

Junior Livestock Auction Rules

The Junior Livestock Auction is sponsored and managed by the Nevada County Livestock Producers, assisted by the Nevada County Agricultural Youth Boosters. This is a group of volunteers with special expertise in livestock handling. Their responsibilities include the promotion of the Junior Livestock Auction, disposition of paperwork, coordination of sale and shipping of animals to USDA inspected slaughter plants and the return of carcasses to the buyer's choice of butchershop.

All Fair rules, both state and local, shall also apply to this Sale. Exhibitors can show and sell only one market animal, with the exception of exhibitors participating in a small animal project (poultry or rabbit meat pens). These exhibitors may enter a small animal meat pen and one large animal market class. These exhibitors can only sell one animal project. If the meat pen qualifies as Champion or Reserve Champion, they may not show their large animal in their market class. They will be allowed to show in the large animal showmanship class.

The Junior Livestock Auction is a terminal sale (including small animals). All animals sold at the Junior Livestock Auction, with the exception of small animals, will be sent to federally inspected meat packing plants under the direction of the Nevada County Fair Sale Committee. Small animals may be processed locally. **All Supreme Champions, Champions, and Reserve Champions must sell. It is illegal to tamper with ear tags or sale identification.**

Exhibitors of market animals are eligible to show and/or sell in only one county fair during a calendar year with the exception of the California State Fair, Great Western and Junior Cow Palace. Exhibitor will be required to sign a certification on their entry form stating that they have not sold a market animal at any other county fair with the exception of the Great Western and Cow Palace this year.

An exhibitor must be in the 4th grade or at least nine years of age by January 1st of the current year to sell an animal at the Junior

Livestock Auction. For exhibitor age requirements, please refer to the state rules. You must be responsible for the care, grooming and showing of your animal to be eligible to sell your animal at the sale. The exhibitor and animal must be present at the auction and ready to show when it is his or her turn. **If an exhibitor is not present and ready when it is his or her turn, Fair management has the right to remove them from the auction.**

When the auctioneer says "SOLD" the animal is the property of the buyer. However, the seller is responsible for the providing of feed and water to the animal until it is loaded on the truck as instructed by the Livestock Superintendent and/or Sale Committee.

Eligibility of the animals to sell shall be the decision of the weighmaster and the judge. The sale order shall be made up as the animals are judged, with the supreme champions, champions and reserve champions first. The balance of the sale order is randomly computer generated. The Auctioneer has the final say on all bids.

A commission, of up to 5%, determined by the Nevada County Fair and the Nevada County Livestock Producers, shall be charged to promote and finance the sale. A 2% shrink will be automatically applied to the weight of all market beef, sheep, swine and goats eligible for the auction.

The seller's checks will be made available on Thursday following the Fair to the FFA and 4-H advisors. **All sellers shall write thank-you letters to their respective buyers immediately after the Sale and prior to receipt of their check.**

To view the 2009 State Rules, you may visit California Department of Food & Agriculture's website at www.cdffa.ca.gov/fe. The address is 1010 Hurley Way, Suite 200, Sacramento, California 95825. The telephone number is (916) 263-2955.

Outstanding Exhibit Award Criteria

All exhibits will be inspected daily and will be scored on the condition and appearance of the animals, condition of the stalls, pens and aisles, neatness and orderliness of the areas used for tack and equipment, and use of decorations and educational displays.

Award plaques will be awarded to the club or chapter whose stalls, animals, walks and adjoining areas are judged to be neatest for the duration of the Fair and whose personal grooming, attitude and behavior has set a good example among the younger exhibitors.

Special Note: Club or Chapter sign must be in clear view or no points will be awarded.



The following scorecard will be used:

General Appearance:	Points
Neatness	20
Use of attractive, consistent signs, banners, decorations, etc.....	20
Educational information	25
Sub-total: General Appearance	65
Condition of animals	15
Tack & equipment storage (neat & orderly).....	15
Attendant	5
Total Score	100