

Market Animal Buyer Information & FAQ's

Who organizes and operates the Market Animal Sale?

The Bonner County 4-H Market Animal Livestock Committee, with the cooperation of the University of Idaho, Bonner County Extension Office, the Fair Board, and Bonner County 4-H personnel.

What is "Turn" price?

The on-hoof live price a producer receives when selling through the local auction yard. The price is established by calling several local or area livestock yards and receiving a quote on the price for market animals on a given day.

Who pays the Turn Price?

The turn price is paid by the company or individual that offers the best current market price.

What is "Blue Sky" Money?

Blue Sky money is the money paid to the member above and beyond the turn price paid for the animal.

Who pays the Blue Sky Money?

Individuals and businesses who bid on the members animal pay the blue sky money. The blue sky money is that portion of the price bid that is eligible as a tax benefit to 4-H supporters.

Who can buy at the Market Animal Sale?

Anyone can purchase an animal at the market animal sale. Buyers are required to register and pick up a number in order to buy during the sale.

What happens after the "hammer falls"?

When the hammer falls and the auctioneer says the animal is sold, that is exactly what it means. No switching, substituting, or deleting of animals. Animals that are returned to 4-H members by the buyer must be taken home at the close of fair. See Rule #54 in the 4-H section for 4-H member's responsibilities concerning sold animals.

What can I do with the animal I purchased?

Buyers have three ways to buy:

1. Live animal – Buyers may arrange to take their purchase home at the conclusion of the fair.
2. Custom Process – Most buyers will prefer having their purchase custom processed. Buyers are responsible for the fees charged by the processor.
3. Turn the animal – The buyer pays the Market Animal Committee the bid price over the turn price. The turn buyer pays for the turn price portion of the sale.

Is there a maximum weight that a Market Animal can be?

The Market Animal Livestock Committee and the Bonner County 4-H program have introduced a maximum weight on market hogs of 300 pounds and 1,500 pounds for Market Beef. Members with animals over the respective weight limits will be allowed to sell, providing they received a blue or red ribbon in the quality class, but buyers will only pay for up to 300 or 1,500 pounds respectively.

What is the exhibitor's responsibility?

- **Before the sale:** To educate themselves on the project they have chosen. To select an animal and prepare it properly in order for it to be worthy to be sold at the sale. To follow and adhere to the policies and requirements of the 4-H program.
- **During the sale:** The exhibitor must be appropriately dressed and present their animal and themselves in a clean, well groomed fashion.
- **After the sale:** The exhibitor is responsible for the care of the animal until it is time to load out, Sunday morning. The exhibitor is also responsible for writing a thank you note to his or her buyer and turning the Thank you note into the 4-H Office Saturday afternoon of the fair.

What happens if member's animal receives a white ribbon in the show ring or is under the Minimum Weight required?

The animal will not be allowed to sell in the Market Animal Sale. Beef must be 1,000 pounds, Sheep must be 105 pounds, Swine must be 230 pounds/Maximum 300 and Market Goats must be 75 pounds at the Fair weigh-in. This ensures that the buyers purchase a quality animal. A list of white ribbon or underweight animals will not be available during the fair. For more information and rules, see the 4-H rules.

BONNER COUNTY Emergency & Medical Services

Visit the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Station during the Fair. The EMS building is located just east of the Holly Barn. The Fair Board commends the Bonner County EMS for their valuable services during Fair time and other fairground-sponsored events.



Honor Roll Livestock Buyers List (as of 2019)

- AAA Sweetwater Drilling
- A Bar T Ranch
- Adam, Jason and Tanya
- Anderson, Jeff and Tammy
- Avista
- Albertson Insurance Services
- Albenai Falls Building Supply
- Jason & Tanya Adam
- Dick Blakely
- Bla Bar Ranch
- Bonner County Farm Bureau Federation
- Burnett Electric
- Brown, Wayne and Sandra
- Bontrax
- Boundary Tractor
- Carter Country Farm & Feed
- Coffelt Funeral Services
- Columbia Bank- Sandpoint
- Co-Op Country Store
- Ann Coward
- DJ Eich Timber Services
- Dana Construction
- Elsaesser, Jarzabek, Anderson
- Envik's Construction
- Excess Disposal
- Edward Jones
- Fry Creek Heating & Cooling
- 5th Avenue Car Wash
- Finan McDonald Clothing
- Full Circle Powder Coating
- Forge Fitness
- Golden Rule Construction
- General Feed & Grain
- Pat and Monica Gunter
- H and H Express
- H and H Livestock
- Joe & Ingrid Herrick
- Dennis Jack
- Edward Hawkins, JR.
- Karen & Bill Harryman
- Leo Hunsaker
- James Hutchens, CPA
- Hillshire Hog Farm
- Vince Huntsherger
- Dan & Michele Hutchings
- James Hutchens
- Idaho Forest Group
- Interstate Concrete
- Lake Country Orthopedics
- Lawnco
- Les Schwab Tire - Priest River
- Les Schwab Tire- Sandpoint
- Lippert Excavation and Pipeline
- Lippert Heavy Equipment
- Lisa and Rick Myers
- McCall Motors
- Stacy McDermott
- McFarland Cascade
- Dr. Shane McNevin
- Mitchell's Harvest Foods
- Monarch Meats
- Brian McCarthy
- Ray McMillen
- North Idaho Energy Log
- North Idaho Eye Institute
- North Idaho Flood and Fire, LLC
- Northwoods Forestry
- North Idaho Flood & Fire
- Oliver Tree Service
- Panhandle Forest Products
- Payless Gas
- Pape Machinery
- Paradise Construction
- Parnell Ranch
- Brian & Elizabeth Peters
- Peck Farm Store
- Peck Dirtworks
- Pend Oreille Veterinary Service
- Pierce Auto Center
- Power Solutions LLC
- Steve Peck Fabrication
- Paradise Construction
- Peak Sand & Gravel
- Vicki Pullen
- Dan Pierson
- R and R Contracting
- Keith & Tracy Rusho
- Jim & Marcy Roberts
- Mike Reynolds Logging
- Dixie Realing
- Todd and Jan Riley
- Rocky Mountain Trucking
- Rocking L4 Ranch
- Rokstad Ford - Mercury
- Keith & Tracy Rusho
- Allen & Angie Rogers
- Ruen Drilling
- Sandpoint Building Supply
- Sandpoint Furniture- Carpet One
- Sandpoint Super Drug
- Selkirk Glass and Cabinets
- Sun Bear Ice Cream
- Matt Sturgell
- Don and Julie Skinner
- Super 1 Foods
- David & Adam Tate
- Tony Spade and Sons
- Rhonda Tate
- Tri-Pro Forest Product
- State Farm Insurance- Dale Reed
- Stimson Lumber
- Super 1 Foods
- Taylor and Sons Chevrolet
- Wood's Crushing and Hauling
- Wood's Hay and Grain
- Wood's Meat Processing
- Woods Hay and Grain
- Wood's V Bar X Ranch
- Yoke's Fresh Market



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Animal Buyers for your
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Livestock Program!

