**Fauquier County Livestock Show and Sale**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**How do I participate?**

Register for a bidder number the night of the sale in the sales office located beside the sale barn.

**Is there a Website where I can get more information on the Show and Sale?**

Fauquiershowandsale.org

**What is the auctioneer saying?**

The auctioneer is saying the price of the animal per pound.

**When and how do I pay?**

Payment is preferred that night only if they are buying the animal outright (i.e., not reselling). If you are reselling the animal the next day, we will send you a bill after the animal is resold. You will be responsible for the difference. You may pay by check or cash.

**I purchased an animal; do I have to take it home?**

No. If you purchased an animal you have three options. Option 1: You can resell the animal the next day at the Fauquier Livestock Exchange to recoup some of your expenses incurred on Monday night; or Option 2: You may decide that you would like the animal processed for personal consumption.

**If I decide to have the animal processed for personal consumption, what do I need to do?**

If you plan to purchase an animal for personal consumption, you will need to arrange for the pick-up and delivery of the animal before the sale. The animal must be removed from the Fauquier Fairgrounds the night of the sale. In addition, you will need to notify the office staff at the time of settlement of your intentions. That is, do I want to resell the animal the next day or have it processed for personal consumption?

**How do I determine which processing plant to use?**

Below are local providers. Again, please make arrangements with the processor of your choice prior to sale day, including hauling.

* Gore’s Slaughtering, Stephens City, 540/869-1029
* Fauquier’s Finest Country Butcher Shop, Bealeton, 540/439-7227
* Blue Ridge Meats, Front Royal, 540/636-6050
* Adams Custom Slaughter, Amissville, 540/937-2123
* D&M Meats, Edinburg, 540-477-4411

**I don’t know anything about ‘types of cuts’?**

Once you purchase the animal, contact your processor who will be more than glad to help you.

**Are there additional costs if I choose to have the animal processed?**

Yes, the local processing facility will charge a processing fee as well as a cutting and wrapping fee. Prices will vary depending on the species you purchase. You will need to check with the processor for prices.

**What percent of the animal will I receive back in product?**

Based on the live weight of the animal, you should receive about 60% of a steer, 70% of a hog, and 50% of a lamb in carcass weight. Please note that there will be additional weight reductions based on processing choice (i.e. % of boneless cuts, fat-trim, etc.)

**If I choose to resell the animal at the Fauquier Livestock Exchange, what will my net cost be?**

This will depend on the current market weight per pound.

**How are the proceeds used by the youth?**

In most cases, the proceeds are used to purchase next year’s project animal, and to pay future costs such as feed, vet bills, and supplies. Many youth who have participated multiple years use their profits towards college expenses.

**Can I donate proceeds to an exhibitor or scholarship?**

Yes. After the auction, you must talk to the office staff notify them that you would like to donate to that person or to the Susan P. Rucker scholarship.

**Why is there an extra animal sold at the end of the sale?**

Several years ago, the county lost a very special person and friend of 4-H, Sue Rucker. She was instrumental in making this program the success it is today. Each year a family donates an animal to be sold at the end of the sale. All proceeds go to the Susan P. Rucker Scholarship, which is used for those 4-Her’s continuing their education after high school graduation. You could be the sole purchaser of the animal or the auctioneer may stop the bidding and take donations. The auctioneer will usually take the last bid offered by two to three bidders and ask if they agree to “purchase” the animal at the price you bid. The animal will be resold the next day at the Fauquier Livestock Exchange.