Buyer Information

**Judging** for 4-H & FFA Market Livestock is Sunday, August 2nd, 6:00 pm. This is a great time to come and see the livestock and showmen prior to the auction. Sale order in the auction will be based on order of placing in the market class, starting with Grand Champion and descending. This information will be available in the auction program.

Market livestock and their showmen will be available in the barns beginning at 4:00 pm on auction day. This is a great time to meet and talk to the youth who have raised these animals.

Prospective bidders must obtain a bidder card from the auction clerk prior to the start of the auction. Bids for large livestock will be placed in dollars and sold by the pound. Small livestock will be bid by the pen or individually.

All market livestock will be sold to the highest bidder.

* There will be a photo session in the Delta Barn following the auction. All buyers and sellers are invited and encouraged to have their picture taken with the animals. A complementary picture will be sent to each buyer.
What the Market Livestock Project means to youth

The Market Livestock Program is an educational program for youth enrolled in 4-H & FFA. Involvement in market livestock projects helps our youth to:

- Develop leadership and responsibility
- Work cooperatively with others
- Gain knowledge and skills needed for quality livestock production
- Keep accurate records
- (record books for each member’s livestock projects will be available for viewing)
- Make management and business decisions
- Help sustain Alaskan agricultural enterprises

Yield of Market Livestock: How much meat will you get?

**Live weight** is what the animal weighs when you purchase it.

**Carcass weight** is what the animal weighs after the head, feet, viscera, blood, and hide are removed. This will amount to the following percentage of live weight for each species:

- Beef 60%
- Swine 70%
- Lamb 50%
- Goat 45-60%
- Rabbit 60%
- Turkey 75%
- Chicken 70-75%

**Yield** for freezer will be the actual pounds of meat after bone and fat are removed from the carcass. Percentage of carcass weight is:

- Beef 70% +/- 5%
- Swine 51% +/- 2%
- Lamb 45% +/- 5%

Examples:

- 1,150 lb. steer with carcass wt. of 690 lbs. Yields approx. 500 to 550 lbs. of edible meat.
- 220 lb. hog with carcass wt. of 154 lbs. Yields approx. 78 lbs. of edible meat.
- 120 lb. lamb with carcass wt. of 60 lbs. Yields approx. 27 lbs. of edible meat.

For more information please contact:

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Thank you for supporting 4-H & FFA youth!

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