the Committee, animals not at Rally Days do not meet the auction requirement.	Ineligible to auction for the current year.
Late Buyer Contacts	Buyer contacts not submitted via google docs (link to be provided) by the deadline.	\$50 per day late including weekends. If contacts are not received by July 18, participant will be ineligible to auction for the current year.
Late Record Book – 1st Check	Record book not submitted to the CES office or submitted electronically by the deadline.	\$50 per day late including weekends. If record book is not received by Aug. 7, participant will be ineligible to auction for the current year.
Record Book First Check – Recheck	Record books that are considered incomplete for the first record book check.	Record books that require a recheck will automatically incur a \$25 fine. For each subsequent day there is a deficiency, there will be a daily fee incurred until the deficiency has been corrected. Corrections not completed by Aug. 15, will not be eligible to auction.
Missed Fair Mandatory Meetings	Mandatory meeting(s) not attended by the participant.	10% of auction check not to exceed \$150. Missed mandatory meeting will result in ineligibility to auction the following year.
Dirty Pens or Unfed/Unwatered Animals at the Fair	Animals must be fed, watered, and have clean pens every day at the fair.	\$50 per day. If fines exceed \$300 for Large Livestock, or \$150 for Small Stock, then participant will not be eligible to auction. If pen fines continue after the auction, participants will not be eligible to auction the following year.
Final Record Book Check and Thank You Cards	Final record books and thank you cards not submitted timely and/or has deficiencies.	\$50 per day late including weekends. If record books or thank you cards are not received by Sept. 26, participant will be ineligible to auction for the current year.

34. 4-H/FFA Alaska State Fair Shows – Shows subject to change.

4-H/FFA Shows Alaska State Fair 2025 Aug. 28- Sept. 1
Alaska State Fairgrounds Farm Exhibits Building (Barn)

**Thursday Show
Schedule**

These times are an approximation; however, shows will NOT start before the given time.

**Small Stock
Showmanship**

11 a.m.

*Small Stock conformation will take place Wednesday night in pens. Exhibitors will not be present.

**Large Livestock Market
Classes**

Goats 4 p.m.

Sheep 4:15 p.m.

Swine 4:45 p.m.

Beef 5:30 p.m.

Yak 6 p.m.

**Friday Showmanship
Schedule**

These times are an approximation; however, shows will NOT start before the given time.

**Large Stock
Showmanship**

Juniors (8-11 years old) 10 a.m.

Intermediate (12-14 years old)
12 p.m.

Seniors (15-18 years old)
2 p.m.

Species order: goat, sheep,
swine, beef, dairy, yak, round
robin.

Be aware the fair does not open until 11 a.m. If you have people coming to watch they can enter through the livestock gate. (Other arrangements may be announced)

**Monday Breeding
Show Schedule**

Breeding shows will begin at 2 p.m. and proceed in the following order.

Goats

Sheep

Swine

Dairy

Beef

Yak

Animal Requirements (table 2)

Species	Possession Dates	Minimum and Maximum Sale Weight	Maximum Age	Animals Must Be Born On or After Date
Reindeer	Dec. 1, 2024	175 pounds	30 months	March 1, 2023
Market Beef	Dec. 1, 2024	850-1,500 pounds	20 months	Jan. 1, 2024
Heritage/ All other Small Framed Breed Beef Must be 51% or more Heritage/Other Small Framed Breed Beef and 49% or less Traditional Beef	Jan 15, 2025	650-1,000 pounds	30 months	Feb. 15, 2023
Young Beef	April 1, 2025	400 pounds	8 months	Jan. 1, 2025
Young Yak	May 1, 2025	300 pounds		Sept. 1, 2023
Mature Yak	Sept. 1, 2024	500 pounds		Sept. 1, 2022
Market Swine	May 15, 2025	200-300 pounds	9 months	Jan. 1, 2025
Market Lamb	May 15, 2025	100 pounds	10 months	Dec. 1, 2024
Market Goat	May 15, 2025	65-130 pounds	12 months	Sept. 1, 2024
Pen of Rabbits - 3	July 29, 2025	3.5 pounds each	12 weeks	June 1, 2025
Commercial Hybrid Turkey	April 29, 2025	25 pounds	21 weeks	March 30, 2025
Heritage Turkey	March 4, 2025	15 pounds	27 weeks	Feb. 16, 2025
Pen of Ducks - 3	April 29, 2025	6 pounds each	23 weeks	March 16, 2025
Chuckers/Pheasants - 6	April 29, 2025	1 pound each	23 weeks	March 16, 2025
Quail - 6	June 17, 2025	7 ounces each	12 weeks	June 1, 2025
Cornish Cross Chickens - 3	July 8, 2025	4.5 pounds each	9 weeks	June 22, 2025
All other Meat Chicken - 3	June 1, 2025	4 pounds each	20 weeks	April 6, 2025

Important Dates:

Date	Time	Location	Event description
Feb. 6	5:30-7:30 p.m.	CES Office	1st mandatory informational meeting (must attend 1 of 4)
March 6	5:30-7:30 p.m.	CES Office	2nd mandatory informational meeting (must attend 1 of 4)
April 2	5:30- 7:30 p.m.	Palmer High Ag Building	3rd mandatory informational meeting (must attend 1 of 4)
April 3	5:30-7:30 p.m.	CES Office	4th mandatory informational meeting (must attend 1 of 4)
April 14	11:59 p.m.	Online	Registration due online: Register every animal you may want to sell. Fill in Google Form provided; link on 4-H website.
June 4	3-8 p.m.	Fairgrounds	Rally Days: Large Livestock weigh in and paperwork day.
June 5	3-8 p.m.	Fairgrounds	Optional Workshops Day
July 7	4:30 p.m.	CES Office	Paperwork due: Large livestock fair pen requests and parking requests for all livestock exhibitors.
July 11	11:59 p.m.	Online	Buyer Contacts due: fill in Google Form provided, link on 4-H website
Aug. 2	10 a.m.	Rebarchek	Rally Days: Small Livestock (workshops, pen requests, sign-ups, and registrations).
Aug. 4	4:30 p.m.	4-H Club Leader/ FFA Advisor	Up to date record books due: anything incomplete will be returned and need to be rechecked by Aug. 15
Aug. 10	11:59 p.m.	Online	Class Show Registration due online: Submit one form for each animal; link on 4-H website
Aug. 26	3-7 p.m.	Barn	Small Livestock check-in and market weigh in
Aug. 27	3-6:30 p.m.	Barn	Large Stock vet check and market weigh in; bring your animal and shot records.
Aug. 27	7 p.m.	Bleachers in barn	Mandatory Fair Meeting: All you need to know about Shows and Fair Procedures
Aug. 28	11 a.m.	Show ring	Required Small Livestock Showmanship
Aug. 28	4 p.m.	Barn	Required Large Livestock Conformation shows
Aug. 29	10 a.m.	Barn	Required Large Livestock Showmanship (Junior 10 a.m.; Intermediate 12 p.m.; Senior 2 p.m.)
Aug. 29	7:30 p.m.	Barn	Auction Ring setup, come if you can!
Aug. 30	9 a.m.	Bleachers	Required meeting, Auction Information and Setup
Aug. 30	12:30 p.m.	Barn	Auction starts
Sept. 1	2 p.m.	Barn	Optional Large Livestock Breeding Shows
Sept. 1	6:30 p.m.	Bleachers	Required meeting, Fair Wrapup
Sept. 1	TBD	PHS Ag. Building	Small Livestock Processing Day - Signup Required
Sept. 19	4:30 p.m.	CES Office	Thank You Notes and Record Books Due

Signatures:

My parents/guardians and I have read and discussed the rules above and understand the requirements of this project.

4-H/FFA Member _____ Date _____

As Parent/Guardian/Project Supervisor, I agree to abide by the terms of this program. I will sign up for and perform volunteer duties in connection with the livestock program. I understand that if I fail to participate as a volunteer, my child may not be able to participate in the auction.

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Parent Volunteer Log:

Each 4-H/ FFA member who is participating in the auction program is required to have a parent, or other adult, volunteer for a minimum of 6 hours per family. We also require an adult volunteer to be present and help the entire auction day. Note: small stock slaughter day, hospitality, and herdsman shifts do not count for these volunteer hours. Those are additional requirements.

This program works because of volunteers who work together to make it a great experience for the kids, and we can't do it without a lot of help.

Volunteer opportunities will be made available and shared. Please keep an eye out and sign up to help (Examples: Rally Days helper, stuffing and mailing marketing materials, record book checks, thank you card check, help sweep the barn, set up the for the auction prior, run a pig board during shows, help with weigh in, or host an educational workshop. *Workshops must have a plan and be approved by the 4-H agent before it can be offered to members of the livestock program).

Please list and describe your volunteer hours:

Workshops:

You are required to attend four approved livestock workshops. One must be “Youth for the Quality Care of Animals” course available online (or possibly in-person). Completion certificate must be attached for credit. In-person workshops will be announced in the district emails, newsletters, website, Remind, and on the Facebook page.

*Include **Date**, **Subject Taught**, and **Describe** what was Learned.*

First Workshop

Second Workshop

Third Workshop

Fourth Workshop

Required YQCA course. Insert completion certificate as the following page (if completed in 2023/2024 4-H/FFA year, include that copy).

If attending more than the minimum required number of workshops, attach additional sheets detailing what was learned.

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