

# 2025-2026 4-H / FFA Auction Rules

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The word "Animal" in this section includes market steer, sheep, goats, swine, chickens, turkeys and rabbits.

*New rules & times are in bold, italic print.*

1. All animals that are not floored will be delivered to a Livestock Auction Committee designated location or approved processor of choice listed in the auction sale catalog by the buyer of the animal.
2. Participants will abide by the National Show Ring Code of Ethics and either the FFA or 4-H Code of Conduct. Violation of these rules may result in loss of sale order or expulsion from the auction. Participants agree to accept the decision of the auction committee.
3. An animal that receives a white award (ribbon) in its market class will not be eligible for sale in the auction. If an animal is condemned in the slaughter process, the seller will absorb the loss. Any dockage will be passed on to the seller.
4. All animals must be tagged and weighed at first weigh-ins at the designated time and place to be eligible to sell at the YCLA auction. No un-castrated animals excluding fowl and rabbits will be allowed for initial weigh in. All animals must be dehorned prior to initial weigh in, excluding goats.
5. All personal information is to be completed and turned in at initial weigh-in or tattooing and provide proof of enrollment/membership in 4H or FFA.
6. USDA requirements for withdrawal of feed additives and medications shall be followed.
7. Members of an immediate family may weigh in one additional shared animal to serve as a backup animal for that family's use.
8. If a tagged animal should lose its tag or if it should die, member must notify the Auction Committee General Chair as soon as possible.
9. All hardship cases, exceptions to the auction rules and grievances must be handled through the Yamhill County Livestock Association Auction Committee. Grievances regarding the adherence to auction rules must be brought in writing to the General Chair. The Committee will respond to grievances within seven days.
10. Animals will be weighed at designated times and locations established by the Auction Committee. Species times will be posted in the barns. No re-weighs during final weigh-in.
11. The Auction Committee has the right to refuse to allow any animal to sell that is considered unsafe or not receiving proper care. If an animal does not receive proper care before and after the auction, the seller will forfeit the floor price for their animal.
12. The member has possession of the animal until the winning bidder is determined during the auction. At that point, the animal becomes the possession of the auction committee, and the committee retains that possession until the animal is released to the buyer, floor buyer or processor.
13. At final weigh-in, a maximum of two (2) Market class animals or pens may be weighed-in per species.
14. All auction animals must be entered in a regular 4-H or FFA market class at the fair, and participants must abide by the rules of those specific organizations unless otherwise specified.
15. All members and animals must be groomed for the auction as they should appear in showmanship classes. This means appropriate attire for the 4-H or FFA member. FFA must wear official dress, 4H members must wear minimum standards of pants to ankle length, close toed shoes, cap sleeve shirts, no tees with graphics on them, and no exposed midribs.
16. The Auction Committee will deduct up to a 6% commission on the price of each animal or pen sold. All donations will be subject to up to 6% commission. Check-off program fees will also be deducted separate from the commission fee. If a check must be re-issued, a stop payment fee will be charged.
17. Buyer Thank You Cards must be turned into the auction office by 5:00pm on the first day of the fair. Failure to do so results in removal from the auction.
18. 4-H and FFA members will be eligible to sell at auction through their high school graduation year.
19. The auction committee, in conjunction with the fair veterinarian, will ensure that all animals in the auction are of sound health prior to the sale. An animal will be withdrawn from the sale if found to be in an unhealthy state.
20. Members must show their own animal in the auction and the species the exhibitor takes through the sale must be the species they showed in showmanship. No exceptions unless approved in writing by Auction Committee.
21. Only one animal or pen per exhibitor will be sold. A member exhibiting more than one species of market animal must choose which species will go through the sale by Thursday at noon, or the decision will default to the auction committee. If an animal is champion or reserve champ, it must sell. In the event a member has multiple champion or reserve champion animal(s) then the next highest placed animal with an auction ear tag will move up. If exhibitors have only one species, then it will be the highest placed animal that will sell.
22. A member may withdraw their project animal(s) from the auction up to the time they enter the market class show ring, animal's ear tag must be removed prior to entering the show ring, no exceptions. Members withdrawing their animal(s) from auction after that will forfeit their rights to sell any animal in the auction.
23. In the event of a virtual auction additional virtual auction rules will be provided.
24. Failure to follow any rule could result in penalties that may include loss of sale order, forfeit of floor price, loss of opportunity to sell this year or in future auctions, or other penalties as may be deemed appropriate.
25. All auction exhibitors, along with a parent/guardian, and a club leader must attend one of the mandatory auction information meetings. Failure to attend one of the meetings will result in being ineligible to sell in the auction.

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### Market Steer Rules

1. All market steers must be weighed and tagged on *March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 8:00-10:00am* at Yamhill County Fairgrounds, 600-900 pounds is recommended weight.
2. At first weigh-ins, all steers will be haltered with lead ropes attached to the halter (rope halters preferred). Three steers maybe weighed per member.
3. Only beef steers may participate in the auction. Dairy or dairy cross animals are not eligible for sale.
4. Steers must be dehorned and castrated before initial tagging. (No solid horns) If banded, no mass will be hanging below the band. Steers must be fed in accordance with FDA regulations.
5. At fair, steers must weigh over 1100 lbs. and be graded Select or better by the judge to qualify for sale.
6. A maximum of 5 warts no larger than a dime will be allowed on market steers.
7. Brand certificates (blue C slip or blue auction sale paper) or proof of ownership must be turned in at initial weigh-in. Transportation slips are required at final weigh-in.

### Market Lamb Rules

1. All lambs must be weighed and tagged on *May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 6:00-8:00pm and May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 8:00-9:00am* at Yamhill County Fairgrounds.
2. No more than three lambs may be tagged per member.
3. Lambs that have been soaked for misrepresentation of weight will not be weighed.
4. At initial weigh-in, recommended weight is 70-80 lbs.
5. Wool may not be longer than 1/2 inch at time of final weigh-in and may be measured at the scales.
6. At Final Weigh-in, lambs must weigh at least 110 lbs. and be graded Choice or better by the judge to qualify for the sale.
7. Lamb checkoff program fees will be deducted from the sale of the animal in addition to the commission.

### Market Goat Rules

1. All goats must be weighed and tagged on *May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 6:00-8:00pm and May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 8:00-9:00am* at Yamhill County Fairgrounds.
2. No more than three goats may be tagged per member.
3. They must weigh at least 64 lbs. at final weigh-in. At Initial weigh-in, the recommended weight is 45-50 lbs.
4. All male goats must be castrated prior to initial weigh in.

### Market Rabbit Rules

1. Rabbits must be tattooed on *June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026 9:00-11:00am at the 4-H Extension office parking lot*. Please note: YCLA tattoos are not ARBA compliant.
2. Each member may weigh 4 fryers and choose 3 of them for 1 market pen OR can weigh 8 fryers and choose 6 of them for 2 pens.
3. Market rabbits must weigh between 3.5 to 5.5 pounds each. The rabbits must be less than 70 days of age at time of fair. All rabbits must be kindled on *May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026* or later.

### Market Hog Rules

1. Market hogs must be weighed and tagged on *April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 6:00-8:00pm and April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 8:00-9:00am* at the Yamhill County Fairgrounds. At initial weigh-in, the recommended weight is 55-105 lbs. Market hogs must not exceed 160 lbs. at initial weigh-in. Market hogs must weigh between *\*236-300\* lbs.* at final weigh-in and grade US No. 1 or No. 2 to be eligible for sale.
2. Three market hogs may be tagged per member.
3. Pork check-off program fees will be deducted from the sale of the animal in addition to the commission.
4. Processors require hogs have a minimum hair length of ½ inch except on ears and tails at time of sale.
5. Hogs are to be fed only commercial feeds and water after arrival at fairgrounds before final weigh-in. Animals must be clean before weigh-in, especially ear tags.

### Market Chicken Rules

1. No chicks can be hatched prior to *June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026*, when marked or examined by a committee member on *June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026 9:00-11:00am at the 4-H Extension office parking lot* and provide proof of purchase or age.
2. Each member may have up to 10 chicks marked.
3. Market chickens must be sold in broiler pens of 3 and exhibited in that class.
4. Broilers must weigh at least 5.5 pounds at time of final weigh in.
5. Subject to available pen space, market chicken exhibitors may be restricted to only one pen of 3 broilers after judging.

### Market Turkey Rules

1. No turkeys can be hatched prior to *March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026* when marked or examined by a committee member on *June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026 9:00-11:00am at the 4-H Extension office parking lot* and provide proof of purchase or age, to be eligible for sale.
2. Each member may have up to 4 turkeys.
3. Market toms must weigh at least 18 lbs., and hens must weigh at least 14 lbs. at final weigh-in. No turkey shall be over 19 weeks or over 35 lbs. live weight.
4. Each member may weigh in 2 turkeys of either sex at final weigh-in.
5. Only one (1) turkey per member may remain at the fair to be judged, which will be sold by the head.

### Mandatory Auction Class Information

*Class dates: February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 4:00pm at the Leslie Lewis Building, Yamhill County Fairgrounds and April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:30pm at the Leslie Lewis Building, Yamhill County Fairgrounds. Attendance to one class is mandatory to participate in the auction, no exception.*

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