

What are my options for buying at the Livingston County 4-H Livestock Auction?

The buyer is responsible for paying the processor directly for the cost of cutting and wrapping. This cost is in addition to the purchase price.

1. Straight Forward Purchase

This is the most common way individuals or businesses can support the auction. With a straight forward purchase, the highest bidder commits to purchasing the animal and paying in full. At this time, you will need to decide where you want your animal shipped to be processed (cutting and wrapping). A list of available processors is included in this packet. Also included in this packet is information on how much meat you can expect to receive from your animal. This is an excellent option to fill your freezer with high quality locally grown meat.

2. Find a friend or associate to split the animal

Many individuals do not have the financial means or freezer capacity for a whole carcass. In this case, you may find someone to split your beef, hog, or lamb with. This is done more often with beef. Information is provided in this packet that provides an estimate of how much meat you can anticipate from your purchased animal. In this situation, one of the partners will need to represent the group during the bidding process.

3. Alternatives for a purchase on behalf of a business

Businesses can benefit from involvement in the sale in several ways. The purchase of an animal in the sale will entitle you to the publicity that is outlined in this packet. The following is a list of suggested ways to use the meat from the 4-H Livestock Auction to benefit your business:

- a. Businesses are always looking for creative ways to recognize and attract high quality employees. Meat makes an excellent fringe benefit to employees.
 - b. The meat can be used for company parties and gatherings.
 - c. The meat can be donated to food pantries or other worthy causes.
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4. Not interested in the meat? No problem!

Many individuals and businesses enjoy the opportunity to support the 4-H Livestock Auction, but find it too complicated to handle the meat. These individuals and businesses are welcome to re-sell their lot through a pre-arranged auction facility coordinated by the Livingston County 4-H Program. Individuals and business will be reimbursed at a later date for the animal at market price.