

4-H & FFA JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION
Saturday, August 9, 2025 10am

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Purpose of the Junior Livestock Auction (JLA) Committee: The Junior Livestock Auction Committee provides a successful public sale for 4-H, FFA, and Grange Youth market projects having completed the specie requirements of their applicable department; providing our community the opportunity to purchase quality farm raised food while supporting Clark County youth and the agriculture education mission of the Friends of the Fair.

Roles and duties of the JLA Committee may be found in the Fair Board Directors' Handbook in the Clark County Fair office.

Pre and Final Weigh-In Dates:

All youth participating in the JLA shall be required to submit their animals to pre and final weigh ins at the prescribed date(s) and time(s).

Pre Weigh-In

Beef: February 1, 2025 at 8am
Swine: May 3, 2025 at 7am
Goat: June 7, 2025 at 9am
Sheep: June 7, 2025 at 9am

Final Weigh-In

Beef: August 6, 2025 at 7am
Swine: August 6, 2025 at 9:30am
Goat: August 6, 2025 at 10am
Sheep: August 6, 2025 at 1pm
Poultry: August 6, 2025 at 10am
Rabbit: August 6, 2025 at 9am

Weight and Grading Requirements:

To guarantee desired market quality; weight and grade requirements for each species are set and approved by the individual specie department. *Please refer to the 4-H/FFA/Grange Youth Exhibitor Guide for the complete specie classes and rules.*

The JLA committee will provide a weigh master and secondary scale reader to oversee each specie at each weigh-in. The authority of the weighmaster is endorsed by the Fair Manager. The scale reader may be an additional weighmaster as appointed by the JLA, a JLA specie representative, or a specie project superintendent or assistant superintendent. The weighmaster shall audibly call out the final scale reading of each animal. At final weigh-in; in the event that the animal does not meet the minimum weight or rate of gain requirements, the youth owner may challenge the call and re-weigh the animal. A challenge call must be made at the time of the weigh-in. Youth that fail to challenge the call and leave the weigh-in area, forfeit their right to challenge the call.

A youth may challenge the call one time.

Youth that request to have their animal re-weighed will comply with the following protocol:

- The youth shall exit the animal from the scale
- The weigh master shall zero the scale and verify that the scale has been zeroed by the attending secondary scale reader
- The youth shall immediately re-enter the animal to the scale
- The weighmaster shall call out and record the final weight.

At no time that an animal is to be re-weighed shall it exit the weigh-in area. Offering feed, liquids, or other material (internally or externally) that may influence the weight of the animal between the first weigh in and second weigh in is *strictly prohibited*.

At final weigh-in the Specie Representative will announce if the animal successfully made weight and/or rate of gain and qualifies to participate in the market class.

All animals not making weight or grade shall:

- Be disqualified from participation in the Auction
- Remain at the Fair and be eligible to compete in a feeder class.

Upon completion of the market show, the JLA specie representative shall set the sale order and submit the sale order to the JLA Sale Book Committee for publication.

Grievances or controversies arising out of individual specie requirements as outlined in the 4-H/FFA/Grange Youth Exhibitor Guide will be resolved at the department specie level. Issues connected to the JLA will be addressed by the JLA Committee. Any other issues will be resolved at the department and the respective youth organization level.

Youth exhibitors must follow the Code of Conduct for their respective youth program and adhere to the IAFE Code of Ethics. Unethical treatment of animals is not allowed and if observed will be reported to the specie representative, youth program specie superintendent, and the Fair Manager/CEO. The final decision on issues related to the Fair, including unethical treatment of animals and any disciplinary action is at the discretion of the Fair Manager/CEO.

Tagging Requirements:

All beef, swine, goat, and lamb intending to participate in the Auction shall receive an identification tag from the JLA at the pre-weigh in. The tag number shall be called out by the specie representative, or their designee, and recorded by the specie representative/designee and provided to the JLA superintendent.

In the event that an animal loses its identification number tag between the pre-weigh in and final weigh-in, the specie representative shall be immediately notified. A replacement tag will be provided by the JLA. This tag may be a blank that the specie representative will record the original tag number on. The specie representative is responsible for verifying that the animal to be re-tagged is the same animal that was recorded at the pre-weigh in. Verification of the animal may be completed by pre noted identification marks, tattoos, ear notches, secondary tag numbers, or other means as deemed acceptable by the specie representative. The JLA specie representative shall be the individual to re-tag the animal. Tags administered by a non-JLA committee member will not be considered acceptable.

Market Sale Requirements:

All youth participating in the sale must meet the specie qualifying rules found in the 4-H/FFA/Grange Youth Exhibitor Guide within the 4-H/FFA/Grange Youth Animal Species Divisions class.

This is a terminal sale. All animals sold at the Junior Livestock Auction must go from the Fairgrounds directly to a designated state-approved slaughter facility upon release by species representative as stated in the Sale Catalog. When a buyer wishes the animal processed for their own use, they will take possession of the carcass at the packing house. The cost of custom slaughter and wrapping is the responsibility of the buyer.

Each youth exhibitor is allowed to sell two (2) animals or units meeting final weight/grade requirements at time of final weigh-in and judging. If an exhibitor has more than two (2) animals or units of combined species, the youth must declare which two (2) animals or units will be entered in the market sale after completion of all market classes. The maximum number of animals or units an exhibitor may sell at auction will remain at two (2).

Each exhibitor must lead, drive, or carry their own livestock through the sale ring unless excused by his/her superintendent.

Animal health and feed records along with a market expense report (to include feed tags) must be provided to the species representative, fully complete, prior to the animal being judged and graded. Failure to complete/provide the records may disqualify the animal from the Junior Livestock Auction. Animal health and feed records shall be submitted to the JLA office for record retention. Animal health and feed records shall be retained for a minimum of 90 days after which time, the records may be destroyed.

Superintendents' official weigh-in records containing the exhibitor's name, animal ear tag number, pre-weigh-in (if applicable) and final weight will provide information for the sale book.

Sale Ring Rotation:

Order of sale will rotate each year between the species. All Best of Show Champions and Reserve Best of Show Champions will sell first in their respective species. Sale order for the Clark County Junior Livestock Auction for 2025 will be:

1. Poultry
2. Hogs
3. Beef
4. Goats
5. Lambs**
6. Rabbits

** Represents the Featured Species at the Buyers Buffet

Workings of the Sale:

Anyone wishing to purchase any of the market animals may do so by verbal bid. Payment in full is expected at conclusion of the auction. Outstanding buyer invoices will be charged at 1% per month fee on amounts not paid within 30 days of invoice. Failure to meet these terms may result in exclusion from future sales.

Animals must be owned by the youth exhibitor, and any profit realized will be that of the exhibitor.

Seller will be paid on the final live weight basis at weigh in for steers, hogs, and lambs, and on a per head basis for goats, poultry, and rabbits.

Buyers not wishing to keep the animal they purchase have two options:

- Option 1: The buyer may re-sell the animal to the support buyer at the published support base price. For this option: the buyer pays the difference between their bid and the base price. The support buyer then pays the base price and takes delivery of the animal.
- Option 2: The buyer may donate the animal to the Clark County Food Bank through the Youth Efforts Against Hunger (YEAH) program. For this option: the buyer pays the full bid price of the animal. The animal is then sent for processing.

The Youth exhibitor retains ownership and responsibility for the care and feeding of the animal(s) until released by the specie representative. The buyer takes possession of the meat/carcass at the packinghouse. Rabbits and poultry are delivered to buyers.

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Up to a five (5%) percent commission will be deducted from exhibitor checks. The JLA committee shall set the commission rate annually after the sale. Any other charges related to the sale of the animal may also be deducted.

Market Sale checks will be issued when sufficient funds are available in the Market Sale Account.