

DEPARTMENT – SALE– Livestock Sale

SALE COMMITTEE: The Sale Committee members and contact information are attached.

The Great Frederick Fair (GFF) Youth Livestock Sale –

Saturday, September 23, 2023

Turkey & Rabbits: 10 AM start time, then immediately following,

Beef, Sheep, Swine & Goats: Approximately 12 Noon

RULES AND REGULATIONS – Livestock Sale

1. The Livestock Sale Committee functions as a sub-committee of The GFF Board and will maintain separate accounting procedures. A final financial report regarding the Livestock Sale will be presented to the Fair Board (to be submitted to the Fair Board's records for Internal Revenue Service reporting procedures) at their October meeting.
2. The Sale Committee is a "not for profit" committee providing an opportunity for Frederick County youth to sell their animals, sponsored by the GFF Board. Proceeds from the sale are used to off-set expenses incurred by the species represented in the Livestock Sale (such as judges, advertising, hauling, photos, buyer's recognition, technology, livestock pens, etc.)
3. *The Sale Committee consists of the GFF Board Livestock Committee and representatives from each species.*
4. Only animals that were exhibited in their respective shows may sell.
5. Exhibitors may nominate only one of each species for the sale. {****An exhibitor may choose to sell 2 different species of Beef, Sheep, Swine and/or Goat. And 1 of each small species. (Turkey, Rabbit)}
6. Exhibitors may only sell in one County Youth Livestock Sale regardless of organization affiliation.
7. YOU WILL QUALIFY FOR THE GFF LIVESTOCK SALE:
(If All Requirements are met for your Livestock Market Project)
 - a. Must be enrolled in a 4-H or FFA Livestock Project, *or a participant in The GFF Livestock Youth Programming workshops and project records.*
(Exhibitors may be no older than 18, age as of January 1st of the current year)
 - b. Animal was nominated by the exhibitor through their respective market show.
 - c. Meet the following minimum/maximum weights at the initial weighing time.

THERE WILL BE NO RE-WEIGHS TO MAKE SALE WEIGHT!

LIVESTOCK ANIMAL	FAIR WEIGH DATES	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Beef Steers	Sunday, Sept. 17	1,100 lb.	1,500 lb.
Sheep	Saturday, Sept. 16	100 lb.	150 lb.
Swine	Tuesday, Sept. 19 & Wednesday, Sept. 20	235 lb.	300 lb.

Market Goats	Saturday, Sept. 16	60 lb.	No Max
Turkeys – Toms	Friday, Sept. 15	28 lb. (Toms)	No Max
Turkeys – Hens		20 lb. (Hens)	No Max
Rabbits – Meat Pens	Saturday, Sept. 16	10.5 lb.	16.5 lb.
Rabbits - Fryers		3.5 lb.	5.5 lb.
Rabbits - Roasters		5.5 lb.	9 lb.

- d. Animals must grade Choice or better by qualified individuals, as selected by the sale committee, at the time designated at orientation. **All decisions made by graders will be FINAL.** Grader, upon request, will give reasons for disqualification.
- e. All Youth members who exhibit a market livestock project at the 2023 GFF Fair were **required** to have submitted a 2022 4-H/FFA or GFF Project Record for each species exhibited, or a participant in The GFF Youth Livestock Programs (workshops and record keeping). Project record completeness will be determined by the 4-H Club, FFA Chapters and/or GFF Livestock Committee.
 - a. No Youth Project Record Books are required for first-year exhibitors except market breeding records for Bred & Owned Classes. **First-year exhibitors are defined as a 4-H or FFA member or GFF Youth Member exhibiting ANY livestock project for the first time in 2023.**

*Proof of Ownership deadlines:

Beef steers - Jan. 1

Sheep and Swine – June 1

Goats – Born after Jan. 1 of the current year, and owned by June 1

Turkeys – Must sign up by March 31 via email, to get turkeys from Southern States.

Rabbits – August 1

*Required Weigh In/Tag Dates: Jan. 7 – Steers; June 3 – Swine; June 5 – Sheep & Goats

8. Market swine weighing more than 140lbs at weigh-in on June 3rd will not be eligible to sell.
9. All species: Beef Steers, Market Sheep, Market Swine will be sold through this sale at fair week weigh-in weight (by the head). Market Goats, Rabbits, Poultry will be sold by the head.
10. All Youth exhibitors are encouraged to participate in all educational opportunities provided by the 4-H Clubs, FFA Chapters and GFF Youth Livestock Programming.
11. **For All Species Grand Champion MUST SELL** and Reserve Champion may elect to sell provided different exhibitors own them (Pending sale eligibility).
12. Exhibitors selling animals MUST wear show attire. No advertising hats, shirts, etc., will be allowed. *(unless GFF provides sponsorship apparel)*
13. It is the responsibility of EACH EXHIBITOR to be with their animals until that animal is sold. If the seller of his/her animal cannot be located at sale time, their sale position will be forfeited.
14. All exhibitors must be present in the sale ring. No substitutions of exhibitors unless approved by Sale Chairman.

15. **SALE ORDER:** Champions and reserve champion animals will be sold at a scheduled time. A random lottery drawn by exhibitors at weigh-ins will determine the remaining order.

BEEF, SHEEP, SWINE AND GOAT SALE ORDER: Species will be divided into groups and sold on a rotating order. Grand and reserve champions of each species will be sold *at a scheduled time*, {Total sale #s divided by 4 to create the groupings, then rotations of Swine, Sheep, Beef, Goats as follows: Rotations 1 & 2, Champions & Reserve Champions & Specialty Sale Animals (approximately 2:30 - 3 pm), Rotations 3 & 4}

16. A commission of 4% may be charged on all large breed sales (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat). A \$5 per lot commission may be charged on small breed sales (Turkey, Rabbit).

The Fair Sale committee continues to work hard to reduce the commission fee with sponsorship dollars.

17. Animals donated back become the responsibility of the Livestock Sale Committee. There will be no re-sales for Turkeys and Rabbits.

18. Approaching the buyer of your animal after the Sale to switch an animal he/she has purchased will not be allowed.

19. Each seller of beef may have the \$1 mandatory Check-Off deducted from each animal sold. This money, by law, is sent to the National Beef Council and is used to promote sales of beef on the retail level. (rate to change when advised by the National Beef Council at date of our sale)

20. If applicable, each seller of a market swine animal may have .004 of the sale price deducted from each animal sold for the Pork Check-Off. This money, by law, is sent to the National Pork Council and is used to promote sales of pork on the retail level. EXAMPLE: 250lb @ \$1 lb. = \$250 x .0040 = \$1.00. (rate to change when advised by the National Pork Council at date of our sale)

21. Additionally, the sellers of market sheep may have the Lamb Check-Off fee of .007 of the weight of the lamb. EXAMPLE: 110lb @ .007=\$0.77. (rate to change when advised by the Lamb Check of Council at date of our sale)

22. The GFF Livestock Sale Committee will not be responsible or liable for transport of any livestock to destinations other than animals which have been sold in the sale.

23. In the event that a carcass of a livestock-sale animal is tampered with or condemned by the USDA inspectors, within 5 days after processing, the buyer will be given a choice of a full refund of the sale price or replacement of an equal quality and weight animal of the respective species BY THE EXHIBITOR.

24. The Sale Committee reserves the right to test ANY or ALL animals for ANY or ALL tests that may be needed to resolve any issue or question The Sale Committee may have about a specific sale animal.

25. The Sale Committee will order banners for show night and sale night for the following species: Beef Steer, Market Lamb, Market Hog, Market Goat, Turkey, and Meat Rabbit Pen.

26. All Sale checks will be made out to the name of the exhibitor in which the animal was registered to at the time of weigh in for their species.

27. Sale Animals will not be released until Sunday morning unless approved by Sale Committee Chair due to special circumstances.

28. Due to possible ongoing/unforeseen processor delays, the exhibitor may have to take their animal home. The Exhibitor shall continue to care for the animal following the Quality Assurance Guidelines. The Exhibitor shall be responsible to produce the animal to the proper processor (Chosen by the Buyer) at the proper given time specified by the Livestock Sale Committee. *All turkeys entered into the sale will be processed prior to the sale and sold to the buyer as a processed product.*
29. **Any animal that is sold through the (GFF Fair) Livestock Sale is no longer eligible to be shown in a 4-H/FFA event in Maryland in that year. (Reference: GFF Code of Show Ring Ethics). This document was signed by each livestock exhibitor upon registering their animals to be tagged at weigh in. All exhibitors must follow the IAFE Show Ring Code of Ethics.**
30. **The Sale Committee reserves the right to ACCEPT or REJECT ANY ANIMAL in the Sale, and Place in any order of the Sale.**

BUYER's PREMIUM: A buyer's premium convenience fee will be charged for online auction bidding. A 3% fee will be applied to all transactions paying by credit card.

All Rules & Regulations are subject to changes made by the Livestock Sale Committee

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