



2026 NORTH IDAHO STATE FAIR – YOUTH STOCK SALE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Youth Stock Show and Sale (YSSS) Definitions:

-CAP Sale Weight: An animal weighing more than the CAP Sale Weight at final weigh in is eligible to show and sell in the general market and showmanship classes for that species but will be capped at the published maximum weight by species for the sale amount per pound. Buyers will pay the final price per pound bid only up to the cap weight, not the actual weight.

-Lightweight: An animal not meeting the minimum weight requirement for their species at final weigh-in, is referred to as a 'lightweight' and will show in the progress class. These animals may be sold privately, only after the Youth Stock Sale concludes, and can be removed after 8pm, Sunday, August 30, 2026.

-Minimum ADG: The average daily gain Minimums are required to be met to compete in quality judging Finals.

-Progress Class: Each of the species considered large livestock in the Youth Stock Show will have a progress class. This is a class for market animals who don't meet the minimum weight required at final weigh-in (lightweight) or are declared to have intent of exhibiting without selling (no sale).

-Custom Slaughter: The most popular way to buy; get top quality beef, pork, lamb, and goat at an attractive price. All you do is purchase the animal at the sale and select a custom meat cutter from our processor's list. Contact a local processor for hauling and processing instructions. The Grand and Reserve of each species is required to pass inspection at the USDA facility chosen by the YSSS Committee but can be transferred to the processor of the buyer's choice at no additional cost to the buyer.

-Turn: This is an easy way for businesses or organizations to support the sale. The buyer simply says 'Turn' and the animal is purchased by our floor buyers at the present market price. The buyer pays only the difference between their bid and the market price.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

-How do I register?

- All buyers and supporters must register and receive a bidding number prior to making a purchase.
 - Online registration is at <https://nifr.fairwire.com/buyerlogon.aspx> - Select "I am a new buyer or not listed above" and register.
 - Previous Buyers should be listed online at the site above. Contact blake@northidahostatefair.com for your password to check and update any of your information prior to sale day.
 - In person or over the phone at the Fair office (208) 765-4969; 4056 N Government Way Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815 In person, Day of Sale- North Idaho State Fair on Saturday, August 24, 2025.



-How do we register if we have multiple companies/names?

If you have one company name with multiple locations or contacts, please be sure to include your specific/unique buyer information for each bidder number registration. (I.e. Super 1 Foods-Post Falls, Les Schwab-Rathdrum...)

-Which processors are available?

Local processors, Country Meats, Mountain View Custom Meats, Little Butcher Shop, Hoodoo Meats, Cain's Custom Meats, Cy's Butcherie, and Red River Meats have agreed to coordinate load out times with the YSSS committee to manage custom animals and more. You can find these processors listed on the Youth Stock Sale page of the nisfair.fun website with their contacts, links to their websites, access to suggested cut orders, etc.

-How do I gain entry to the Fair on sale day?

Please join us at 8 AM to ensure a smoother check-in process, avoid the lines, and enjoy the new buyers' hospitality area. This also ensures being able to enter the sale without being charged for parking or admission. The sale will start promptly at 9 AM and passes will be required to enter the Fair starting at 10 AM.

-I have registered but want to edit my contact information, how can I change that?

Visit the website <https://nifr.fairwire.com/buyerlogon.aspx> and select 'Sign in' at the top right to edit your buyer account information. Feel free to contact the Fair office or email blake@northidahostatefair.com for help.

-How do I find out about updates?

The nisfair.fun website includes the information for all exhibits: you can locate sale information on the Youth Stock Sale page. We will also post information on our Youth Stock Show and Sale Facebook page. Be sure to check your email for updates and new information as well!

-I heard the buyer can't choose what to do with their animal?

As this is a terminal sale and we want to ensure the safety and quality of food that the buyers are receiving, **the Grand and Reserve champions of each species must be harvested at either Country Meats or Mountain View Custom Meats.** All other animals sold through the Youth Stock Sale can be harvested at any of the destinations available.

-Ways to buy?

To buy an animal you have 2 options: Turn or Custom Slaughter (See the definitions above for more information about each option.)

-Want to support but don't want to buy?

For those wishing to provide support money in the form of add-ons to individual exhibitors, please keep these items in mind.

- All buyers and supporters are to sign the buyer agreement that ensures you are responsible for the payment of any funds passed on to the exhibitor.



- Support money in the form of add-ons is available online until two weeks after the sale; visit <https://nifr.fairwire.com/buyerlogon.aspx>, and log into your buyer account (for help with your password, email blake@northidahostatefair.com). Once logged in, below your information and to the right will be a button to click that says, "Give Auction Add-ons". Then you simply select the exhibitor you wish to give an addon and type in the amount and check out.

-Can I be invoiced/billed for payment?

Payment is due and is expected on the day of the sale. All buyers present at the sale must pick up a copy of their invoice from the clerks before leaving the sale. Payment may be made by cash, check, or credit card (a service fee will be assessed for credit card payments). Exceptions may be made on a case by case basis at the discretion of the YSSS Committee. Every buyer/supporter will be required to submit a signed buyer agreement stating they are responsible for any purchases and support money applied to the buyer number assigned to them. Please make checks payable to: Youth Stock Show and Sale (YSSS)

Program Definitions:

-4-H: 4-H is a youth agricultural education program for ages 8-18 as of January 1 each year.

-FFA: FFA is part of a holistic high school Agriculture Education program with exhibitors being local high school students.

-Independent: An independent exhibitor is limited to the ages 8-18 as of January 1 of the current calendar year and must live within Kootenai or Shoshone County. These exhibitors register their market and/or breeding entries in the Youth Stock Show and must meet all requirements of the YSSS Rules and Regulations.

-Youth Stock Show and Sale (YSSS): Ranked using the Danish system, the Youth Stock Show is how exhibitors will register and exhibit their market and breeding animals. Market exhibitors will be assumed to have the intent of selling, unless specified by a submitted Declaration of Intent to Exhibit Without Selling in which they'll show in a progress class and not be sold. All YSSS exhibitors must meet all requirements of the YSSS Rules and Regulations.

-Ribbon Placings:

- Purple – Highest quality; made finals
- Blue - High quality; very desirable carcass (little fat trim)
- Red - Average quality, good carcass (moderate fat trim)
- White - Fair quality, carcass may lack ideal finish, does not qualify to sell through the Stock Sale (may be over lean or over fat).