

Fauquier County Livestock Show & Sale FAQ

How do I participate?

Buyers can begin registering at 5:00 pm at the Exhibit Building at the Fauquier Fairgrounds. The Buyer's Dinner begins at 5:30pm, with awards being presented at 6:45 pm and the sale starting at 7:00 pm in the Farm Bureau Barn.

Where is the Show & Sale held?

The Show & Sale is held at the Fauquier Fairgrounds at 6209 Old Auburn Rd, Warrenton, VA 20186. The sale is always held the first Monday in May.

Is there a website where I can get more information on the Show & Sale?

Fauquiershowandsale.org

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

No. If you purchased an animal you have three options.

Option 1: **Keep** - You may decide that you would like the animal processed for personal consumption.

Option 2: **Sell Back** - You can sell back the purchased animal to the "floor". This year we will be purchasing many of the "floored" animals with a grant from the PATH Foundation. They will be butchered and donated to local food pantries. Any extra "floored" animals will resell the next day at the Fauquier Livestock Exchange to recoup some of your expenses incurred on Monday night.

Option 3: **Donate** the animal to the Food Bank Project. We have funds through local granting agencies to process these animals and donate to local food banks in the area. Since 2020 we've donate 11,000 lbs of meat!

If I choose to resell the animal, what will my net cost be?

This will depend on the current market weight per pound.

When and how do I pay?

Payment is preferred the night of the sale and you may pay by check or cash. If you are not prepared to pay the night of, we will mail an invoice to you for payment within 30 days.

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

If you are the winning bidder on an animal, you will need to indicate what you would like to do with that animal; have it processed, donate it, or sell it back to the floor. We have some slaughter slots at Fauquier's Finest and Adam's Custom Slaughter available for you. You **MUST** complete a cut sheet the night of the sale, the animal will be transported to the slaughterhouse for you. You will be contacted directly by the slaughterhouse to pick up your meat.

Can I choose my own Slaughterhouse?

Most local Slaughterhouses are booked through 2025 already, and we have secured enough slots for all of the animals in our Show & Sale at several different local processors. We will do our best to accommodate requests for slots, but they are first come first serve.

I don't know anything about 'types of cuts'?

Once you purchase the animal you will be required to leave a cut sheet with us for the slaughterhouse. These cut sheets are required to be with the animals when they are delivered to the slaughterhouse. Someone in our office can help you with questions regarding the cut sheet, but we ask that you do some research and planning in preparation for filling out the cutsheet before you come to the sale. We also will have standard cut sheets available for you to use if you do not have special requests.

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.)

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 exhibitors 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 and notify them that you would like to donate to that exhibitor 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 Show & Sale 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 exhibitors 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 is generally resold the next day at the Fauquier Livestock Exchange with the proceeds going towards the scholarship fund.