

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION
THURSDAY JULY 30, 2020
6:30 PM – KENT BUILDING
RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Only market livestock exhibited at The Delaware State Fair are eligible to be sold at The Junior Livestock Auction. In order for an animal to be eligible to be sold at auction, it must have been shown in its respective market class, following published Rules and Regulations. Exhibitors of the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion market lambs, market steers, market swine, and market goats are strongly encouraged to sell their animals in the Delaware State Fair Junior Livestock Auction. The Auction will sell approximately 100 lots.
2. The Junior Livestock Auction Committee will decide the target number of animals per class before the shows occur. This will allow the exhibitor to know before the show how many placed animals will go to auction. All qualifying animals will be paint branded immediately following the placing in each class.
3. Each exhibitor (consignor) will be limited to selling two (2) animals per species with a total cap of three (3) animals per exhibitor/consignor in the Junior Livestock Auction.
4. Animal Weight Range Auction Eligibility Requirements:
 - a. Hogs may not weigh less than 220 lbs. or more than 290 lbs. to be eligible for sale.
 - b. Sheep may not weigh less than 80 lbs. or more than 150 lbs. to be eligible for sale.
 - c. Steers may not weigh less than 1,000 lbs. or more than 1,500 lbs. to be eligible for sale. The Junior Livestock Auction will sell up to 50% of the steers that meet all the criteria.
 - d. Goats may not weigh less than 45 lbs. or more than 120 lbs. to be eligible for sale.
5. Substitution of Eligibility to Participate in the Auction: Substitution in the order of placement will be made for animals withdrawn from the auction provided that such withdraw or scratch occurs prior to the animal leaving the show ring (specific class in conjunction with the market show), otherwise no substitutions will be permitted. If a scratch is made after the animal class has exited the show ring, no animal(s) will be chosen to replace the scratched animal in the Junior Livestock Auction.
6. All animals to be sold in the auction must be permanently identified by either a Delaware State Fair ear tag or a tattoo and be recorded by a representative of the Junior Livestock Auction Committee. For additional information refer to the livestock tagging program on the Fair's website.
7. The Junior Livestock Auction Committee reserves the right to remove any animal from the sale based on the health, condition or appearance of the animal, conduct of the consignor in the handling and care of the animal or the ability of the consignor to safely handle the animal. This decision is at the discretion of the Junior Livestock Auction Committee.
8. Once the animal is sold at auction, it cannot be substituted with another animal for any reason.
9. The Fair considers it unethical for an exhibitor/consignor to ask a buyer before or after the sale for their animal back.
10. At the time of the animal(s)'s auction and sale, Consignors should take responsibility for determining the Buyer's decision on whether the Buyer wishes to take possession of the animal. If the Buyer decides to take possession of the animal, consignor should exercise best efforts to contact Buyer in order to arrange for an orderly transfer of the animal to the Buyer at the conclusion of Fair. Contact information for Buyers wishing to take possession of the animals purchased at auction can be obtained from Donald Bullock, Chairperson, Junior Auction Livestock Committee (302-233-5813) or an auction official the day after the sale. Your departmental superintendent should not be considered a source for this information.
11. Consignors are responsible for the care and feeding of their animal(s) after the sale until the custody and care of the animal(s) has been transferred from the Consignor to the Buyer at the close of the Fair.
12. It is each seller's responsibility to complete an Auction Consignment Agreement (available from their superintendent at weigh-in or after their livestock show) and to make sure that it has been delivered to the Fair's Administration Office by 5:00 PM the day before the auction. Each exhibitor or their parent must be at weigh-in or their animal may not be eligible for sale.
13. To obtain maximum income from this sale, it is strongly recommended that each person selling an animal contact a minimum of at least three potential buyers who will come to the fair and bid on their animals.
14. All youth selling an animal(s) must be present at the auction unless there is a verifiable emergency confirmed in advance by their superintendent.
15. All sellers must be in proper show attire. Official FFA dress is considered acceptable as well.
16. A two percent (2%) administration fee will be charged to all consignors' proceeds to cover administrative costs associated with the auction and to fund a Junior Livestock Auction bad debt reserve account maintained by The Delaware State Fair.
17. Each consignor is encouraged to write and mail a thank you note addressed to their Buyer(s) within twenty-one (21) days of the auction.