

YOUTH AUCTION SALE
RULES AND REGULATIONS
SPONSORED BY THE
AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION

In order to hold the number of sale lots to one that will encourage good prices for all livestock, poultry and rabbits, and will give every 4-H and FFA member a chance to participate in the sale, the Austin County Fair Association has adopted the following rules for the 2024 4-H and FFA Youth Auction Sale:

All entries not sold in the Youth Auction Sale are eligible for sale on the resale truck, if the exhibitor notifies the Committee Chairman by 5:00 p.m., **Thursday, October 10, 2024**. Otherwise, the exhibitor will be responsible for all animals left.

The Youth Auction Sale Committee will determine the total number of sale lots in the Youth Auction Sale.

1. Each 4-H club and FFA member shall be limited to one sale lot. If the exhibitor has more than one entry eligible for the sale, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to let the Species Superintendent know which animal he/she wishes to sell. If the exhibitor does not let the Species Superintendent know which one he/she wishes to sell, the sales committee will select the first one that comes from the following order: 1st Steer, 2nd Halter Heifer, 3rd Horses, 4th Pen of Heifers, 5th Swine, 6th Lamb, 7th Goat, 8th Broilers, 9th Turkey Tom, 10th Turkey Hen and 11th Rabbits.
2. Only animals passing sifting and subject to other regulations will be sold in the Youth Auction Sale.
3. All sales in the Youth Auction Sale shall be limited to 4-H Club and FFA members. Members must be permanent residents in Austin County or be enrolled in a public, private or home school in Austin County. Exhibitor must be a member in good standing and be in compliance with all rules and guidelines of a 4-H club or FFA chapter in Austin County, and not have graduated high school.
4. If an exhibitor EXHIBITS an animal at any county fair within a calendar year of the Austin County Fair, then he/she is ineligible to show or sell at the Austin County Fair. This does not include major livestock shows.
5. All animals in this sale must have been fed and cared for by the exhibitor.
6. The feeding and care of all livestock projects are the sole responsibility of the exhibitor and their family from the beginning of the project until the animal leaves the fairgrounds. All livestock exhibitors will continue to feed, water, and clean the stalls/pens of their projects through dismissal on Sunday after the Fair or until delivery per Buyer's direction. Any exhibitors not doing so will forfeit their Youth Auction Sale and Add-On checks to the Austin County Fair Association Memorial Scholarship fund.

7. There will be a 7% deduction from all sales through the 4-H club and FFA Auction Sale, including the resale animals, donations, and added money which will be used to help defray the expenses of the Youth Auction Sale.
8. All Grand Champions and Reserve Champions in the junior market show must be sold in the Auction Sale unless the sale contradicts rule number one (1) above.
9. **It is absolutely unethical for anyone to ask the buyer of an exhibit to donate or sell back a sale lot to the exhibitor. The Fair Board will not tolerate exhibitors asking for animals to be donated or sold back. The violation of this rule could result in the forfeiture of any monies and/or prizes earned and be subject to other penalties assessed by the Austin County Fair.**
10. **No request to change the destination of the purchased animal(s) may be made by the exhibitor or parent, the buyers written request is final. Once the buyer submits the written form to the sales clerk, the buyer is the only individual allowed to make changes to delivery or destination.**
11. All entries will be exhibited and sold by their owners unless he/she is physically unable to do so or if the exhibitor has more than one entry showing in different divisions at the same time. Exhibits to be shown or sold by someone else other than the owner must be approved in writing by the respective committee chairman. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to obtain and complete the required form. Forms will be available at the Fair Office. The ONLY permissible excuses for “physically unable to do so” are a DOCUMENTED medical or family emergency and/or DOCUMENTED and sanctioned school function of which the exhibitor is a PARTICIPANT.

If an exhibitor is **academically ineligible** to show, the exhibitor AND THEIR PROJECT are ineligible to participate in the Austin County Fair.

12. No Pass Out (PO) will be allowed in any department.
13. When Youth Auction Sale checks are ready, exhibitors will be contacted. In order to receive their check, exhibitors must bring **STAMPED and ADDRESSED HANDWRITTEN** thank you notes to their buyers and add-on donors to the Fair Office. Once the Fair Office has checked their thank you notes, exhibitors will seal them and then receive their check. Only parent(s)/guardian(s) listed on the entry form will be allowed to pick up checks for exhibitors.
14. **In order to cash the Youth Auction Sale checks, the EXHIBITOR must endorse the check. Exhibitor will have 30 days after checks are printed to turn in thank you notes and pick-up checks. After this time period, the Sale and Add-On monies will go to the Austin County Fair Scholarship fund.**

15. If an exhibitor family owes money to the Austin County Fair Association, their Youth Auction Sale check will be withheld until payment of outstanding balances. This must be handled prior to 30 days after checks are printed. Please refer to rule above.