

Livestock & Animal Auction Rules and Regulations

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

SALE ELIGIBILITY

1. All livestock exhibitors should read over and become familiar with the Livestock Handbook.
2. All animals must be in the exhibitor's possession by weigh-in or tagging date.
 - a. All beef, sheep and swine must have an identification tag in the ear at the time of entry in the Green Lake County Fair.
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 - a. **ANY** animals that are not properly cared for prior to the auction will not be sold.
 - b. **ANY** animals that are not properly cared for after the auction will disqualify the exhibitor from the sale for the following year. Documentation will be signed by Superintendent, exhibitor and parent/guardian.
4. The exhibitor, parent/guardian or club leader will receive **ONE** warning from the superintendent about providing proper care for animals. If the exhibit care does not improve to an acceptable level, the Superintendent, Youth Exhibit Committee, and/or Fair Committee will enforce rules 3A and 3B.
5. All General Rules and Regulations covering the Green Lake County Fair apply to all animal exhibits. These rules are published in the Green Lake County Fair Premium Book. It is the **EXHIBITOR'S** responsibility to know and follow these rules.
6. Exhibitors may sell a maximum of two (2) species at the Green Lake County Fair Livestock Auction. Exhibitor may sell:
 - *1 (one) dairy lot
 - *1 (one) beef animal
 - *1 (one) lamb
 - *1 (one) barrow
 - *1 (one) market class entry of poultry
 - *1 (one) market class entry of rabbits

**Other regulations apply! Exhibitors must follow the specific guidelines, rules and regulations for each species, listed in the Green Lake County Fair Premium Book.*
7. All exhibitors selling an animal at the Green Lake County Fair Auction **MUST** be present in the ring, at the sale. If an exhibitor wishes to be absent at the sale, he/she must receive permission from the Livestock Council.
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 - a. The Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Beef, Sheep and Swine **MUST SELL**. If an exhibitor wins both the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in the same species, the **GRAND CHAMPION** must sell at the auction.
 - b. All species of livestock sold at the Green Lake County Fair become property of the buyer. The buyer can agree to allow youth to show at the State Fair. (Voted/Passed 3/6/95).
 - c. Any one exhibitor may sell only one market class entry of poultry and rabbits at auction.
9. Each exhibitor selling an animal at the Green Lake County Fair Livestock Auction will pay a commission to cover sale expenses and buyer recognition. The sale fee will be deducted from the sale check. A \$5.00/lot deduction will also be made payable to the Green Lake County Fair Committee. Commission rates:
 - *Beef-2%
 - *Sheep-4%
 - *Swine-4%
 - *Poultry-8%
 - *Rabbits-8%
 - *Dairy-5%
10. **Livestock Sale Requirements**
 - a. Weight requirements: Steers, Market Barrows and Market Sheep (Ewe or Wether) must meet the minimum weight requirements in order to be sold. Exhibitors will only be paid up to a maximum weight of **280 pounds for barrows, 160 pounds for wethers/ewes, 1,500 pounds for crossbred steers and 1,700 pounds for dairy steers** sold at the Green Lake County Livestock Auction.
 - 1) Steers: Dairy steers must weigh over **1,100 pounds**; Beef and Crossbred steers must weigh over **1,000 pounds**.
 - 2) Barrows must weigh over **230 pounds and not exceed 325 pounds** to sell.
 - 3) Wethers/ewes must weigh over **110 pounds** to sell.

11. **Animal Release and Marketing**

Animals and/or their parent/guardian must be present to identify and insure that all animals are sent to the right place. If no one is present by 5:00 pm on Sunday to identify their animals or the place they are to be sent, the Livestock Council will send the animals to Equity.

12. **Animal Weigh-In Rules**

- a. All animals will be on the scale one time.
- b. No animals will be re-weighed if they don't make weight.
- c. Exhibitors attempting to add more weight by weighing wet, unclipped, dirty, or other artificial weight to their animals will not be weighed.
- d. Animals must be weighed-in during the times specified. If the animal is not present during specified times, it will not be weighed or allowed into the fair.
- e. The scale will close at posted times.
- f. Clean, legible animal identification tags.

13. **Problems with Rules**

- a. If you have a problem with the enforcement or interpretation of an Auction rule, write out an explanation of your complaint. The complaint must be filed within 12 hours of the problem with the Livestock Council Board of Directors. The complaint will be reviewed and a decision made by the Livestock Council Board of Directors.

14. The exhibitor must sign up for a responsibility for the Livestock Auction to be eligible for the auction.

RATE OF GAIN CONTEST AND SALE GUIDELINES

1. All barrows and lambs must in the exhibitor's possession by weigh-in or tagging date.
2. Exhibitor must bring all sheep and swine for initial weigh-in and tagging to be held the last Sunday in April at 1:00 p.m. at the Green Lake County Fairgrounds. Barrows and lambs weighing more than 70 pounds at April weigh-in will be tagged for show but not eligible for Rate-of-Gain contest. Rate of Gain Champion will be selected for sheep and swine that have the highest rate of gain per day.

SALE ETIQUETTE

It is not the responsibility of anyone to buy an animal at the auction, but it is a privilege for the exhibitor to have someone buy it. With that in mind, exhibitors should never **harass, complain or jeopardize** a potential buyer in any way. It is also the exhibitor's responsibility to thank the person or business who purchased their animal. A personalized thank you note to livestock buyers is appropriate. Many times exhibitors ask people to purchase their livestock at the auction. This practice is okay, but caution must be taken. Keep the following points in mind:

- Never jeopardize a friendship during the auction
- ALWAYS be courteous to bidders for attending the auction and they may purchase animals in the future.

Auction Services

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