

# **4-H AND FFA AUCTION RULES**

## **EXHIBITORS**

1. All 4-H and FFA members currently enrolled in an Oregon 4-H or Agriculture livestock project are eligible to enter the EOLS Junior Auction classes.
2. Potential exhibitors must pre-register for the EOLS by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
3. Exhibitors are allowed to sell **one** market animal.
4. Exhibitors are required to show in at least one showmanship class. This animal may be a market or breeding animal which is entered in the show.
5. Any animal shown in either a 4-H or FFA market class and deemed eligible for sale at the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show Auction, MAY NOT be shown in any future market classes in any show. This qualifies this Auction as a **Terminal Show**. *Any animal purchased through the sale are NOT eligible to be shown at UCF or State fair until the following year.*
6. *If an animal is weighed in at EOLS and doesn't make weight, it will be tagged with a pink tag and INELIGIBLE for any future market classes.*
7. All market animals must meet the guidelines within the 4-H and FFA Premium Books as well as the rules stated within these auction rules to be eligible to sell.
8. All Exhibitors are required to complete a USDA Country of Origin (COOL) Affidavit prior to or at weigh-in, verifying the animal was bred and born in the USA. A "Market Health Record" form stating all vaccinations and dates of vaccinations the animals have received will be required. These forms are available on the Union County 4-H Extension Website and need to be turned in at weigh-in. They will also be available at weigh-in. *(Exhibitors should also have received a COOL form completed by the original breeder verifying the animal origin - this should be kept in the exhibitor's record book.)*
9. Only animals exhibited in the regular market classes at this show may be sold through the Auction. Each exhibitor must personally show their market animal in the appropriate market class.
10. *Exhibitors must personally sell their own animal in the auction ring. Special situations may be considered with written application. A letter must be written and delivered to 4-H Superintendent or FFA Advisor by May 1. The letter will then be forwarded to the Auction Committee with a recommendation, then to EOLS Executive Board. (rarely are exceptions given)!*

## **REGISTRATION AND CHECK-IN**

1. Market animals must be weighed between 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday of the show. Animals should weigh upon arrival at the stock show grounds.
2. In case of extenuating circumstances, owners of any animals that need to arrive before 1:00 p.m. MUST have written permission from the FFA General Superintendents for FFA animals or the Union County 4-H Extension Agent for 4-H animals acknowledging the reason for early arrival. These animals shall be stalled and must weigh as soon as the scales open at 1:00 p.m.

3. If there is an emergency regarding late arrival for market animal weigh in, individuals must call the EOLS Office at 541-562-6237 to obtain approval for late arrival. Permission must be obtained from the 4-H Agent for 4-H exhibitors or from the FFA Superintendents for FFA exhibitors.

**WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS**

1. **Official Sale Weight** - The official sale weight shall be weight upon arrival less a 2% shrink. *Only one weight will be permitted. Any re-weigh requested must happen immediately. Animals will exit the scale, scale will be zeroed and animal will be reweighed.*
2. Exhibitors may bring two animals (same species) to weigh in. The first animal to make weight across the scales will be considered the animal entered in the EOLS market class. Second animal must leave the grounds unless it is a ewe lamb or doe kid and can be entered in a breeding class. All animals must be clean and dry before crossing the scale. Hogs must have excess mud brushed off.
3. Weigh in conditions are identical between 4-H and FFA. 4-H animals will weigh on the 4-H scale; FFA animals will be weighed on the FFA scales. If the animal weight is in question, the animal will be taken off the scale, the scale re-balanced, then the animal re-weighed immediately. That weight will stand. Prior to the show, scales are checked and certified by State Weight and Measures Division.
4. **Minimum/Maximum Weight** - To be eligible to sell in the Auction, market animals are required to fall within an optimum weight range for their species. Animals must weigh at least the minimum weight while not exceeding the maximum weight. (See table below). The weight that will be shown on the Sale Order will be the “official sale weight” as defined in the above rules of the “Weight Requirements” section.
5. **Weight Requirements** - Market animals will be weighed on the official scales and must meet the minimum/maximum weight requirements for their species to be allowed to sell in the auction. The official sale weight shall be weight upon arrival less a 2% shrink *of the first official weight off the scale. If a re-weigh is requested the animal will step off the scale, the scale will be rebalanced the animal will immediately re-weigh and that weight will stand.*

	Minimum Weight	Maximum Weight
<b>Hogs</b>	230	310
<b>Goats</b>	75	130

<b>Lambs</b>	100	170
<b>Steers</b>	1,000	1,530

6. Market animals not making the minimum weight or going over the maximum weight will NOT be eligible to sell through the auction but are allowed to be shown in a feeder or over-weight class and showmanship class to allow exhibitors to still compete at the show. Exhibitors of under/overweight animals may add their animal to a potential buyer list in the 4-H office in case there are after auction buyers available. No sale flyers are allowed to be posted. However, the auction is not responsible for the sale of these animals or for their care.

## **SALE ORDER**

1. **Individual animal order** – Sale order of individual animals will be based upon quality (grade) and market class placing. Within each species the first to sell will be the highest placing animal with the highest grade classification (indicated by blue or red ribbons). Animals receiving a white ribbon for grade will not be allowed to sell. Within each grade classification, sale order will alternate between 4-H and FFA participants as appropriate.
2. **Sale order of species** - Hogs will sell first, then steers, then lambs (will sell third in even years) and then goats (will sell third in odd years).
3. **Program order** – 4-H and FFA will alternate every year as to which program member will be the first to start the auction. FFA will go first on even years and 4-H will go first on odd years.
4. **Under and over animals can be sold privately, AFTER the auction, and the transportation arrangement can be processed through the office.**

## **SALE REQUIREMENTS**

1. All animals meeting the weight limitations will be evaluated by a qualified judge who will estimate if beef will grade select, choice, or prime; if sheep will grade choice or prime; if hogs will grade US 1 or 2 or if goats will grade choice or prime. **The Judges decisions are final.**
2. All market lambs and goats grading choice or better must be sold through the Auction. Steers grading prime, choice or select must sell in the Auction. Market hogs grading 1 or 2 must sell in the Auction. Lambs and goats grading below choice; standard steers and utility hogs will receive a white ribbon and will not be allowed to sell.
3. Transfer of ownership takes place at the time of the sale. All Exhibitors will care for their market animals through 6:00 p.m. Saturday night. If your animal is a

“Pickup or Take Home Animal”, please water your animal once that species has completed selling. **All pickup/take home animals must be checked out with the Auction Office before loading.** The Auction Committee will assist in loading out of the animals. All animals should be off the grounds before 7:00 pm.

4. **Market Steer Requirements** - Change of Ownership Slips (E-slips not transportation certificates) must accompany all market steers and must be presented to the weigh master at weigh in time. Steers will not be allowed across the scales without the appropriate transfer slip in hand, there will be no exceptions. *(These forms should be completed at time of purchase and signed by original seller.)* **Market steers must be dehorned. A maximum of 2 inch scurs are allowed. Measured at the base of the scur.**
  - a. All resale steers (both 4-H and FFA) will be sold on carcass and yield grade. Any discount taken or premium paid by the re-sale packers will be passed on to the exhibitors. This means that the exhibitor will be paid on carcass quality plus the premium the buyer bids above market price. Market steers going for re-sale may be charged a feed lot fee for approximately one week if arrangements are made in hopes to prevent “dark cutters.” Exhibitors that sell steers to buyers of locker meat will be paid total price bid on animals using the live grade. All market steers sold as custom kill at the auction must be left tied with a rope halter at least 3/8-inch in diameter in the areas designated for the Custom Kill Processors. A \$15 penalty will be imposed on those who fail to comply with this rule. All Exhibitors will care for their market animals through 6:00 p.m. Saturday night. All re-sale steers will be turned loose in the location stated by the Auction Committee.
5. **Market Goat Requirements** - **We recommend that market goats be dehorned. If not; horns must be tipped or capped. If an exhibitor chooses not to follow this recommendation and as a result if either of the following happen 1) any animal is injured by the horned animal during transport to resale buyer that causes a discounted price from the resale price of the animal 2) if the packer reduces the resale value of the horned animal the discounted price will be deducted from the exhibitors check.**
6. **Animals Condemned at Slaughter** - If an animal is rejected, condemned, or discounted in the slaughter process for any reason, the final buyer would have the option of accepting the floor price of the animal or a comparable worth in meat (if custom killed). *The exhibitor would assume this loss.*
7. There will be no decorating of sale animals.

## **ANIMAL HEALTH POLICY**

1. The Eastern Oregon Livestock Show Junior Auction is committed to the production of safe, wholesome food products and the safety of all exhibitors and visitors.
2. The EOLS Screening Committee reserves the right to require a health inspection, diagnostic tests, treatment and/or disease control measures or procedures, which become necessary in emergencies at the exhibitors expense.
3. All male market animals must be castrated and completely healed with no visible signs of scrotum. No **cryptorchid** will be allowed to show/sell in market classes. All steers must be dehorned and healed. All animals will be checked as they cross the scale. Animals that make it across the scale may still be disqualified by the judge.
4. An unmanageable animal may be disqualified from the show and auction at any time it is deemed necessary.
5. Disqualification of an animal is not directed towards an Exhibitor. It is for the safety of all exhibitors and visitors as well as for the production of safe, wholesome food products.
6. ALL ANIMALS shall be subject to inspection by the initial EOLS Screening Committee upon admission to the grounds or by members of the Screening Committee as deemed necessary throughout the show. No animal shall be admitted to the show or allowed to remain on the grounds that shows evidence of abuse, infection, contagious disease, any unsightly disease or condition, (i.e.: warts, ringworm/club lamb fungus, pink eye, strangles, contagious ecthyma (sore mouth), scabies, lice, mites, ticks, fleas, **hernias**, prolapse, etc) or is unmanageable.
7. It will be the initial EOLS Screening Committee's decision to isolate the animal for disqualification from the show if there is any question about the health of the animal. Animals NOT passing health inspection by the Screening Committee must be IMMEDIATELY removed from the grounds.

## **APPEAL PROCESS**

1. Any person who wishes to file a complaint or grievance may do so in writing, using the EOLS "Appeal Form", to the EOLS Screening Committee immediately. The screening committee will consist of four people: the appropriate 4-H or FFA staff member, two EOLS Auction Committee members and one EOLS Executive Board member. The decision of the screening committee shall be final. A \$50 cash (nonrefundable fee) must accompany the written complaint or grievance. Exhibitors who submit a written complaint will have their animals placed in a separate pen until the EOLS Executive Board reviews the complaint with the Screening Committee.

2. If the complaint or grievance is deemed worthy of further consideration by the screening committee, any additional expenses (veterinary, legal or other) to be incurred in the resolution of the complaint must be paid in advance by the person filing the complaint or grievance.
3. If the complaint or grievance is upheld by the screening committee and additional costs were incurred, then the owner of the animal in question bears the burden of additional costs and the committee refunds the additional costs (not including the non-refundable \$50 fee) to the person submitting the complaint.
4. In the case of the committee upholding the complaint, the animal will be immediately removed from the grounds and the owner will lose the privilege of exhibiting at EOLS. To be reinstated to the show in the future, the exhibitor of the animal in question must appeal to the EOLS Board in writing, no later than the March meeting of the following year.

## **PAYMENT**

1. **Sales Commission** - All Exhibitors will be charged a four (4%) commission. Commission is used to assist with auction expenses and support repairs and maintenance of facilities.
2. All Exhibitors selling market animals will be paid within 90 days of the close of the Auction. Steers will be paid as stated in the rules above; hogs and lambs will be paid based on Sale Weight.
3. For those 4-H and FFA members that have financed their market animals through a lending institution, market animal checks will be jointly issued when EOLS Auction Committee has been so advised.
4. Market checks may be reissued if lost. The current cost of the stop payment fee will be deducted from the new check.

## **COMMITTEES**

1. **Initial EOLS Screening Committee** - The initial EOLS Screening Committee shall include two (2) to three (3) unassociated market animal producer(s) (i.e. a lamb, hog or beef producer without immediate family showing in that species) and a Program Director (4-H or FFA) and will be available only on Wednesday, weigh-in day. If the initial Screening Committee is not immediately available, the animal in question will be placed in a separate pen by the Superintendent until the Committee is available
2. **EOLS Screening Committee** - The balance of the Screening Committee shall consist of the EOLS Auction Chairman, Auction Barn Superintendent, EOLS Executive Board and one Program Director from both 4-H and FFA and a Licensed Veterinarian. The Veterinarian will be available only on an on-call basis. The Producer(s) and the Licensed Veterinarian shall be procured by the EOLS Auction Committee prior to the show. The EOLS Screening Committee may be called together for other issues after weigh-in day as needed.

### **3. EOLS Auction Committee**

Chairs: Scott Loree, Trista Loree and Lory Graham

Committee: 4-H Agent - Karie Kelley and FFA Instructors - Chelsee Mansfield, JD Cant, Katie Wood, Brendan Kelley, 4-H Staff - Honour Bowen and Treasurer - Elaine LaRochelle.

EOLS Board Executive Representative: Darren Hansen

## **THANK YOU S**

1. Please send a thank you note to the buyer(s) and anyone who may add-on or bump up the price of your market animal. Addresses will be available at the auction office on sale day, or after the sale from the Extension office, 541-963-1010, and in your sale proceeds check. Please check your list of buyers when you receive your check to see if you had additional buyers and get addresses to send thank you card from the website  
<http://www.easternoregonlivestockshow.com/EOLS-Auction>.
2. Gifts may be taken to buyers after the Auction is over or to their place of business with a thank you card. No thank you gifts will be allowed in the auction barn.
3. Buyer "thank you placards" will be mailed directly to buyers by the auction committee.

**Thank you for participating in the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show 4-H & FFA Auction.**

## **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

1. All animals must come from a modified certified brucellosis-free area.
2. Animals must also come from a tuberculosis-free accredited herd.
3. No animal from a quarantined herd will be permitted to enter the show.
4. All animals should be current on vaccinations.
5. An animal must be healthy at show and sale time.
6. Animals who are sick or showing signs of illness will be removed at the veterinarians' discretion. This includes prolapsing animals.