



BALTIMORE COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Saturday, July 15, 2017

Buyers' Reception 6 pm Livestock Sale 6:45 pm

The following rules will apply:

1. To be eligible to participate in the 2017 County 4-H Livestock Sale, 2016 Sale participants must have completed and submitted to the County 4-H Office, a 4-H Project Record on their market livestock project(s) sold at the 2016 Sale. Failure to submit these project records will result in ineligibility for the 2017 Sale.
2. Exhibitors are expected to present their animal for sale during the Auction. Exhibitors can contact the Sale Committee for questions.
3. All Exhibitors must wear appropriate species show clothes.
4. A Selection Committee will review Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion animals and all animals nominated by exhibitors for sale and determine which will be sold in the sale. The Committee's decision will be final. The Selection Committee will consist of the Judge, a representative of Extension, and one member of the Sale Committee. The Department Superintendent will facilitate the Selection Committee's decision process.
5. Fees (commission) will be deducted from sale checks according to the following rates: Rabbits \$2.00 – Turkeys \$2.00 -Goats \$3.00 – Sheep \$4.00 – Hogs \$6.00 – Cattle \$12.00.
6. Each seller of beef and dairy steers will have the \$1.00 mandatory check-off deducted from each animal sold. This money, by law, is sent to the National Beef Council and is used to promote sales of beef on the retail level.
7. Each seller of a hog will have .0040% of the selling price deducted from each animal sold for the pork check-off. This money, by law, is sent to the National Pork Council and is used to promote sales of pork on the retail level.
Example: 250 lb. @ \$1.00 lb. = \$250.00 x .0040 = \$1.00.
8. Each seller of a Lamb will have \$.007 per pound plus a \$.42 per head processor fee deducted for the lamb check-off. This money, by law, is sent to the Lamb Check-off Board. Example: 110 lb. @ .007 - \$.55 + \$.42 Total - \$.85.
9. The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of each species must grade and be sold through the sale with the exception of steers, whereby the exhibitor may elect not to sell the Reserve Grand Champion. In lieu of the commission fee, 4% of the sale price of the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be deducted from the sale check.
10. Each exhibitor may sell a maximum of ONE animal of each species. Beef and Dairy steers, Goats, Swine and Sheep must make grade by the selection committee. The Sale will sell a maximum of: 20 Beef Steers; 20 Dairy Steers; 25 Lambs; 75 Hogs; 20 Goats; and 1 pen of Rabbits. Note: If fewer animals are nominated for the Sale than the limit indicated above for any species, exhibitors can nominate an additional animal in that species for a lottery drawing process to fill the vacant slots for that species.

The exhibitors of Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion animals and exhibitors who want to nominate a Beef Steer, Dairy Steer, Goat, Lamb or Hog for the Sale, which meet the weight requirements during weigh-in, will be required to bring the animal(s) to the show ring following the respective Show. Selection Committee will grade the animals. At that time, a final determination will be made of those eligible for the sale.
11. Beef, Dairy Steers, Goats, Sheep, and Swine eligible for sale must display the proper farm and Maryland 4-H Market Livestock Ear Tags. LaMancha Goats will be tattooed into the tail web and 4-H'ers given the tag. To be eligible for the sale, all livestock must meet the fitting requirements of their respective show.
12. Rabbit Meat Pens shall consist of three rabbits, all the same breed and variety, age limit not over ten weeks, weight not over 5 lbs. per rabbit. The 4-H'er must provide a box with food and water containers for the buyer.

13. Stamped "Thank You" notes from the seller to the buyer must be approved and in the committee's possession before the check for the livestock will be mailed out. An orientation to discuss requirements will be held prior to the Sale.
14. Show weight and sale weight will be the same and will be determined prior to the show.
15. The sale will be held in the Swine Ring. The Committee will not handle private treaty sales.
16. Exhibitors have a responsibility and are encouraged to recruit several buyers for the sale. Sale Committee is not responsible for obtaining buyers for animals entered into the sale.
17. Minimum and maximum Sale weights for each species shall be: (5 lb. tolerance)

Beef Steers	1,000 – 1,350 lbs
Dairy Steers	1,000 – 1,500 lbs.
Lambs	85 - 145 lbs.
Hogs	200 - 275 lbs.
Goats	50 - 115 lbs.
Rabbits 3 @	2 – 5 lbs. (no tolerance)
Turkeys – Hens	18 lbs minimum (no tolerance)
Turkeys – Toms	22 lbs minimum (no tolerance)

18. Rabbits will be sold by the pen and goats and turkeys by the head, not by the pound.
19. Weigh master must turn in weight tickets at least 1 hour before the sale to the sale chairperson.
20. Animals which do not meet the sale's weight requirements will not be sold.
21. The Baltimore County 4-H Livestock Sale Committee will not be liable for any sale animal after the sale.
22. The 4-H leasing program is for breeding animals only!
23. In the event that a carcass of a livestock sale animal is condemned by the USDA inspectors, within five working days of the sale, the buyer will be given a choice of a full refund of the sale price or replacement of an equal quality and weight animal of the respective species, **BY THE EXHIBITOR.**
24. All livestock sold during the auction and not removed from the grounds on Saturday night, must be cared for by the Exhibitor following the Sale until Sunday noon or until the animal is released from the Fairgrounds. Check with the person who releases animals for the Sale for any other arrangements.
25. Approaching the buyer of your animal before or after the sale to switch an animal he/she has purchased is not allowed. This is a terminal sale – no animal that goes through the sale can be shown at any other 4-H/FFA show.