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Thank You to all of our 2022 4-H, FFA and Independent Livestock Buyers for your support!!

Payment Information

All payments should be made on auction day. Payments received after October 31, 2023, will be subject to a monthly surcharge. **Exhibitors do not receive payment for their project animals until funds have cleared the bank.**

All new buyers must fill out a Buyers Registration form. Buyers forms MUST have a cell phone number and email address. New Buyers will be required to furnish credit card information. If a purchase has not been paid by October 31, 2023 the purchase will be ran on this credit card.

Changes in the disposition of purchases can only be accomplished in the Livestock Office. We must have the pink signed copy of the invoice in order to change the disposition. Hog dispositions will not be changed. Hogs will be slap tagged after being sold if they are custom.

Questions

If you have any questions, please contact the Livestock Department/Exhibits Office @ 559-453-6890 or e-mail at livestock@fresnofair.com.

Remember

The Livestock Office accepts the following forms of payment: cash, check, PayPal, or major credit card.

ADD-ONS: Add-on bids are wonderful ways to support our youth projects. It is important to remember that **all add-on bids are due and payable immediately following the auction.** If add-on buyers purchase at the Phase I Sale and have planned to support another project at the Phase II Sale, they may **pay no later than 12:00 noon, October 31, 2023.** Add-ons have a minimum bid of \$20.00. Any add-ons that are unpaid after the deadline will be removed from the exhibitor's check.

BUDDY-BUYING: (Splitting a buy) You may want to participate in the auction, but you do not want to end up with the whole animal to place in your freezer. Find a friend that wants to split the animal with you.

Locker Information

Meat locker plants are businesses that cut and wrap the meat from the carcass of the animal that a buyer has purchased from the auction. The carcass of the animal purchased will be delivered from the harvest (slaughter) plant to the meat locker plant. A slaughter fee/delivery fee will be charged to the buyer. The Livestock Department will handle the paperwork for delivery from harvest plant to the meat locker. If you choose not to have your purchase harvested at the commercial harvest plant, you may check “**Live Pickup**” and it is the buyer’s responsibility to pick up and deliver the purchased animal.

Locker #1

Tulare Meat Locker & Sausage Co.
1531 E. Bardsley Ave.
Tulare, CA 93274
(559) 688-2047
Contact: Danny

Locker #3

Westside Lockers
10945 9th Avenue
Hanford, CA 93230
(559) 584-7166
Contact: Richard

Locker #2

Westside Tulare
307 S. H Street
Tulare, CA 93274
(559) 686-4676
Contact: Richard

Locker #4

Exeter Meats
140 East Palm Street
Exeter, CA 93221
(559) 592-5880
Contact: Richard

Remember: The animal you purchase is the property of The Big Fresno Fair Junior Livestock Auction until your bill is paid in full to the fair.

Lockers have been instructed not to allow buyers to pick up meat until bills are paid in full

Harvest Plants used:

Beef	Harris Ranch, Selma, California
Lambs and Goats	Central California Premium Meats, Winton, CA
Hogs	Clausen Meats, Turlock, California

After the animals have been harvested, carcasses will be delivered to the locker of the buyer’s choice. After your purchase, it is imperative that you contact a locker plant. There are limits to the number of animals that each plant can safely take. Reminder, you must provide the locker plant with the cutting and wrapping instructions. We have provided locker information for your convenience

Junior Livestock Auction Information Sheet

What is the Junior Livestock Auction?

The Junior Livestock Auction is designed to showcase Fresno County's young entrepreneurs. 4-H, FFA, and Independents all compete for the same goal--to have the best market animal presented at the fair. The auction is part of the education of these young people. The young producers learn about the American free enterprise system and how it operates in an open and competitive market. The exhibitors select, feed, and groom their animals. Each spends an average of 300 hours preparing his/her animal for the show. Their entries are judged and graded in the show ring. In order to sell they must obtain a purple or blue ribbon in their various market classes. The Dairy Replacement and Prospect Heifers along with the Dairy Replacement Does are also evaluated and given a purple or blue ranking. All animals are judged by certified and licensed judges. This ensures that all buyers receive a quality product.

To Participate in the Junior Livestock Auction:

“If I purchase an animal at The Big Fresno Fair Junior Livestock Auction, what will I do with it?” This is one of the most frequently asked questions received by the Livestock Department. The following will address that question.

All auction buyers must fill out a Buyer’s Application to be eligible to participate in the Phase I and Phase II Junior Livestock Auctions. Applicants must provide a valid credit card number and information on the application.

Option # 1 - Resale: If you want to support an exhibitor by purchasing an animal but you do not want the animal, you will need to mark **RESALE** on the sale ticket. With this method, you as the buyer will only pay the difference between the price you bid and the market value of the animal on the day of the sale. You are encouraged to pay the difference amount on the day of the auction.

*****Remember: When you purchase for resale, you will not get the animal or the meat.***

Option #2 - Live Pickup: SUPREME CHAMPIONS/ RES./SUPREME CHAMPIONS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR LIVE PICK UP. If you wish to buy an animal and remove it from the fairgrounds or have an agent do it for you, then you will mark **LIVE PICKUP** on the sale ticket and you become responsible for the removal of the animal. You or your agent must have the pink invoice copy marked paid to remove the animal. If a buyer has not established a credit relationship or provided a credit card number with The Big Fresno Fair, any live pickup animals purchased by that buyer must be paid in full. The Livestock Office accepts the following forms of payment: cash, check, PayPal, and all major credit cards.

Option #3 - Harvest: If you want the fair to ship your purchased market animal to the harvest plant, mark **CUSTOM SLAUGHTER** on the sale ticket and specify the locker plant you want the carcass delivered to for the cutting and wrapping. The fair is obligated to ship every animal sent to harvest to a state or federally inspected plant for harvesting. Harvest plants **WILL NOT** sell or hold hides.

*****Remember: There will be a charge on your bill for the harvesting/delivery of the animal to the locker plant.***

Attention: Buyers for the 2023 Big Fresno Fair Livestock Auctions

Our goal in 2023 is to expedite the process of payments to our exhibitors. This year we will be attempting to have self-service pay stations after the auction. Buyers will be able to key in their buyer's number and their sale invoice will appear on the screen. Buyers will be able to pay with their credit card and have the receipt sent to their email. This is a new feature to our sale. We are attempting to automate our systems to better serve our buyers. Information will be provided to buyers at the sale.

With this credit card procedure, the FFA, 4-H and Independent exhibitors should receive their auction payments sooner and make for a more successful 2023 Jr. Dairy Auction, Fur & Feathers Auction, and Jr. Livestock Auction.

Also enclosed is your preassigned buyer's number card for the 2023 Big Fresno Fair Livestock Auctions, Phases I & II. Please use the preassigned numbers at the sales. Hopefully, this will eliminate the long lines for filling out the buyer's card and receiving a number on auction day.

Phase I is Saturday, October 7, 2023,

Chickens, Turkeys and Rabbits will sell at 10:00 a.m.
Dairy Heifer Sale and Replacement Does at 6:30 p.m.

Phase II is Saturday, October 14, at 9:00 a.m.

Beef, Sheep, Swine and Meat Goats

If you have moved or changed your contact information has changed, please email livestock@fresnofair.com so that we may update it in our system. Contact information needs to be updated in order to expedite billing and locker contact. Lockers will not be able to contact buyers for instructions if they have the incorrect phone numbers. We are implementing a new protocol for all buyers to leave credit card information with us. We will only use the credit card as a form of payment if a payment has not been collected by October 31, 2023. New Buyers must register a credit card with us or they will not be issued a buyers number.

Thank you for your cooperation with this process. We look forward to seeing you in October.

Terri O'Leary-Collins
Livestock Superintendent