

# 4-H & FFA AUCTION ANIMAL PROJECT



## Rules and Regulations

The Coos County Auction Animal program provides members in grades 5-12 an opportunity to learn the skills of raising animals for breeding or meat purposes. Members involved in the meat animal project also have the option of participating in the animal auction held during the county fair. Project areas included are beef, poultry, rabbit, sheep, goat, and swine. The following information will refer to the meat animal project and the guidelines which apply to 4-H or FFA members who raise an animal to be sold at the auction.

This project is provided with the support of the Coos Youth Auction Committee, the organization which manages the promotion and sale of animals for 4-H and FFA members in Coos County. Portions of this project book refer to the guidelines adopted by this committee.

### Auction Member Eligibility:

1. All members, parents and leaders are required to attend an Auction Committee meeting in February or March of the current year and prior to the pre-fair weigh-in for their species. Small animal members must attend a meeting in the current year. This is a yearly requirement for ALL 4-H and FFA members, parents and leaders.
2. Members planning to participate in the county auction program must enroll in a beef, sheep, goat, or swine 4-H project before the pre-fair weigh-in for their project. All members entering small animal pens (poultry or rabbit) must be enrolled in the appropriate project by April 01.
3. To participate in a large animal auction project, members must have completed one year, as a 4-H or FFA member, in a large animal project, (goats, dairy, beef, sheep, swine, horse, llama). To participate in a small animal auction project, members must have completed one year, as a 4-H or FFA member, in a small animal project (dog, rabbit, poultry, pigeon or cavy). Members transferring to Coos County must provide a written statement from the Extension office where they were enrolled, to fulfill this requirement.
4. Members will meet the program guideline requirements for pre-fair weigh-in, feeding and managing a meat animal, completing all paperwork on time, exhibiting during county fair, and presenting the animal or pen of animals for sale.

### Auction Animal Eligibility

1. Beef projects must be steers, less than 24 months old at the time of the show and sale, dehorned and castrated by February 1, weigh at least 1000 pounds at the time of the show and sale, and have gained 3 pounds per day from pre-fair weigh-in until the weigh-in at the county fair. Brand inspection, including evidence of ownership and prior brand transfers, will be completed before weigh-in at the county fair. Animals previously sold in any other market or auction animal program are ineligible to participate in the Coos County 4-H & FFA auction project.
2. Swine projects may be gilts or barrows, be born after January 1, barrows must be castrated at least 15 days prior to weigh-in, weigh at least 230 pounds and no more than 300 pounds at the county fair weigh-in, and gain at least 1.5 pound per day from the pre-fair weigh-in until the weigh-in at the county fair. Animals previously sold in any other market or auction animal program are ineligible to participate in the Coos County 4-H & FFA auction project.
3. Sheep projects may be ewes or wethers, be born after January 1, wethers must be castrated at least 15 days prior to the pre-fair weigh-in, weigh at least 115 pounds at the time of the show and sale, be shorn within 7 days of the county fair weigh-in, and have gained .50 pounds per day from pre-fair weigh-in until weigh-in at the county fair. All lambs must be cleanly docked, with a tail that provides a judge or auction committee representative the opportunity to lift the tail from the body of the animal with a pencil or similar device. All lambs must have a scrapie identification tag in their ear to be exhibited at the county fair. Animals previously sold in any other market or auction animal program are ineligible to participate in the Coos County 4-H & FFA auction project.
4. Goat projects may be either does or wethers, must be under one year of age and still have milk teeth, with no break in the gums. Wethers must be castrated at least 15 days prior to the pre-fair weigh-in. Dehorning is not required. Goats must weigh a minimum of 85 pounds at fair weigh-in. All goats must have a scrapie tag in their ear or available to be exhibited at the county fair. Animals previously sold in any other market or auction animal program are ineligible to participate in the Coos County 4-H & FFA Auction project.
5. Beef, Sheep, Goats and Swine entries must be properly and completely castrated prior to pre-fair weigh-in. All animals must be completely healed and showing no signs of infection or open skin at the time of pre-fair weighing. All lambs must be properly docked for entry to the fair, and must have no evidence of open wounds or infection at the docking site during pre-fair weigh-in. All species must be free of any open wounds or infections at both weigh-in screenings. All steers must be properly de-horned and completely healed at the time of pre-fair weigh-in.
6. Poultry projects will be secured by members on a specified date and location (May 25-June 5). All members will receive a pen of 10 chicks that will receive bands at pre-fair weigh-in. Members receiving chicks must complete an intent form and be enrolled in 4-H or FFA by April 01. If members are using chicks they hatch, they must meet the age requirements of all other chicks in the program and must be viewed by a member of the auction committee. All chicks will be weighed at pre-fair weigh-in. At fair weigh-in members will select one or two pens of 3 fryers from their original pen of 10 to be exhibited in the auction project class. Each fryer must be less than 8 weeks old and weigh a minimum of 5 1/2 pounds at the weigh-in conducted at the Coos County Fair.
7. Rabbit projects will be entered into the auction project on the date providing the 76 day age for this project. (May 08-20). Members enrolling in the rabbit auction project must be enrolled in 4-H or FFA by April 01. Each member may register two pens of rabbits, with each pen containing four animals. Rabbits will be weighed and tattooed at the time members register their pens. Members will select one or two pens of 3 fryers from their original pen(s) to be exhibited in the auction project class. Each fryer must be less than 77 days old and weigh a minimum of 4 1/2 pounds at the weigh-in conducted at the Coos County Fair.

- Ownership of all animals sold in the Coos Youth Auction Program is transferred at the time of sale. Animals sold in the auction will not be eligible for any additional exhibition by the 4-H or FFA member.

**Auction Project Objectives:**

- To provide an outlet for meat animals raised in 4-H and FFA projects.
- To provide youth, their parents, and leaders an experience in one method of marketing and selling meat animals.
- To encourage members to learn a marketing process.
- To improve the meat animal enterprise by encouraging excellence in management and economical production.
- To provide an awareness by the general public of the efforts expended by 4-H and FFA members in connection with the meat animal project.
- To be part of the consumer education efforts of 4-H and FFA which focus on marketing at proper weight, quality grade, and producing a desirable carcass from consumer and producer standpoints.
- To provide an opportunity for recognition of 4-H and FFA members, as well as the buyers who support the members.
- To provide one way for citizens of the community to participate in a 4-H or FFA experience.

**General Rules for the Animal Auction Program:**

- Members must own, and have in their possession, the auction program animal they weigh and tag at the pre-fair weigh-in. This animal is to remain in their possession and care throughout the feeding program.
- Members must meet the project guidelines and recommendations stated for each species being raised for the auction.
- Members may weigh-in two steers, two lambs, two goats, two pens of poultry and rabbits, and two hogs, but must decide on one animal to be sold during the auction at county fair.
- Paperwork is to be completed on all animals weighed and entered in the auction program.
- Animals or pens entered as Family Back-Up entries must have each family member identified, and the order of use specified on the form. Only those members enrolled with one animal in the species will qualify. Members weighing two animals of any species will not be eligible to use the family back-up animal.
- All animals must meet the general health requirements listed in the Department Guidelines of the 4-H, FFA and open class Divisions of the County Fair Exhibitors Handbook.
- Members owning animals that do not make the sale criteria by weight, grade or placing, will not place For Sale signs on their project animals until after the auction is complete. Private treaty sales prior to the auction are discouraged.
- A 6% sale commission will be withheld from the sale of all auction animals. Upon successful completion of all parts of the Auction Animal Program, this commission will be reduced to 3%. Refer to the checklist provided with the samples of forms used in this project, for details of the project requirements.
- Ownership of the animal ends with the sale of the animal in the auction. Further 4-H or FFA participation with the animal will not take place.
- Members may be refused participation in this program at any time, if the guidelines of the project are not being met.

**Pre-Fair Requirements:**

- Members participating in the Auction project will be enrolled in a livestock project prior to the scheduled pre-fair weigh-in date for the species, or by April 1st for members enrolling in the rabbit or chicken pen class.
- All large animals in the auction project must be weighed, tagged and tattooed at the official weigh-in for auction animals. All weigh-ins are conducted at a location to be determined by the Auction Committee. Weigh-in dates are held in mid-March for steers and mid-April for lambs, goats and hogs, or as announced. Specific times and dates will be provided in the 4-H Monitor. Small animal pens will be weighed by an auction committee member at the appropriate age for the pen, at a location to be announced by the auction member.
- All steers must be castrated and dehorned by February 1. Male lambs, goats and hogs must be castrated at least 15 days prior to weigh-in. All open wounds must be healed.
- All auction project animals should be provided the necessary vaccines and de-wormers in advance of all drug withdrawal dates.
- Any auction project animal that must be treated for an illness or injury, and that will not meet the drug withdrawal dates, should be removed from the program.
- Members and their parents should consider the added time and investment needed to prepare a quality animal for the auction program, and determine if this is the project they should enter.
- Members shall complete weigh-in sheets on each animal weighed at the prefair weigh-in, and return them to the Extension Office by the date indicated.

**Pre-Fair Weigh-In:**

- Members will arrive during the announced hours of the weigh-in. Special arrangements must be made prior to the date through the Extension Office if this time schedule can not be met.
- Large animals will be weighed, tattooed and have tags placed in their ears at the weigh-in. Members may also pay for vaccine and dewormer to be administered at the prefair weigh-in. Chicks will have wing bands provided at prefair weigh-in, and rabbits will be weighed and tattooed by an auction committee member.
- All animals will be controlled by the member and/or the member's parents or leader during the pre-fair weigh-in. The following guidelines will be followed for each species:  
Steers: Animals will have halters and lead ropes and be managed by the member and/or assisting parents and leader.

Hogs: Animals will be presented for weighing in a safe and secure manner. No animals will be loose, other than in pens.  
 Sheep: Animals will have halters and lead ropes and be managed by the members and/or assisting parents and leaders.  
 Goats: Animals will have halters and lead ropes and be managed by the members and/or assisting parents and leaders.

4. Paperwork provided on each animal weighed at the pre-fair weigh-in must be returned to the Extension Office by the date indicated on the forms. A separate form is needed for each animal. Forms for all pens of small animals must be sent to the Extension Office on the dates indicated.
5. Family owned project animals must have the names of all approved members listed. Only those members registered on the paperwork will be eligible to use this animal as a back-up for their entry in the project. One family owned project animal may be weighed in for any two or more family members entered in the same project area (beef, sheep, goats, poultry, rabbit or swine).
6. A replacement animal for the auction project may be weighed in within two weeks of the original weighing date. Arrangements for a replacement must be scheduled with the Extension Office. Replacement animals may be weighed for the following reasons:
  - Weight of the original animal is not desirable for the auction program.
  - Evaluation of the animal at the weigh-in indicated an animal of a different type would provide a better project.
  - Dehorning or castration did not meet the guidelines of the program.
  - The original animal becomes ill or dies before the two week time period expires.
  - There are signs of infection, wounds or general condition that do not make the animal a suitable project for the meat animal program.
 All animals weighed as replacements will be recorded in place of the original animal. When a replacement animal enters the auction program, the original animal is removed from the auction program. Ear tags of original animals are to be removed.  
 All replacements must be made within the two week period of time following the original weigh-in date. No animals will enter the auction project following the two week period. Weight gain will be adjusted for animals entering the program as replacements, but average daily gains and minimum weights as listed in the guidelines will apply.
7. One re-weigh may be scheduled for an animal that is not manageable during the pre-fair weigh-in. This must be arranged through the Extension Office and the auction committee. An animal provided a re-weigh can not be replaced with another animal following the second weighing.

#### **Auction Program Weight Gains: (CYAC)**

1. Each animal entered in the auction project must meet the following weight gain requirements in order to be eligible for the sale:
  - Steers: Must gain 3 pounds per day from the March pre-fair weigh-in through the weigh-in at the county fair.  
This will average 380 to 405 pounds, based on the weigh-in dates.
  - Hogs: Must gain 1.5 pound per day from the April pre-fair weigh-in through the weigh-in at the county fair.  
This will average 142½ pounds, based on the weigh-in date.
  - Lambs: Must gain .5 pounds per day from the April pre-fair weigh-in through the weigh-in at the county fair.  
This will average 47 ½ pounds, based on the weigh-in date.
  - Goats: Animals must meet the age and total weight guidelines.
  - Small Animal Pens: Animals must meet the age and total weight guidelines.

#### **4-H Auction Program Minimum Weights: (CYAC)**

1. Each animal entered in the auction project must meet the following minimum weights at the county fair weigh-in:
  - Steers: Must weigh at least 1000 pounds at the county fair weigh-in.
  - Hogs: Must weigh at least 230 pounds and not more than 300 pounds at the county fair weigh-in.
  - Sheep: Must weigh at least 115 pounds at the county fair weigh-in.
  - Goats: Must weigh at least 85 pounds at the county fair weigh-in.
  - Poultry: Must weigh at least 5½ pounds at the county fair weigh-in.
  - Rabbits: Must weigh at least 4½ pounds at the county fair weigh-in.

#### **Auction Program Minimum Live Grades: (CYAC)**

1. Each animal entered in the auction project must meet the following minimum live grades during the conformation judging at the county fair. In addition, all animals that will be sold must receive a Blue Award in the conformation class.
  - Steers: Must have a live grade, in the show ring, Choice or better.
  - Hogs: Must have a live grade, in the show ring, of Number 2 or better.
  - Lambs: Must have a live grade, in the show ring, of Choice or better.
  - Goats: Must be of blue ribbon quality.
2. The decision of the livestock judge evaluating the steers, hogs, goats and lambs in the auction project will be final. If the live grade is not achieved, and/or a Blue Award presented, the animal will not be sold in the auction.
3. Poultry and Rabbit pens must meet the criteria for selection established in the market project materials. Each animal must meet the minimum weight, an evaluation of quality provided by the judge and a score for uniformity of pen that provides a blue placing in the class.

### **Steps to Complete to Sell an Animal in the Auction:**

1. Enroll in an appropriate 4-H or FFA project before the large animal pre-fair weigh-in, or by April 01 of the project year.
2. All members, parents and leaders are required to attend an Auction Committee meeting beginning in February or March of the current year and prior to the pre-fair weigh-in for their species. Small animal members must attend one of those meetings also. This is a yearly requirement for ALL 4-H and FFA members, parents and leaders.
3. Present your animal, as described, for the pre-fair weigh-in and numbering.
4. Submit the weigh-in report to the Extension Office on time.
5. Enter your animal or pen of animals in the county fair. Entry information is found in the 4-H and FFA Fair books. Entries are due as listed in each fair book.
6. Promote the Coos Youth Auction Program by contacting buyers and distributing sale information provided by the committee.
7. Arrive at the county fair weigh-in on time.
8. Complete the weigh-in summary sheet (due Tuesday by 8 p.m.) and submit it to the Auction Project Display in the livestock barn.
9. Show your animal in the appropriate auction animal class.
10. Show your animal, or a different animal of the same species, in showmanship.
11. If exhibiting more than one species of auction animals, determine the animal to be sold, and notify the proper division superintendent. This must be done at the completion of the participant's last auction animal conformation class. Sale Animal entry form is due Wednesday by 8 p.m.
12. Members exhibiting champion animals are encouraged to enter the sale with that animal. Champion and Reserve Champion animals that are not sold in the auction will be withdrawn from the exhibitor list and all recognition for the animal and exhibitor will be removed. Animals placing in the third or fourth place will be moved into the champion positions if they meet the requirements of the project.
13. Maintain your auction animal in showmanship quality cleanliness throughout the fair.
14. Maintain a safe and clean display for the public throughout the sale.
15. Maintain the feeding program for your auction animal. Animals must be kept on a feeding program to prevent excessive shrink and weight loss.
16. Complete a commentary card for the auctioneer. Due Thursday at 8 pm in the auction booth.
17. Assist with set-up, tasks assigned during the sale, and clean-up following the sale.
18. Be prepared to enter the sale ring, with your animal, at the scheduled time.

**Failure to complete any of the above items, as outlined, will result in a full 6% sales commission being deducted from the sale of your project animal, or your disqualification from the sale.**

### **Auction Project Back Up Animals:**

1. Each member has the option of weighing 2 animals or pens in any one project area of the auction program.
2. Each member should enter and exhibit all animals enrolled in the auction program.
3. Each member shall notify the department superintendent which animal will be sold, following placing in the class. If multiple species are exhibited, this will be done following the placing of the final auction class entered.
4. Back up animals will be exhibited with club displays in those areas where auction projects are displayed in a designated area.
5. Back up animals may be offered for sale following the completion of the Auction project sale on Saturday.
6. Back up animals may be delivered to a processor, from the fairgrounds, if an appropriate ear tag is in place, and the department superintendent has received information requesting transport to a processor.

### **Family Project Back Up Animals:**

1. Family back up animals must be identified at the pre-fair weigh-in.
2. Family members must be listed, in order of preferred use, for each family project backup animal.
3. Family back up animals must be used only for the species entered. For example, if one family member weighs in 2 steers and 2 lambs and another family member weighs in 1 steer and 1 pig, the second family member may use only the second steer as back-up for his or her steer, but may not use the second lamb as a back-up for his or her pig.
4. Family back up animals may only be used if the original animal dies, fails to make weight, fails to qualify for entry to the county fair, or is dismissed from the county fair by a superintendent or veterinarian.
5. To remain eligible family back-up animals must be entered and exhibited at the county fair. They must be shown in the auction class, identified as family back-up animals, but remain with the club display unless used.
6. Family back-up animals are not eligible for Champion/Reserve Champion placements while the original animal is still in use. Family back-up animals are only eligible for CH/RC placements if they become the primary animal prior to judging.
7. A Family back-up animal that is not in the sale may be offered for sale following the completion of the sale on Saturday.
8. A Family back up animal may be delivered to a processor if it has an ear tag in place, and the department superintendent is informed of the need to have the animal transported.

### **Auction Program Requirements For the Sale:**

1. Attend, and Sign In at the Auction Project Meetings held on Friday and Saturday mornings, directly following the general meeting for exhibitors.
2. Participation in the county livestock judging contest at fair.

3. All participants in the auction will be assigned a work time to assist with items needing to be completed during the sale. Tasks include:
  - Providing water for bidders, buyers and spectators
  - Delivering sale slips from the auctioneer to the sale secretaries
  - Delivering order sheets to buyers and then to sale secretaries
  - Providing hats to each buyer
  - Delivering Thank You posters to each buyer
4. All auction project members will wear arm bands corresponding to the lot number of their project animal. These numbers will determine the work/sell/support role of each participant during the sale.
5. Assist with tear down and cleanup on Saturday of the sale as assigned.

***Failure to participate in any of the items listed above will result in a full 6% sales commission being deducted from your auction project check. As a member in the auction project, you are to participate at the sale throughout the entire program. All members applying for scholarships are reminded to be available during the opening comments of the sale.***

#### **Auction Program Requirements Following the Sale:**

1. Complete your Summary Report on the animal sold in the auction, and turn that information in at the Auction Project display in the livestock barn by 8 p.m. Saturday, or to the OSU Extension office by August 10.
2. Include a Thank You note to the buyer with your Summary Report.
3. Attend the September meeting of the Auction Committee to receive your auction project check. Checks will be released to all members who have completed and submitted Summary Reports with a Thank You card attached. Attendance is not required, checks will be available at the Extension office beginning the day following the auction meeting.

#### **Auction Program Commission:**

1. A commission of 6 % will be withheld from the Gross Sale of each animal sold by the auction committee. Money collected will be used to promote future sales.
2. A bonus of 3 % of the total Gross Sale will be provided each individual member who completes all phases of the auction project as stated in the guidelines.

#### **Auction Project Disqualifications:**

- Members will not be provided the opportunity to sell an animal in the auction if any of the following occurs:
  - An attempt is made to weigh an animal that has been artificially changed to enhance the conformation of the animal, such as lifting or filling under the skin, or adding weighted material on or in the animal.
  - An attempt is made to weigh an animal other than the animal registered in the project during the pre-fair weigh-in.
  - An attempt is made to re-weigh an animal. All animals will be weighed one time only, at the pre-fair and county fair weigh-in.
  - A member does not participate in the conformation and showmanship classes as needed.
  - Members are not available at the time their animal is to enter the sale ring.
  - Members are found in violation of the 4-H Code of Conduct or Myrtle Point School District Code and/or National FFA Show conduct code prior to the auction.
  - Members do not participate in all phases of the project (pictures, reports, commentary cards, showmanship, sale order).
- 2. Members may be unable to participate in the auction, but will complete a year in the project if the following occurs:
  - An auction project animal dies.
  - An auction project animal is refused entry to the fair during the veterinarian's health check.
  - An auction project animal does not meet all of the requirements needed to enter the sale, but is shown in the appropriate market or feeder class and showmanship.
  - Valid physicians certification.

#### **Auction Program Liabilities:**

1. Auction program participants not following the stated guidelines of the Auction Program, or the Code of Conduct, may be refused participation in the auction program for one year.
2. If the auction project is condemned in the slaughter process (because of disease, use of medicine, infection, etc.), it is the 4-H/FFA member's responsibility to absorb the loss.
3. Any evidence of artificial coloring or artificial means of removing physical defects will result in the owner of the animal being barred from future shows and all awards and sale proceeds will be withheld from the current show.
4. If proper care is not provided the auction animal while exhibited at the county fair, it may be requested that the animal be weighed, and a determination made whether or not the animal will be sold in the auction. If an animal is found to have lost 12 % or more of total body weight, while at the county fair, it may be refused entry into the sale.

#### **Auction Project Recognition:**

1. Each auction animal, whether shown in the auction, market or feeder class, will receive a ribbon award. Premiums for the award will be provided by the fair board. Any animal removed from the project after placing's have been made will forfeit all special recognition.
2. Special awards and display space will be provided the Champion animal of each species.
3. Special awards will be provided the High Gaining animal of the beef, swine and sheep species..
4. Additional awards will be presented as provided by donors.
5. Scholarship applications will be made available to graduating seniors who have been active in the auction project for three consecutive years prior to graduation. Scholarships will be awarded on a competitive basis, based on applications, interviews and funds available.