

2020 Bartholomew County 4-H Fair Livestock Auction - FAQs

Buyer / Bidder Frequently Asked Questions:

Who Can Bid/Buy?

Answer: Any business or family can participate in the Auction by registering and obtaining a Buyers' Number on the Mensendiek Auction website. Buyers may combine to make a single purchase – **but must register for a separate buyer number for the consolidated purchase.**

When is the 2020 auction?

Answer: Due to the COVID-19 situation and requirements set by Purdue Extension, the format of the 2020 Bartholomew County 4-H Livestock Auction will be totally online. Mensendiek Auction Service will be conducting our online auction at: <http://www.auctionsandrealstate.com/cgi-bin/mncal.cgi?mensendiek>. The online auction will be **Thursday, July 30, 2020 from 5 p.m. to Friday, July 31, around 8 p.m.** All bidding will occur online. The 2020 Bartholomew County Livestock Auction will be available for viewing by Tuesday, July 28. You may contact the auction committee via phone, text or facebook message to receive an advance emailed copy.

How do I get a bidder number?

Answer: In order to participate in the online auction, you must register for a bidder number with Mensendiek Auction Sales. For more information: <http://www.auctionsandrealstate.com/cgi-bin/mncal.cgi?mensendiek> and select any auction, then **Register to Bid.**

In 2020, what does my bid go towards? Can I purchase an animal for personal use or processing?

Answer: Any 4-H youth who showed their livestock in the 2020 Virtual Fair, is eligible to sell in the auction this year. For this year's livestock auction, there will not be an option to purchase any animal for personal use processing. This will be a premium only auction, with 100% of the winning bid going towards the 4-Her to help them cover their expenses and prepare for the future.

What is the order of this year's auction?

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

What time does the auction start?

Answer: The online auction will start **Thursday, July 30, 5 pm.** Bidders are recommended to put in maximum bids, which will "auto-bid" for them up to their maximum.

What time does the auction end?

Answer: Bidders are recommended to put in maximum bids, which will "auto-bid" for them up to their maximum. Bids are made in even dollar amounts and are bid for a total amount, not by the pound. If there is a bid in the last few seconds, the time for that individual 4-Her will be extended by 2 minutes to allow other buyers to counter bid. Otherwise, the auction will start closing at 5:45pm on Friday, July 31, with two "items" per minute closing. For example, Grand Champion Beef steer and Grand Champion Dairy Beef Steer will close at 5:45pm (assuming no last second bids). Then at 5:46pm, Grand Champion Sheep and Grand Champion Goat will close. This will continue for the next 90 minutes or so. (The times on the buyer letter are approximate times that the 4-Hers will be done within each species.) This phased closing will allow buyers to bid on later "items" if 4-Hers earlier in the sale receive higher bids than a buyer wants to spend.

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How will I know if my bid was the final bid for purchase?

Answer: When you register as a bidder, you will be required to provide an email address. During the open bidding time, anytime your bid is outbid by another bidder, you will be notified immediately via your email. If you have put in a maximum, the system will auto-bid for you. At the end of the auction, if you were successful with your final bid you will receive an email indicating this information.

What are the terms of payment for the auction?

Answer: Payment in full is expected for all successful bids. As usual, only cash or check will be accepted for the auction; sorry, we do not have the capability for 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: If you plan to participate in a large group of people planning to bid on and buy an individual 4-H'er's animal, **you must create a separate bidder number for that group purchase.** Unlike an in-person auction, we cannot have two buyers "win" the same bid. One invoice will be sent to the person who created the bidder number. Alternatively, in 2020 only, you can also send a check for an individual 4-Her directly to the Friends of 4-H address, Barth. Co. 4-H Livestock Sale, PO Box 342, Columbus, IN 47202.

Is my information submitted to Mensendiek Auction secure?

Answer: The registration process has several security checks within the process to ensure your information remain secure.

What if I cannot participate in the online Auction?

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 or targeted contribution to the Friends of 4-H. For 2020, you can also direct your Friends of 4-H donation to an individual 4-Her if you don't want to participate in the online auction or want to add to what the 4-Her receives from the online auction.

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 online 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 (name for advertising and address) and send with your check to Bartholomew County 4-H Livestock Sale, PO Box 342, Columbus, IN 47202. 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?

If you make a general or targeted donation to Friends of 4-H, you can list the family or business name on the Response form (from the July buyer letter.) If only an online bidder, the auction committee will contact you to confirm the preferred name for advertising.

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, Nathan Downey at 812-371-8461 or Zach Morey at 812-350-6191.