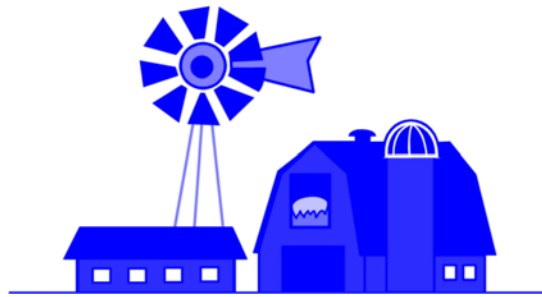


PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND ADVANCEMENTS



MARKET ANIMAL PROGRAM

The guidelines on this form provide the information needed to complete all phases of the market animal program. Following this schedule should provide you the information needed to be prepared for all parts of the Auction Animal Program provided by the Coos Youth Auction Committee.

Animal Age: Make certain that your animal meets the following criteria.

1. Steers will not be more than 24 months old at the time of the county fair show and sale.
2. Lambs will be born in the current year.
3. Pigs will be born in the current year. Pigs born after February first are preferred.
4. Goats must be under one year of age, still have milk teeth with no break in the gums.
5. Rabbits must be less than 77 days old on weigh-in day at the county fair.
6. Chickens must be less than 56 days old on weigh-in day at the county fair.

These guidelines help ensure that a quality animal will be provided to the buyer, and your help is needed to meet these guidelines.

Paper Work: **Pre-Fair Weigh-In Report:** The report from the pre-fair weigh-in is due three weeks from the weigh-in or identification date. Failure to return this completed form on time may exclude you from the auction project. A sample of this report is included in this book.

Feed & Growth Record: This form is to be used to record all information about your market animal project from the pre-fair weigh-in through the sale at the fair. This record should be included with your 4-H or FFA forms. 4-H members should have this form in their record book with their 4-H notes, permanent record and other annual records. A sample of this form is included in this book.

Weight Gain Record: This 1/2 sheet report is to be deposited into the auction drop box on the day of the weigh-in at the fair (Tuesday). This report provides the superintendent with your record of the animal's average daily gain from pre-fair to fairtime weighing and indicates the final weight of the project animal. Your responsibility in completing this form and returning it the day of the weigh-in at the fair will indicate your interest in this project. A sample of this form is included in this book.

Sale Animal Entry Form: This 1/2 sheet report is to be deposited into the auction drop box after all Auction classes at the fair (Wednesday). This report provides the superintendent with your record of the animal entering the sale.

Commentary Card: This 1/2 sheet report is to be deposited into the auction drop box by Thursday to provide information about you to be read at the sale.

Market Animal Summary: This form will be provided in your packet at the county fair. If you sold an animal in the auction you will need to complete and return this form to the Extension Office by August 10th. The return of this form will activate the writing of your payment check.

- Animal Health:** It is your responsibility to follow the health guidelines in the front of the 4-H and FFA Fair Books, and to be aware of the withdrawal dates for any wormers, vaccines, antibiotics or other medications given your market animals. The continuation of a positive auction program is the responsibility of the members raising animals to sell.
- Animal Weight:** The following gains and minimum weights will be used as the criteria for entering the auction animal class. Animals not meeting these standards will be shown in a market or feeder class.
- Steers: 1000 lb. minimum, 3 pounds gain per day
 - Lambs: 115 lb. minimum, .50 pounds gain per day
 - Goats: 85 lb. minimum, .25 pounds gain per day
 - Hogs: 230 lb. minimum, 300 lb. maximum, 1.5 pound gain per day from pre-fair to county fair weigh-in
 - Rabbits: 4.5 pound minimum per rabbit
 - Poultry: 5.5 pound minimum per chicken
- Showmanship:** Each person enrolled in an animal science project is required to participate in the showmanship contest during fair. It is expected that each member participating in the market program will be a part of the showmanship contest in the project area of the market animal.
- Livestock Judging:** Each participant is required to participate in the livestock judging contest held during the county fair. Participants are encouraged to attend clinics and practices provided during the project year. Failure to complete the judging contest will result in a No Sale. Small Animal members must complete the small animal contest. The judging contest includes one class of oral reasons.
- Auction:** Each participant is to be prepared to enter the sale ring in the order scheduled by the lot drawings and announced by the department superintendents. Failure to be prepared to enter the sale arena will result in a No Sale for your animal.
- Ownership:** Each participant releases ownership of their project animal at the time of sale. Sold animals are not eligible for continued participation in the 4-H or FFA program.
- Transportation:** All large animals sold in the auction project sale will be offered the option of transport to a processor. Back up animals, Family back up animals, and animals sold during the fair, can be transported if the proper arrangements are made with the department superintendent and if the animal has an ear tag in place for identification.
- Payment:** Payment will be made by the Coos Youth Auction Committee, beginning at the September Auction meeting, to those participants who have submitted summary reports, thank you cards and all additional fair forms.
- Questions:** Contact the OSU Extension Office:
- Department Superintendents:
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| Fred Messerle, Beef | Kaarina Scolari, Sheep and Goats |
| Jane Kennedy, Swine | TBA, Poultry |
| Dawn Panda, Rabbit | |

4-H/FFA AUCTION PROJECT ADVANCEMENT

Junior Level

Completion of the following activities will assist you in becoming aware of the animal auction program, and help you prepare to select, feed, manage, and exhibit a top-quality meat animal. Discuss the answer to each question with your 4-H leader, and have them initial when you complete the discussion.

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| 1. What are the four types of livestock and two types of small animals which can be entered in the auction project? | _____ |
| 2. How many years of 4-H must you complete before entering the auction project? | _____ |
| 3. List three projects that you can enter in order to meet the first year qualification for the auction project. | _____ |
| 4. What should the approximate weight be for a steer that is being weighed in at the pre-fair weigh-in? | _____ |
| 5. What should the approximate weight be for a lamb that is being weighed in at the spring weigh-in? | _____ |
| 6. What should the approximate weight be for a pig that is being weighed in at the spring weigh-in? | _____ |
| 7. What should the approximate weight be for a goat that is being weighed in at the spring weigh-in? | _____ |
| 8. What would you feed a steer that is being fed for the auction? | _____ |
| 9. What would you feed a pig that is being fed for the auction? | _____ |
| 10. What would you feed a lamb that is being fed for the auction? | _____ |
| 11. What would you feed a goat that is being fed for the auction? | _____ |
| 12. Which of the four would be the least expensive to feed? | _____ |
| 13. What is the average cost of 50 pounds of feed grain? | _____ |
| 14. If an auction animal needs a vaccination or antibiotic injection, where should it be given? | _____ |
| 15. Why should the pen and feeder for your auction animal be cleaned regularly? | _____ |
| 16. What are two signs that your auction animal may not be feeling well? | _____ |
| 17. What should you tell a veterinarian about your project animal, if it needs treatment? | _____ |
| 18. What is the least that a steer, lamb, goat and hog can weigh, and be in the sale? | _____ |
| 19. Why aren't rabbits and chickens weighed when the lambs, goats and pigs are weighed? | _____ |
| 20. How are chickens identified as auction pen animals? | _____ |
| 21. How are rabbits identified as auction pen animals? | _____ |
| 22. How many rabbits or chickens are in an auction pen? | _____ |

Date Completed: _____

Leader Signature: _____

4-H/FFA AUCTION PROJECT ADVANCEMENT Intermediate Level

Completion of the following questions and activities will assist the member in producing a top-quality meat animal for the auction program. Members should discuss the answers to these questions with their leader, and the leader should initial that the discussion has been held.

- | | <u>Ldr. Initial</u> |
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| 1. If you have not completed all of the questions in the Junior Level Advancement, discuss those questions with your leader. | _____ |
| 2. When you purchase an animal for the auction program, and begin to feed the animal, on what date should you begin recording the expenses? | _____ |
| 3. If you own the mother of your auction animal, at what date would you determine the beginning value of your project animal? | _____ |
| 4. If you purchase an animal 30 days before the pre-fair weigh-in, what price do you use as the beginning value? | _____ |
| 5. What vaccine is given lambs, goats and steers to prevent clostridial diseases? | _____ |
| 6. What is one of the most important conformation traits to look for in any of the auction project animals being selected? | _____ |
| 7. Why is it important to know something about the various breeds of livestock before you begin to select an animal? | _____ |
| 8. How can raising two auction animals together be beneficial? | _____ |
| 9. What are two reasons why you should not raise two or more auction animals together? | _____ |
| 10. Why are auction animals required to be kept in showmanship condition throughout the fair? | _____ |
| 11. What is the average weight loss that a (steer, goat, lamb, hog) might experience during the ride to the fair? | _____ |
| 12. What are two common reasons for diarrhea in a market animal? | _____ |
| 13. Which three species of auction animals need trace minerals? | _____ |
| 14. What would the profit be from the following lamb? | _____ |
| Purchase Price: \$70 Sale Wt: 115 pounds | |
| Feed Cost: \$75 Sale Price: \$3.00 per lb. | |
| Health Care: \$4 Commission: 3% of gross | |
| 15. What is one type of external parasite that could be found on each variety of auction animal (sheep, goat, beef, swine)? | _____ |
| 16. What type of dewormer treats both internal and external parasites? | _____ |
| 17. What is the goal of the Meat Quality Assurance Program? | _____ |
| 18. Why is a commission deducted from the sale price of each animal? | _____ |
| 19. What is the purpose of the Feed and Growth Record? | _____ |
| 20. Why is it a good practice to provide exercise for auction animals? | _____ |

Date Completed: _____

Leader Signature: _____

4-H/FFA AUCTION PROJECT ADVANCEMENT Senior Level

The completion of the following questions and activities will assist the member in producing a top-quality meat animal for the auction program. Each question should be discussed with the 4-H leader, and the leader should initial each question following the discussion.

- | | <u>Ldr. Initial</u> |
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| 1. How can you locate individuals who have quality auction program animals for sale? | _____ |
| 2. Why is the age of the animal at purchase of interest to you? | _____ |
| 3. What questions should you ask the producer of the animal at the time of purchase? | _____ |
| 4. What options do you have for securing money to purchase an auction animal? | _____ |
| 5. What is the best time of year to be shopping for a steer, goat, pig, or lamb? | _____ |
| 6. What parts of the auction animal project are similar to the skills used by ranchers to produce animals for sale? | _____ |
| 7. What is an average profit that could be earned by a 4-H member who raised 8 successful steers? 8 successful lambs? 8 successful pigs? or 8 successful goats in the auction program? | _____ |
| 8. What is the difference in having a steer that grades Select, and one that grades Prime? | _____ |
| 9. What are the health problems that will restrict entry of hogs, sheep, goats and steers into the fair? | _____ |
| 10. Compose a letter that you would send to a potential buyer. | _____ |
| 11. Send letters to three potential buyers. | _____ |
| 12. What is the difference in income from the sale of a 1100 lb. steer, if you receive \$2.60 rather than \$2.45 per pound? | _____ |
| 13. What can you do to improve your auction exhibit at the county fair, and attract buyers to your animal? | _____ |
| 14. Assist at least one younger member in your club with their auction animal project. | _____ |
| 15. Participate in the county livestock judging contest. | _____ |
| 16. Attend at least one livestock health workshop during the year. | _____ |
| 17. List the percentage of meat expected from a well fed lamb, goat, steer and hog. (identified as the yield of the carcass) | _____ |
| 18. Visit a slaughter house and have one of the butchers explain the grade and yield figures on several carcasses. | _____ |
| 19. What is the average market price for a market chicken? | _____ |
| 20. What is the average weight of a fryer rabbit? | _____ |

Date Completed: _____

Leader Signature: _____