



St. Joseph County  
4-H Small Animal Sale  
September 21, 2023  
10:00 a.m.



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**Attention!** - The deadline for providing shipping destination information is 12:00 noon on Friday, September 22. Please see below for details!

Dear Prospective Buyer

**Thank you** for being with us today! Your show of support for St. Joseph County 4-H livestock project members is very much appreciated.

Your assistance with the following items will help assure a successful sale:

1. Register for the sale at the buyer registration table located inside the livestock show arena on the south side. Buyer registration will start at **8:00 a.m.** and run as long as necessary.
2. Please hold up your buyer number at the point of purchase to assist the **Sturgis Bank & Trust Co.** staff in correctly recording the sale.
3. The Livestock Sale Commission Committee voted that the auctioneer's sale price is final and no money may be added to lots after the sale. Also all lots within the swine weight groups must be shipped to the same destination.
4. When you have completed your purchases for the day, please report to the sale check out window located on the south side of the show arena to pick up your sale invoice.
5. Please be sure to provide the checkout clerk with the following information to include on the invoice:
  - ◆ **Phone Number(s)** - Phone number(s) where you can be reached between sale time and 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 24.
  - ◆ **Shipping Destination** - Shipping destination of the 4-H market livestock you purchased. Shipping destination choices include designated 4-H resale market, slaughter/processing facility, food bank or pick-up by buyer.

**Deadline for Providing Destination Information:** Please provide destination information today if possible. However, if you need more time to make destination decisions, we must hear from you by **12:00 noon on Friday, September 22**. Call the 4-H Office at the fair at 269/467-5511 to provide destination information. If we have not heard from you by this deadline, we will arrange to ship any steers, hogs, lambs or goats you purchased to the respective designated 4-H resale market, and any chickens, turkeys or rabbits will be shipped for complimentary processing.

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- ◆ **Trucking Information** - You only need to provide trucking information if you personally will be picking up the livestock you purchased, or you have arranged with a trucker to do so. Please be sure and provide the checkout clerk with the name and phone number of the person who will be picking up the livestock (including your name if you will be the trucker).

Trucking arrangements for livestock needing shipment to designated 4-H resale markets, area slaughter/processing facilities or for complimentary processing (chickens, turkeys and rabbits) will be handled by St. Joseph County MSU Extension staff, with trucking costs billed directly to the buyer (or debited from the resale payment) where applicable.

**Dairy Feeder Note:** Dairy Feeder Steers may not be slaughtered within 30 days after the St. Joseph County Livestock Sale due to Beef Quality Assurance guidelines.

6. Buyers have the option of paying for livestock at checkout time, or mailing the payment St. Joseph County 4-H Livestock Association, 612 E. Main St., Centreville, Michigan, 49032. Check should be made payable to: **ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION**. Buyers may also deliver their payment to the 4-H office at the fair by **3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 22**.
7. If you purchase market poultry or rabbits, be sure to let the checkout clerk know if you would like the animals processed. The member selling the animal(s) will pay for the processing as a complimentary service to the buyer (Processing will be done by Smokin' Butcher, Decatur, Michigan). Processing includes freezing.
8. Processed poultry (2 per lot) and rabbits (3 per lot) must be picked up at Building #44 on the fairgrounds in Centreville on **Wednesday, October 4, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.** Be sure to bring your ice chest! **Note:** Any unclaimed chickens, turkeys or rabbits left at the end of the distribution period will be "donated" and delivered to the nearest food bank facility yet that evening.
9. Purchased animals must be left on exhibit until 6:00 a.m., Sunday, September 24.
10. Purchased animals not being sent to resale market or to a processor must be picked up by 8:00 a.m., Sunday, September 24.

Each 4-H member will have 4% deducted from their livestock sale check to help pay for several livestock expenses over the 4-H program year. This list includes, but is not limited to, the purchase of livestock tags, tattoo kits/pens and/or replacement parts, scale calibration, postage for livestock program, livestock sale bills, auctioneer appreciation gifts, expenses occurred for the livestock buyer dinner, livestock sale expenses, and livestock signage.

**Important Information Regarding Charitable Donations:**

The Internal Revenue Service has asked us to be sure and inform 4-H market livestock buyers that only the amount of the purchase cost that is in excess of the fair market value (i.e. value if sold to a local livestock market) may be deducted as a charitable donation, and only if you itemize your deductions.

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Thank you again for the **very important** part you play in making our 4-H market livestock sales possible!

Sincerely

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