

# **Latah County 4-H and FFA Market Animal Sale Inc.**

## **Sale Procedure Guidelines**

### Section 1. Eligibility for selling Livestock

1. All Consignors must be enrolled in a market animal project in a Latah County 4-H club or FFA chapter and are subject to their respective organizations' guidelines.
2. Consignors are allowed to sell only one lot. A lot consists of one beef, sheep, goat, swine or turkey; or one pen of three chickens; or one pen of three rabbits. When a consignor has 2 or more market animals/lot they must declare by the end of market classes which animal/lot they will be selling. If a consigner wants to opt out of selling they must do so at the end of the market classes.
3. Latah County 4-H and FFA authorities must notify the Latah County 4-H and FFA Market Animal Sale, Inc in writing, of any consignors who are not eligible to sell their animals. This notification must be submitted no later than 8:00 am on the day before the sale is held.
4. Each consignor must be registered to attend the Fair. The registration will include a Consignment form and COOL Form, which must be acknowledged by each member and parent/legal guardian.
5. Consignors are required to take appropriate care of animals until close of fair.

### Section 2. Final Weighing

1. Market animals will be weighed per the schedule printed in the Fairbook.
2. Scales to be used for official weighing will be certified annually by the Idaho Weights and Measures representative prior to weighing. No other scales may be used for obtaining official animal weights. All weights obtained are official, and the decision of the weighmaster is final.
3. The Latah County 4-H and FFA Market Animal Sale, Inc will select two committee members to serve as 1.) official recorder and 2.) weighmaster to weigh the animals. The weighmaster will balance the scales periodically as necessary to ensure accurate weights.
4. Market animals must be clean, dry, and free of foreign matter (no mud, dirt, feces etc.) when weighed. All halters with any metal, blankets, coverings, slinkies, etc. must be removed when weighed. Reweighing may be conducted only upon recommendation of the weighmaster. Underweight animals may request one (1) reweigh. Guidelines for a reweigh are as follows:
  - (a) must occur immediately (before another animal weighs)
  - (b) after the scales are "zeroed" by the weigh master.
  - (c) animal must remain in the scale area (adjacent to the scale) until reweigh is complete.
  - (d) no additional food or water may be given to the animal prior to reweigh being completed.
  - (e) weigh obtained on reweigh will be the official weight used, regardless of the weight

being greater or less than the original weight.

5. Each consignor or their appointed representative shall be present when the animal is being weighed.
6. The individual animal weight to be listed in the Latah County Market Animal Sale catalog will be determined at the final weigh in.
7. Livestock must meet the minimum and maximum weight restriction to sell.

Species	Minimum Weight	Maximum Pay Weight	Maximum weight
Beef*	1100	1550	
Stocker/Feeder	550	900	
Swine	240	295	325
Sheep*	110	150	
Goat*	70	120	
Turkeys	15 (hens) 20 (toms)	NA	
Chickens	5.5 ea	NA	
Rabbit	3.5 ea	NA	5.5 ea

White ribbon quality animals will not be eligible for the sale.

\* Sheep & Goats must be under 1 year of age (according to dentition), Beef must be under 30 months (according to dentition)

### Section 3. Sale Order

1. Quality Placings will be listed in the Latah County Market Animal Sale catalog. The sale order within species will be determined by the quality placings.
2. The sale order will rotate species each year with the species selling first going to the last in the order and all others rotating forward.
3. Feeder Calf will sell behind market beef in sale.
4. FFA Grand Champion will sell first on **even** number years, 4-H will sell first on **odd** numbered years.

### Section 4. Floor Price Bids

1. Obtaining bids for floor prices is the responsibility of the Latah County 4-H and FFA Market Animal Sale, Inc.
2. A minimum of three (3) bids must be solicited, if possible.
3. Bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the sale at which time the Latah County 4-H and FFA Market Animal Sale, Inc will select the winning bid(s).
4. Selected bids will reflect shrink and/or shipping charges.
5. The selected floor prices will be made available at that time to the Extension Office, Fair Office, and posted in the sale barn.

## Section 5. Load Out of Livestock Procedures

1. Buyers are responsible for notifying the Sale Clerk whether they will keep or turn the animals they bought and, if they keep it, to designate where it will be transported. This notification from the buyers is normally done either during or immediately following the Latah County 4-H and FFA Market Animal Sale; in any case, all such notifications must be concluded within one (1) hour after the conclusion of the sale. No changes will be allowed after that time. All sales are final.
2. Animals will be color marked for destination after 2:00 p.m. on Sunday.
3. Load out of all market animals will be subject to the direct supervision of the LMAS Board of Directors.
4. Tentative load out schedule will proceed as follows: At 5:15pm: Breeding Stock, animals not sold thru the sale, and "Take Home" animals that were sold in the sale, but are not being picked up by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party buyer or transport service. At 6:00pm: All persons are asked to leave the barns and adjacent areas, except for LMAS Members and requested volunteers to facilitate turn buyer/processor/floor buyer load out.