

2022 Bartholomew County 4-H Fair Livestock Auction - FAQs

Buyer / Bidder Frequently Asked Questions:

When is the 2022 auction?

Answer: The auction will be **Saturday, July 2, 2022 starting at 8:15am, preceded by a Buyer's breakfast at 7:30am.** You may contact the auction committee via phone, email, text or facebook message to receive an advance emailed copy or it will be posted by noon on Friday, July 1. You can register to be a buyer the morning of the auction.

How do I contact the 2022 auction committee?

Answer: Contact 4-H Livestock Auction Committee Chairman Rebecca Speaker at 812-350-1526 or rebeccaspeaker@sbcglobal.net, Andy Whiteside at 812-344-8044, Corey Jenkins at 812-343-8107 or Erica Hamilton-Jordan at 812-343-0463.

Who can support the in-person auction as a Buyer?

Answer: Any business or family can participate in the Auction by registering and obtaining a Buyers' Number.

How do I get a bidder number?

Answer: You can contact one of the auction committee members prior to the auction day or register the day of the auction.

What is the order of this year's auction?

Answer: The auction catalog will be organized as follows: Grand Champions, Swine, Poultry, Dairy Beef, Beef, Goats, Sheep, Rabbits

In 2022, what does my bid go towards? Can I purchase an animal for personal use or processing?

Answer: For this year's livestock auction, it will be premium only, with all of the winning bid going towards the 4-Her to help them cover their expenses and prepare for the future. However, buyers may work with the 4-Her to purchase the animal for personal use processing. For example, if you are the winning bidder at \$500 and do not want the animal, then you pay a flat \$500 to the auction committee (who will pay the 4-Her) while the 4-Her keeps the animal. However, if you want to take the animal, you will pay the auction committee the \$500, plus you will then negotiate with the 4-Her on the actual market purchase price and pay the 4-Her directly for the animal.

What are the terms of payment for the auction?

Answer: Payment in full is expected for all successful bids. This year, we will accept credit cards, as well as check and cash. An additional 3% credit card fee will be added to credit card payments. Invoices will be e-mailed as soon as possible after the auction, then mailed the following week. We ask that you make payments as promptly as possible so that we can pay the 4-Hers promptly.

How can I be a part of a multi-buyer group for an individual 4-H'er?

Answer: Buyers may combine to support a single 4-Her – but the Bartholomew County Fairboard will only bill 3 buyers per 4-H member. Consolidated purchases of more than three buyers must have a central way to bill and collect payments. If you plan to participate in a large group of people bidding to support an individual 4-H'er, you must create a separate bidder number for that group purchase with more than 3 buyers. One invoice will be sent to the person who created the bidder number.

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What if I cannot participate in the in-person Auction?

Answer: If you wish to have someone place a bid for you, contact the Auction Committee. Be sure to indicate which 4-H member you wish to bid on and how to contact you following the sale. Or you can make a general contribution to the Friends of 4-H.

How can I make a general contribution to the Bartholomew County 4-H Livestock Auction? What if I want to support but do not want to participate in the in-person auction?

Answer: The 4-H Auction Committee welcomes general contributions that can further support a 4-H'er's livestock auction final proceeds. Please complete a Friends of 4-H form (so that we have the correct name for advertising and address) and send with your check to Bartholomew County 4-H Livestock Sale, PO Box 342, Columbus, IN 47202 or bring it to the fair office or to the auction clerk desk before the auction starts. Checks should be made payable to: Bartholomew County 4-H Livestock Auction.

How will my family or business name be printed in next year's fairbook and the fair website?

Answer: If you make a donation to Friends of 4-H, you can list the family or business name on the Response form (available at the fair office, in the fairbook or posted on Bartholomewcountyfair.com website, under Sponsor, Livestock Sale.) If an in-person bidder, you will get a chance to see the name listed in the auction system when you sign in and receive your bidder card. Please note any changes on the bidder registration form. Please update the address information each year also.

If you have additional questions, please email us at rebeccaspeaker@sbcglobal.net or contact 4-H Livestock Auction Committee Chairman Rebecca Speaker at 812-350-1526, Andy Whiteside at 812-344-8044, Corey Jenkins at 812-343-8107 or Erica Hamilton-Jordan at 812-343-0463.