

Winning and Losing At Livestock Shows

Very few 4-H and FFA livestock projects are economically sound. However, neither are having children, paying for band lessons, taking them to summer recreation programs, buying them bicycles and paying for other youth activities. If a parent's goal is for the child to make money, investing in a savings account is less risky than investing in a 4-H and FFA livestock project.

However, if a parent's goal is to invest in the future and to help their son or daughter develop as a person, learn responsibility, set goals and gain some knowledge about livestock production, then 4-H and FFA livestock projects are a good investment.

Most likely we will have livestock shows as long as there are youngsters who have parents and grandparents. However, let's keep these shows in proper perspective. They are not beef shows, swine shows and sheep shows but they are KIDS SHOWS! The animal is simply the ticket for the youngster to take part.

Through schools, the Extension Service and other educational units, we constantly hear of improved teaching tools to better equip our young people for life. As we analyze all the new and innovative ideas, many of which are quite sound and very excellent methods, we find 4-H and FFA livestock projects are one of the oldest and greatest teaching tools that we have to teach youth life skills.

Life skills that Jr. Fair livestock members can gain:

How to get along with people. A large number of people in society quit or lose their jobs because they cannot get along with others. 4-H and FFA members who show livestock are around people they have never met but have similar interests. They learn to communicate with these people.

Sportsmanship. At a livestock show, there is only one Grand Champion. However, there are many winners. Most 4-H and FFA members who show livestock for any period of time usually experience the extreme high feeling of an exceptional effort and the extreme disappointment of a project that didn't turn out as well as was expected. Normally, win or lose, the competitors in the show ring (the 4-H and FFA members) can be seen after the show talking and enjoying life together.

Responsibility. Feeding and daily chores in a 4-H and FFA livestock project teach responsibility. Top feeders follow the time clock in their daily efforts. This is a good habit to start at a young age and may reap youngsters substantial benefits in a career later in their lives.

Decision making. Decision making is never easy at any point in our lives. 4-H and FFA livestock projects require several key decisions be made: selection of project animals, selection of feeding method, care and management decisions, fitting and grooming techniques, etc.

Goal setting. For every successful livestock project, there is usually a good plan. Most details and plans for the project on selection, feeding and management of the project have been planned well in advance. Goal setting is important for everyone regardless of future endeavors.

Are Jr. Fair livestock projects successful? We may hear some negative things about them but these projects are a long way ahead of whatever is in second place in helping teach our young people to adjust to life. Next time you are at a livestock show, study the kids instead of the animals. You will notice that most classes have several winners, not just the one standing in first place. - Reprinted from California 4-H Staff October 1989 Newsletter

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Defiance County Junior Fair Livestock Sale

Friday, August 26, 2016
Defiance Co. Fairgrounds
Livestock Show Arena
10:00 am

2016 Sale Order

Poultry
Sheep
Lactating Animals
Swine
Kiss the Queen
Beef Steers
Dairy Steers
Beef Feeder Calves
Dairy Feeder Calves
Goats
Rabbits



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Raising an animal as a livestock project is a valuable experience for any 4-H or FFA member. Projects are the foundation of these youth programs – teaching new agricultural practices and sound business principles. These young people gain the work experience necessary to acquire useful knowledge, skills and attitudes.



When you purchase an animal at the Junior Fair Livestock Auction, you are buying prize livestock raised by Defiance County 4-H and FFA members. Your purchase helps support the important educational programs of these two youth groups.

The sale is guided by the Livestock Sale Committee. These volunteers spend hours planning and conducting the sale. Expenses of the sale are covered with a fee paid by each participant on the difference between market price and sale price is charged to offset expenses.

Champion Market Animals

All grand and reserve champion market animals will go to a local processor for slaughter. These animals will receive a premium bid only if buyer wishes to purchase the dressed meat, he/she must contact the processor outside of the Livestock Sale.

How Does the Sale Work?

The Sale will be based on a “Premium Bid”. This means the buyer will pay the actual amount he/she bids. If the buyer wants to keep the animal, he/she will pay the premium bid PLUS the support bid.

Many people have the misconception that should you “buy” an animal - you must handle that animal. This is not the case. Your only responsibility is for the premium bid – amount of bid in the sale ring. If you would like to keep the animal, you must announce to the auctioneer that the animal is a keeper.

A potential buyer is asked to register and pick up a bid number on the day of the sale, and then bid in the auction on any animal. Should the buyer be the highest bidder, the buyer’s name or business will be announced.

Packer or Keeper

The buyer must tell the auctioneer if he/she would like to “Keep” the animal or send it to the “Packer”.

If the buyer does not want the animal, he/she would state **PACKER** and the buyer would then pay the premium bid.

If the buyer wants to keep the animal to serve at a BBQ and is going to send it to a local butcher, then he/she would state **KEEPER** and would pay the support bid plus the premium bid. It is the buyer’s responsibility to notify the butcher and coordinate their animal’s transportation. *Champion Animals are not eligible for the buyer to keep.*

Processing Animals

There are processing plants in the area that will process your animal for your freezer or business. Please announce where the animal will be sent for processing at time of final bid. **Contact the processor beforehand**, so that a truck will be available to transport your animal.

Brookview Farms	419-445-6366
Jacoby Meat Processing	419-924-2684
Pettisville Meats	419-445-0921
Pettisville Meats/Butler	260-868-1370
Jacob’s Meats Inc.	419-782-7831
Fort Defiance Meats	419-784-2982

From a purchase you will receive approximately the following amount of meat - cut, well trimmed and **READY FOR YOUR FREEZER.**

1000 Pound Beef

Steaks....100 lbs.	Ground Meat....100 lbs.
Roasts....100 lbs.	Lesser Cuts....100 lbs.
TOTAL....450 lbs.	

220 Pound Hog

Ham.....30 lbs.	Spareribs.....8 lbs.
Chops....32 lbs.	Sausage.....12 lbs.
Lard.....20 lbs.	Bacon.....16 lbs.
Shoulder Cut...18 lbs.	
TOTAL.....136 LBS.	

What does it cost to raise an animal to show?

Below is an example of the investment a 4-Her may have in an animal.

BEEF or DAIRY STEER

One (1) Feeder Steer	\$1250.00
Feed Costs	\$2300.00
Misc, Veterinary & Interest	\$ 50.00
Total Investment	\$3600.00+

** Time member has invested: 235 days or more*

SWINE

One (1) Feeder Pig	\$ 250.00
Feed Costs	\$ 300.00
Misc, Veterinary & Interest	\$ 30.00
Total Investment	\$ 580.00+

** Time member has invested : 4-6 months*

GOAT

One (1) Feeder Goat.	\$ 150.00
Feed Costs	\$ 175.00
Misc, Veterinary & Interest	\$ 100.00
Total Investment	\$ 425.00+

** Time member has invested : 3-4 months*

LAMB

One (1) Feeder Lamb	\$ 150.00
Feed Costs	\$ 150.00
Misc, Veterinary & Interest	\$ 30.00
Total Investment	\$ 330.00+

** Time member has invested: 3-4 months*

SMALL ANIMALS

One (1) Small Animal	\$ 35.00
Feed Costs	\$ 60.00
Misc, Veterinary & Interest	\$ 25.00
Total Investment	\$ 120.00+

** Time member has invested : 2-3 months*