

Bond County Youth Livestock Auction Guidelines

- 1.) The Bond County Youth Livestock Committee will sponsor the Bond County 4-H Auction.
- 2.) The auction is an optional activity and participation is voluntary and a privilege.
- 3.) Commissions will be charged on all lots that are sold to cover the costs of advertising, auction photographs, thank-you plaques, etc. The commission fees are as follows:
 - a. Steers: 3.0% or a flat fee of \$25, whichever is greater.
 - b. Barrows, Dairy products, Sheep wethers, Goat wethers, Rabbits and Poultry: 5.5% or a flat fee of \$25, whichever is greater.
- 4.) The auction participant **must** exhibit their animal at the Bond County 4-H show and at the auction. Any exceptions must be approved in advance by the 4-H program coordinator and auction committee.
- 5.) Participants must follow the rules established for the 4-H show and auction eligibility. 4-H members must attend a minimum of four 4-H meetings and give a speech or demonstration during one of those meetings. The auction participants meeting attendance and speech/demonstration requirements must be verified by the 4-H club leader or the Bond County 4-H Extension Program Coordinator.
- 6.) **This enrollment form must be received at the 4-H Extension office no later than June 15.**
- 7.) The committee will provide auction flyers, and promotional information prior to the auction. Participants will be expected to distribute this information to potential buyers and politely invite them to attend the auction. These flyers will be available by June 1 and may be picked up at the 4-H Extension Office or at the AITC/SWCD office at 1111 E. Harris Ave. or available for download at www.bondswcd.org. The auction program and sale order will also be made available on the website the day of the auction. Auction results will also be posted online.
- 8.) The participant is responsible for the care, feeding, watering and well-being of his/her animal at all times, especially while the animal is on the fairgrounds. Auction participants who mistreat or neglect their animals will be asked to remove the animals from the fairgrounds and will not be allowed to sell.
- 9.) Any animal posing physical danger or health risks to other animals or humans will be asked to be removed from the fairgrounds and will not be allowed to sell.
- 10.) Participants may only sell one animal or product.
- 11.) Auction participants must adhere to the Bond County 4-H deadlines regarding ownership, identification, tagging & weigh-in. Contact the 4-H Office to verify current dates & deadlines.
- 12.) The auction will always begin with steers. The rest of the species sell in a yearly rotation. The order for 2020 is steers, sheep wethers, barrows, poultry, rabbits, milk and goat wethers.
- 13.) The grand champion of the species will sell first. The rate of gain champion will sell second, then the reserve champion. In swine, if the class winner is not in the top three, that animal will sell in the third or fourth slot. The remaining animals/products will sell by drawing lots.
- 14.) Barrows, steers and sheep wethers will be sold on a per pound basis. Poultry, rabbits, dairy and goat wethers will be sold per unit.
- 15.) Conditions of Animals eligible for sale:
 - a. Barrows: must have a minimum weight of 220 lbs. There will be no maximum weight to determine eligibility, but the maximum payment weight will be 280 lbs.

- b. Steers: must weigh a minimum of 900 lbs. and will be sold at actual scale weight.
 - c. Sheep Wethers: must weigh a minimum of 85 lbs.
 - d. Rabbits: Pen of three must strive for uniformity in color, size and composition. Rabbits must be 10-12 weeks old at time of show and weigh 3.5-5.5 lbs. each.
 - e. Poultry must be of market quality and can be a combination of:
 - i. Pen of 3 Fryer chickens – cockerels or pullets weighing 4 lbs. or less each; Pen of 3 Roaster chickens – cockerels or pullets weighing 4-8 lbs. each;
 - ii. A pair of turkeys, a pair of ducks, a pair of geese or a pair of guineas – hatched during 2018 & of the same sex
 - f. Dairy: Exhibitors are allowed to sell certificates and baskets for the products produced by their species.
 - g. Goat Wether: **Meat goats only** will be sold and they will be sold per unit. Goats must have been born after October 1.
- 16.) Due to safety reasons, exhibitors leading or driving an animal through the sale ring cannot bring other commodities into the sale ring. Exhibitors need to concentrate on controlling their animal. It is permissible to give the buyer other commodities once your animal is through the ring.
 - 17.) Participants with small species/products are allowed to bring commodities into the ring in order to enhance their product. The products must either be carried by the seller or presented on the table provided.
 - 18.) If the participant wishes to retain show rights, this must be reported at weigh-in or immediately after the show. The participant must indicate a date that the animal will be delivered to the buyer's choice of destination. This enables the buyer to know when he will have possession of the animal.
 - 19.) Participants will clarify sale or no sale of the animal at the weigh-in. Commission will be assessed on all animals/products that go through the sale ring.
 - 20.) Following the auction, if an animal is to be substituted because of lameness, death, reserving show rights, or other circumstances, the auction committee must be notified and must be satisfied with the arrangements made between the buyer and seller. Should the substitution not be possible, the check is to be returned to the buyer.
 - 21.) **If a buyer purchases a steer, barrow or sheep wether, they will have the option to "sell" that market animal at the current advertised market price. That price per pound (for the full animal weight) will be deducted from the 4-H members check and paid to the buyer. The 4-H member would receive the balance after commissions and the market price are deducted. The 4-H member would retain ownership of the animal.**
 - 22.) Appropriate attire and personal appearance is required for participation in the auction.
 - 23.) After each lot sells, a photograph will be taken of the seller, buyer and animal/product for use in advertising and promotion of the auction. By agreeing to participate in the auction you are agreeing to the use of these photographs and your likeness in those promotional materials which may include but are not limited to the following media types: newspapers, flyers, internet, etc.
 - 24.) The auction participant is responsible for making arrangements with the buyer for the delivery of the animal/products.

- 25.) The auction participant is responsible for delivering the animal to the destination of the buyer's choosing. The animal must be delivered in good health. Poultry and rabbit buyers are responsible for making their own processing arrangements.
- 26.) The animal must be eligible for slaughter the day of the auction. Veterinarian slips with withdrawal dates will be accepted.
- 27.) A thank-you plaque will be provided for the auction participant to deliver to their buyer. With this plaque a delivery verification card will be provided. The buyer must sign this card verifying they received their plaque and the disposition of the animal/product met their approval.
- 28.) The plaques will be available on Sept. 1 and can be picked up at the Bond County 4-H Extension Office.
- 29.) Buyer Satisfaction cards must be returned by November 1. In the event, the 4-H member has not returned their buyer card by Nov. 1, the 4-H member may not be eligible for the auction the following year.
- 30.) The checks will be mailed to the auction participants upon return of the buyer satisfaction card. The checks will be made to the 4-H member and will be sent to the address provided on their enrollment form.