



4-H Steps for the Livestock Premium Auction

Before the County fair

- Tag your market animal by the tagging deadlines.
 - Exceptions are Poultry and Rabbit
- Go to potential Livestock Premium Auction Buyers and invite them to our sale.
- Enter in the Harvey County fair using FairEntry.
- Sale Packets will be mailed to families ahead of the county fair.

During the County Fair

- Make minimum weight at the County Fair weigh-in.
 - Market Lamb 100 pounds (hair sheep is 75 pounds)
 - Market Goat 60 pounds
 - Market Swine 220 pounds
 - Market Steers 1,000 pounds
- After the show, mark which market animal or communicate with your superintendent which one you will be taking through the Premium Auction. Do this by Sunday at 4:00 pm.
 - Failure to do so will result in your animal being placed at the bottom of the sale order.
 - The sale is in random order, after the food projects and the overall winners.
- Participate in the Livestock Premium Auction.
- Grab any missing items from the Sale Information Packet before leaving the fair (this was mailed ahead of the county fair, as well).

After the County Fair

- Meet with your premium buyer(s) to say thank you and give them a gift, along with a ribbon. They will need to sign the “proof of visit” card.
 - This needs to be completed by November 30, 2026.
- Write thank you notes to your add-on buyers. If you wish, you may visit add-on buyers, but you will still need to return the proof of visit card and inform the office of visits to add-on buyers.
- Return the thank you notes and proof of visit card to the office.
 - This needs to be completed by November 30, 2026.
- Your check will start being issued on August 24, 2026, and youth will only be paid for buyers whose payments have been received. (4-Her could receive multiple checks.)

If Requirements Are Not Met (according to the 2026 fair book)

If thank you notes and proof of visit are not in the Extension Office by November 30, 2026:

- They cannot participate in the 2027 Livestock Premium Auction.
- They will have one more opportunity to participate in 2028.
- If they do not meet requirements again in 2028, they will no longer be allowed to participate in the sale.
- Money that is not claimed will stay in the Fair Association's Sale Account and be used to cover sale expenses.