



Washington County Fair - Large Livestock Auction

August 1, 2018

Two Rivers Bank Arena – Arlington, NE

Display starts: 2:00 PM Auction starts: 3:00 PM

The 2018 Washington County Fair - Large Livestock Auction will include opportunities to sell:

- Market Cattle
- Market Hogs
- Market Sheep
- Meat Goats

Eligibility - Participant

Any 4-H exhibitor who shows one (1) or more entry of a covered species at the 2018 Washington County Fair will be eligible to enter one (1) animal in the 2018 auction.

Eligibility – Animal

To be eligible for entry in the sale, an animal must meet the following criteria:

- The animal must have been shown as a 4-H entry (current year) in the Washington County Fair. (Nebraska)
- Entry of an eligible animal in the sale must be received by the Washington County Fair - Large Livestock Auction committee by 4:00 PM the day of the show of the covered species.
- Entry of an eligible animal must be offered contingent on availability for immediate transfer of ownership. (i.e. Show career is over)
- To be eligible for the auction animals must fall within the weight range below:
 - Market Cattle Open*
 - Market Hogs 230 to 290 lbs.**
 - Market Sheep Minimum weight 100 lbs.***
 - Meat Goats Open*

* Base bids will be established on an individual animal basis and market readiness will be a consideration in the establishment of the base rate for each animal.

** Market Hog entries may be considered over the assigned weigh range for individual entries subject to prior approval by the committee. In the event high weight hogs are allowed, base bids will include standard industry high weight deductions on the base bid for that animal.

*** Market sheep entries under the minimum target weight may be considered for entry in the auction subject to prior approval by the committee. To be considered, the exhibitor of the underweight sheep must not have shown a Market Sheep in the 2018 Washington County Fair that would have met the minimum weight target. (You cannot sell an underweight sheep if you also exhibited a market ready sheep.)

- Entries must meet all vaccination/treatment withdrawal period regulations as required by the USDA and other governing bodies with respect to individual species in order to be eligible for immediate harvest.
 - Completed affidavits will be required attesting to compliance with all state and federal regulations involving proper drug usage and all Food & Drug Administration, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, Food Safety Inspection Service, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations.
 - ***Penalties for violation of this provision found at the time of harvest of an animal sold through the Washington County Fair - Large Livestock Auction may include, but not be limited to, the forfeiture of sale proceeds for the animal.***
- Sale entries may be declined by the committee based on considerations of overall health, size, market readiness of the entry and/or other considerations that may affect the marketability of the animal. Written notification of the decline of any entered animal will be provided to the exhibitor and will include reason(s) for the decline of the animal.
- Other criteria of eligibility may be developed by the committee at its sole discretion, but in any case it will be the responsibility of the committee to communicate eligibility requirements to prospective participants at the earliest possible convenience.

Sale format

The Washington County Fair - Large Livestock Auction committee will arrange for packer/buyers for each species to be represented at the sale. The packer/buyers will establish a base price per pound for each animal entered. The selling weigh of the entry will be the official check in weight of the animal at the fair. To help with bidding, we will announce the weight of each animal and the calculated packers bid before bidding begins. The auctioneer will start each animal at its base price per pound and bidding will continue until each animal is sold.

Once an animal is sold Sale clerks will ask the successful bidder's intention either to keep the animal for personal use/distribution/donation or the bidders desire to sell it back to the packer. This takes place before the animal leaves the sale ring and so bidders need to be prepared to make their selection known immediately after the purchase of a sale entry. If the election is to keep the animal, the successful bidder owes the full cost of the animal. (Packer/buyers base price + premium x check-in weight of the animal = bidders purchase price). If a successful bidder elects to resell the animal to the packer/buyer, the bidder will owe the difference between the packer/buyers base bid and the final sale price.

Post sale transfer

Immediately after the sale, it will be the seller's responsibility to move the animal to a predetermined location on the fair grounds for pick-up/delivery of the animal to the successful bidder and/or packer/buyer.

Entry Fee

There is a \$5.00 per head fee to enter an animal in the sale which will be deducted from the sale proceeds when distributed to the exhibitor/seller.

Distribution of sale proceeds

Sale proceeds will be available for distribution to sale participants as soon as possible following the date of the sale. It is anticipated that sale proceeds will be available no later than Sept. 1, 2018.

- Prior to distribution of the sale proceeds, each participant will be asked to provide the Washington County Fair - Large Livestock Auction committee with letters/notes of "Thank You" which will be sent to the purchasers of the exhibitor's sale entry.

Future sale eligibility

It is the intent Washington County Fair - Large Livestock Auction committee to create an event that supports exhibitors of large livestock entries in the Washington County Fair while at the same time providing the opportunity for family, friends, businesses and members of the community to provide financial support for the efforts of those exhibitors. The integrity of the auction is an important component in allowing its success for the benefit of all.

For that reason: ***In the event of the breach of any of the eligibility rules listed above by any exhibitor, family member, friend or agent/representative of an exhibitor, the immediate family of the breaching exhibitor will become ineligible to participate in future Washington County Fair - Large Livestock Auctions for a period of 5 years following the breach.***