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# You're Invited!

The Pinal County Fair's YOUTH Small Stock & Ag Mechanics Exhibitors cordially invite you and your organization to participate in the 4th Annual Youth Small Stock Auction and Youth Ag Mechanics Silent Auction.

# Saturday, March 21, 2026

## Buyer Registration: 8:30 am Auction: 10:00 am

The Pinal County Fair Youth Ag Mechanic and Small Stock Show offers the youth of our community a quality, hands-on educational program through which our youth learn "real world" skills, including organization, financial management, and most importantly, responsibility.

Our youth exhibitors work hard all year in either caring for their small stock animal projects or perfecting their skills in welding or woodworking. Then at the Pinal County Fair, their hard work pays off when these projects are judged, graded, and sold. These projects include Cavy, Dairy Goat, Poultry, Turkey, Ducks, Geese, Rabbits, and a wide variety of Ag Mechanic projects. Our Youth exhibitors learn numerous skills and receive priceless benefits from exhibiting their projects at the county fair that they will use throughout their lives. These experiences help teach incredible work ethic, responsibility, financial Management, leadership, good citizenship, volunteerism, sportsmanship, cooperation and teamwork, quality assurance through ethical production techniques, marketing skills, self-confidence, communication, independence, and pride in a job well done!

#### How to Participate

You have two options for supporting our youth through the auction:

1. Purchase a Cavy, Chicken, Duck, Rabbit, Turkey, or Dairy Goat project that has been raised by a youth exhibitor and/or an Ag Mechanics project created by a youth exhibitor.

2. Place an "Add-on" (monetary donation) in any amount to one or more exhibitors. With both options, your financial support will be given directly to the exhibitor(s) you choose to support to help offset project costs and make their project profitable and successful.

### **Benefits of Participation**

- The satisfaction of supporting the successful leaders of tomorrow!
- Charitable tax deductions (please consult your CPA)
- Public recognition and advertising for your company or organization

#### Youth AG Mechanics Silent Auction

The Ag Mechanics silent auction is open for bidding from Wednesday, March 18th through Saturday, March 21st at 3:00 pm. To bid, you must complete and sign a Buyer Registration & Agreement Form. When the auction closes the highest bidder will win the item. Balances due must be paid in full before picking up the item.

#### Youth Small Stock Auction Participation Options in Detail

All buyers must register before making a bid or purchase at the auction. Registered buyers will receive a buyer number and an auction program. To register, all buyers must fill out and sign a Buyer Registration & Agreement Form.

**<u>1. Purchase an Animal</u>** - An individual or a group of several parties may purchase an animal at the auction by placing the winning bid. Animals are purchased by the head. If you choose to keep the meat for personal consumption, you will be asked to select a processing facility from the list located on the sales agreement slip. The facility that you choose will contact you after the auction regarding your personal preferences for processing and packing your meat. You will be notified by the processing facility when your meat is ready for pick-up. Processing fees are **NOT** included in the purchase price of your animal. All processing charges must be paid in full when you pick up your meat.

#### If you do not wish to keep the meat for personal consumption, there are two options available:

a) Donate the Animal Back to the Exhibitor - The animal you purchase can be donated back to the exhibitor.

b) Buyer Take Home – You can keep the animal you purchase and take it home with you. The animal must be picked up on Sunday, March 22, 2026, by 6:00 pm. Please note who will be picking up the animal on the sales slip.

<u>2. Add-On</u> - An "Add-On" is a monetary donation given to the exhibitor(s) of your choice. Add-ons can be as little or as much as you wish to give and can be given to as many exhibitors as you wish to support. To participate in the add-on program, you must sign and complete the "Add-On Agreement Form." This form can be picked up at the registration table on auction day or accessed online at https://pinalfairgrounds.com/small-stock-%26-ag-mech-1. For buyers with the sum of their add-ons totaling \$200 or less, payment in full must accompany the add-on agreement. Add-on donations will benefit the intended exhibitor (even those not participating in the auction).

**<u>3. Blue Ribbon Fund</u>** - The Pinal County Fair Blue Ribbon Fund was established to support those exhibitors with the lowest auction total. After all sale and add-on contributions have been applied, this fund is used to supplement the checks of those exhibitors who were less fortunate in the sale of their project. If you are not sure of a specific exhibitor to support or if you cannot be present at the auction, consider donating to the Blue Ribbon Fund as a great way to contribute.

#### **Proxy Bids**

We welcome your presence at our Small Stock Auction, but we understand that conflicting events and busy schedules may hinder your attendance on Saturday, March 21. To assist you in every way possible

so that you are still able to support our youth, the Friends of CAFA and the Pinal County Fair have authorized our Auction Chairman to administer proxy bids on your behalf. To take advantage of this service, please contact the fair office at 520-723-7881. If you are already working with a contact to purchase for you that is also welcome. Please make sure your contact knows and understands your financial expectations and purchasing preferences.

#### **Payment Process**

Payment options include cash, check, or credit card (with an added 3.5% convenience fee). You may pay the day of the auction or be billed, with all payments due within 30 days. For buyers with Add-On agreements totaling \$200 or less, payment must accompany the add-on agreement. Our exhibitors cannot be paid for their hard work until your payment is received, so we appreciate your promptness. A finance charge of 2%, compounded monthly, will be applied to all outstanding balances not received within 30 days.

#### **Questions, Comments, Concerns**

The Friends of CAFA, Pinal County Fair Youth Small Stock Auction invites you to contact us if you would like to pre-register as a buyer, send in your add-on agreements, or for more information or questions.

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