

## 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 our Livestock Auctions.

### HOW MUCH FREEZER SPACE WILL IT TAKE?

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 and wrap. Here are some estimates:

- 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, or breeding beef heifer, exhibitors spend months preparing their projects. When supporting a livestock exhibitor, you are helping a young person in Fort Bend County remain in agriculture and you are helping keep farms a part of our 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.

To register as a buyer please visit our website under the Get Involved tab – Auction Buyer and fill out the registration info.

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

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# Auction Buyer's Guide



"Volunteers Make the Difference"

Fort Bend County Fair Association  
Benefiting Youth – Promoting Agriculture – Supporting Education  
501(c)3 Organization

## AUCTIONS & SALES:

- ❖ The Fort Bend County Fair will host three different auctions – Junior Livestock Auction, Freezer Sale and the Commercial Heifer Sale that benefit the youth of Fort Bend County. 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 each Auction.
- ❖ There is no price cap in the Junior Livestock Auction or Commercial Heifer Sale. Buyers may pay as much as they would like for the project they are purchasing.

## 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-Ons 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 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 on the website.

## JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION

- ❖ 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

- ❖ Exhibitors who didn’t make the Junior 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 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 Junior Livestock Auction during the current Fair.

## COMMERCIAL HEIFER SALE

- ❖ 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.

