

## Rules - Junior Livestock Auction

**Auction Schedule:** Review the Youth Livestock schedule for all show schedules – Auction always falls on the Sunday of Youth Week

**Exhibitor's Warning:** Vehicles left on grounds past 10:00 am will be towed at owner's expense.

### COMMITTEE RULES

This outlined memorandum is an informational letter for exhibitors and their parents, mainly for the betterment of the Humboldt County Fair Youth Livestock Auction. Certain rules, regulations, suggestions and basic information pertaining to the auction are included. As exhibitors you should be familiar with this information so you can be fully aware of the auction's policies and procedures.

### BEFORE THE AUCTION

1. The Humboldt County Fair Junior Livestock Auction is a terminal sale. By entering in any auction-eligible division, the exhibitor and their adult representative(s) are agreeing to the sale and processing of the animal.
  - a. An exhibitor may choose to voluntarily withdraw their animal from participation in the Junior Livestock Auction by providing written notification to the Livestock Superintendent or Junior Livestock Auction Committee President by Friday, August 22 at 12:00 pm. There is a \$100 fee, due at the time of written notification, for voluntary withdrawal of an animal from the sale.
  - b. All Champion animals are required to sell and may not be voluntarily withdrawn from the Junior Livestock Auction.
2. Contact at least two possible buyers for your animal prior to the opening of the fair. Remind them again a day or so before the date of the sale.
3. Work diligently with your animal so that you are a credit to the 4-H and FFA and make a favorable impression for all potential buyers. The animals must be clean and the owners should look their best to attract potential buyers.
4. Don't hold back animals from feed and water. This can make poor quality carcass.
  - a. Animals accepted for the Auction may exceed the Master Premium List top weights of 1,400 lbs for beef and 150 lbs for sheep. The auction buyer will be limited to paying only up to the above listed top weights.
  - b. Maximum weight for Market Goats is 120 lbs.
  - c. Any Market Goat over 120 lbs. does not qualify for the market class and is not eligible for the junior livestock auction, but may be used for showmanship.
  - d. Maximum weight for swine is 300 lbs. Any swine over 300 lbs. does not qualify for market classes and is not eligible for the Junior Livestock Auction but may be used in showmanship.

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- e. Additionally, minimum weight for steers and heifers is 1,100 lbs.; lambs 110 lbs.; goats 65 lbs.; and pigs 210 lbs.
- 5. Each exhibitor who has an animal in the auction must sell at least one ticket for the pre-auction luncheon. If not, \$100 will be deducted from their sale check. Those turning in tickets after August 1st will be fined \$100. Tickets are available from 4-H club or FFA advisors. Contact MaryAnn Renner (707) 496-1501 with questions or to obtain tickets.
- 6. Exhibitors must be at least 9 years of age by January 1, 2025 to sell at the auction.

**ENTRY DAY - TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025****Animal Health Inspection Before Weigh-In**

Veterinarians and veterinarian assistants provided by the Fair shall check all livestock upon arrival for proper health certificates, signs of communicable disease, external parasites, unsightly disease conditions, and any wounds, open or closed, that may be contagious. Veterinarians and veterinarian assistants have the right to enter any pen or tie area to inspect an animal. Any animal found to be in an unsafe or unsightly condition will be quarantined in a designated area and then dismissed from Humboldt County Fair facilities. The Fair's veterinarians' decision will be final. Specific health conditions that may warrant quarantine and/or dismissal are active ringworm, warts, sore-mouth, infectious scours or dysentery, pinkeye, lice, mites, foot-rot, infectious pneumonia and abscesses which are balding showing hair separation, open, draining or still scabbed. Animals having surgical sites resulting from abscess removal are unacceptable if they have sutures (stitches), scabs or are draining. Animals that are lame or injured will also be dismissed at the discretion of the Humboldt County Fair veterinarian. Healed skin conditions may be sufficiently unsightly to warrant dismissal. (Lesions are considered active until skin is normal and hair regrowth is evidence.)

- 1. All animals will weigh in on the back side of the Pig Barn. Livestock scales will be open from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Animals are expected to be weighed in at their designated time. SEE YOUTH LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE.
- 2. An animal can be weighed only once and owner must sign weigh slip as animal exits the scale. Absolutely no re-weighs will be allowed. Parents or advisors who wish to see animal weighed must be on hand at the time the exhibitor has the animal on the scales.
- 3. The bill of sale for beef, sheep, goats, and swine must be uploaded online by Monday, June 16, 2025. The bill of sale for meat birds, and meat rabbits must be uploaded online by Monday, July 14, 2025 – Absolutely NO EXCEPTIONS. Beef and dairy cows must be owned 120 consecutive days prior to the Fair. Sheep, swine and goats must be owned 60 consecutive days prior to the Fair. Incomplete entry paperwork will not be accepted. A complete entry includes bill of sale, code of excellence, parent/guardian contract, copy of your current YQCA Certificate, Prop 12 Compliance (Market Swine Only), exhibitor signature, leader's signature and parent signature. Entries need correct class and division numbers. The Fair is not responsible for incorrect or incomplete entries.

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4. Youth exhibitors must groom and handle their own animals. Adults are to supervise only, not do the work. Violation of this local rule, or California State Fair rules, may result in disqualification from competitions or in disqualification from auction(s). Violations shall be subject to the review of the Board of Directors or by a committee designated for said purpose. California State Fair Rules can be reviewed at [https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/FairsAndExpositions/Documents/Circular\\_Letters/2025/2025\\_State\\_Rules\\_for\\_California\\_Fairs.pdf](https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/FairsAndExpositions/Documents/Circular_Letters/2025/2025_State_Rules_for_California_Fairs.pdf)
5. Any exhibitor who, in the Fair's judgment, cannot keep their animal under control and presents a hazard to the public shall have the animal disqualified from the Fair and will remove the animal from grounds immediately. Any exhibitor acting in a non-responsible manner shall, along with their animal, be removed from the fair and may not be allowed to exhibit again in the future.
6. Exhibitors who qualify more than one animal for the Jr Livestock Auction must notify the Livestock Office by 9:00 am, Friday, August 22, which animal he or she wishes to sell. Exhibitors must sell champion and reserve champion animals. An exhibitor who has one or more grand or reserve champions must sell all champions and may sell only one additional non- champion animal. Champion animals include replacement heifers.

**THE DAY BEFORE THE AUCTION – SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025**

1. All exhibitors selling in the Auction must attend a Sales Orientation Meeting at 9:00 am Saturday, Aug 23 in the Covered Arena. Last minute instructions for the auction will be announced. If you miss this meeting, are late, or leave before the meeting is over, you will be fined \$25. No exceptions will be granted.
2. In the event your name was left off the sale order, notify the meeting chair immediately after the Sales Orientation Meeting.

**THE DAY OF THE AUCTION – SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025**

1. Know your animal's order in the sale. If you miss your sale order, you will be moved to the bottom of the sale.
2. Be on time. It takes just over one minute to sell an animal, so you can plan accordingly. Any delay on your part can prolong the sale. Please be on time so the sale will run smoothly. If you miss your sale order, you will be moved to the bottom of the sale.
3. Do not solicit buyers on the Fairgrounds the day of the Auction. This refers to the handing out of cards or information on animals in the sale by exhibitors.
4. You must sell your own animals unless:
  - a. A FFA or 4-H event conflicts with the sale.
  - b. You have received prior approval from HCFA Livestock Committee for other arrangements (the request needs to be to them by July 11, 2025)
  - c. A medical emergency.

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- d. If an Exhibitor will be enrolled in college during the time of the Humboldt County Fair and would like to enter an animal in the fair and sell it at auction, the exhibitor must (1) deliver a written statement to the fair office, signed by the exhibitor, prior to start of fair (Friday, July 11, 2025) advising that the exhibitor will be in college during the fair and that they understand they must SHOW their own animal but will be allowed to have another exhibitor weigh their animal and sell their animal at auction; and (2) the exhibitor must SHOW their own animal.
5. Quite often there is confusion as to the price for which the animal is sold. The auctioneer tells what the animal was sold for, but the exhibitor is busy with the animal. Perhaps you could have a friend at the auction to check the selling price.
6. After your animal sells, stay with the animal as you move to the photo area and get your picture taken with the buyer, then move with your animal to the holding area where you will be relieved by the load out crew. A certificate with a photograph will be mailed to the buyer as a thank you from the owner and the Youth Livestock Auction Committee. Do not sit in the stands. They are for the buyers. A potential buyer may leave rather than stand.
7. If you are able to locate the buyer of your animal, thank them verbally for purchasing your animal.
8. A thank you card must be completed and turned into fair staff by 8:00 pm on Sunday, August 24:
  - a. Write a thank you card.
  - b. Address the salutation to the name of the buyer of your animal.
  - c. Make the thank you personable. Without the buyers, there would be no sale.
  - d. Complete an envelope (to be provided by the exhibitor), which includes your complete return address and the complete name and address of the buyer, including the zip code. The envelope must have a postage stamp already in place so the thank you is ready to be mailed.
9. Of your gross sales, no more than 7% (subject to change) is withheld from your check along with an additional \$90 for swine, \$70 for goats and sheep and \$185 for beef (subject to change). This commission helps to cover the expenses associated with the auction. Much of the work is donated, like the auctioneers, ring men, clerks, bank officials, leaders/advisors and committee members. However, there are other expenses that include:
  - a. Printing of sale catalogs, sales slips, etc.
  - b. Purchase of incentives to buyers
  - c. Stationary, postage and office supplies
  - d. Cost of pre-auction luncheon
  - e. Transporting and processing of the animals (processing of poultry and rabbits is the responsibility of the seller)
  - f. A contingency fund is kept as an insurance policy to pay for an animal that dies or doesn't meet certain requirements at the time of slaughter.

***Livestock Auction checks will be issued as soon as funds have been collected from buyers. The JLAC makes every effort to ensure payment is as prompt as possible.***