

## PURCHASING A MARKET ANIMAL?

### WHAT IF I CAN'T USE A WHOLE ANIMAL?

A group of friends or co-workers can pool their resources to buy an entire animal and have plenty of meat in the freezer all year round.

### DON'T WANT THE MEAT?

Buyers have the option of donating or selling the animal or the meat. Buyers may also sell the animal to a Floor Buyer (A processor who purchases animals by the lb) and the buyer may keep the proceeds or donate the proceeds to an organization of their choice, such as the Fort Bend County Fair Scholarship Fund.

### HOW DO I PURCHASE AN ANIMAL?

Contact the Fair Office for details and instructions on how to purchase at a live auction.

### HOW MUCH FREEZER SPACE WILL AN ANIMAL TAKE UP?

Freezer space required for frozen meat can vary from 35 - 50 pounds per cubic foot, depending on how it is wrapped, amount of bone, and shape of the cut.

### WHAT CAN I EXPECT TO SPEND IN PROCESSING?

Processing can vary in cost depending on the species, cut & wrap. Here are some estimates for processing:

- Steer (1200 lbs) \$600
- Swine (250 lbs) \$300-350
- Goat \$75
- Lamb \$85

## BENEFITING YOUTH PROMOTING AGRICULTURE SUPPORTING EDUCATION

Whether it be a market animal, breeding beef heifer or a piece of artwork, exhibitors spend months or even years preparing their projects. The piece of original artwork you purchase and hang on your wall could belong to the next Rembrandt. When supporting a livestock exhibitor you are helping a young person in your county to remain in agriculture and you are helping keep farms a part of your community. Purchasing a project from an exhibitor at an auction invests in that child's future and gives them the means to continue to pursue their passion in agriculture or artwork.

To register as a buyer please call the Fair Office at 281-342-6171. You may also register at the Buyer's Reception prior to any of the auctions. Food and drinks will be served at the Buyer's Reception.

We appreciate your support, and look forward to having you as a buyer!

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### SOURCES

Texas Agriculture Extension Service  
University of Maryland Extension  
Iowa State University Extension  
Virginia Cooperative Extension

## AUCTION BUYER'S GUIDE



September 27 - October 6, 2019

*"A Homegrown Fair"*



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501(c)3 Organization



## AUCTIONS & SALES:

- ★ Benefiting Youth • Promoting Agriculture • Supporting Education – The Fort Bend County Fair Association is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization.
- ★ The Fort Bend County Fair hosts four different auctions – Junior Livestock Auction, Freezer Sale, Commercial Heifer Sale and the Art Auction – that benefit the youth of Fort Bend County including 4-H and FFA exhibitors, and art students as well. Exhibitors have a hands-on experience with their projects, giving them business skills and an experience like no other.
- ★ Auction Lots are determined by how the exhibitor places in their class. This is considered the “Sale Order” and this information will be released prior to the Auction.
- ★ There is no price cap in the Junior Livestock Auction, Commercial Heifer Sale and Art Auction. Buyers may pay as much as they would like for the project they are purchasing. Exhibitors receive 93% of the sale price for their projects.

## ADD-ONS:

- ★ Looking to support exhibitors without purchasing a project? Become an Add-On Supporter! Add-Ons can be done for any lot in any of the auctions.
- ★ Add-On amounts will not be limited and can only be made by registered buyers. This money will be included on the exhibitor's check post auction.
- ★ Add-Ons will be accepted until the Tuesday after the completion of the Fair.
- ★ Add-ons can be made by anybody – friends, family, businesses, anonymously and anyone who supports an exhibitor, all you have to do is fill out an Add-On Form. Add-On Forms are available through the Fair Office.

## JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Thursday, October 3, 2019

- ★ The Junior Livestock Auction consists of 188 lots including steers, lambs, barrows or open gilts, pens of broilers, turkeys, roasters, pens of fryer rabbits and goats. The animals sold in the Junior Livestock Auction are market animals raised for consumption.



## FREEZER SALE

Saturday, October 5, 2019

- ★ Exhibitors who didn't make the Jr. Livestock Auction have the opportunity to sell their livestock projects at the Freezer Sale, which cannot exceed 120 designated lots including steers, lambs, barrows or open gilts, pens of broilers, turkeys, roasters, pens of 3 fryer rabbits and goats.
- ★ No animal sold in the Freezer sale will be allowed to exceed the lowest price paid in the same animal division in the Jr. Livestock Auction during the current fair.

## COMMERCIAL HEIFER SALE

Saturday, September 28, 2019

- ★ The Commercial Heifer Sale includes high quality breeding beef heifers that are sold as a Pen of Two Heifers or a single Halter Broke Heifer.
- ★ All heifers 18 months and older must be safe in calf in order to sell in the auction. Younger heifers may still be open. Cattle have been veterinary checked and pregnancy information can be found on the veterinary statement for each heifer.
- ★ Heifers will be released the day following the sale.

## SCHOOL ART AUCTION

Saturday, September 28, 2019

- ★ The School Art Auction Program is designed to reward the effort and showcase the artwork for Fort Bend County Students in Grades 8 – 12. This competition brings out the creativity in our youth and enables them to earn money for their future.
- ★ Exhibitors will be competing with their original pieces of art in hopes of winning the coveted Grand Champion rosette.
- ★ Art Mediums include:
  - Colored Drawing
  - Painting
  - Monochromatic
  - Mixed Medium
  - Sculpture
- ★ Buyers may choose to keep the piece of art, donate the art, or resell the art during the auction. Proceeds from resale are donated to the Fort Bend County Fair Scholarship Fund.

