

EXHIBIT “A” JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION RULES & REGULATIONS

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2026

6:30 PM – KENT BUILDING

1. The Junior Livestock Auction will be a live auction supplemented with online add-on bids. The ShoWorks online auction support platform will be used as follows: (1) Sellers should upload animal photos and videos to the portal when entries are made but in no event later than 5:00 PM July 1, 2026, and must include the tag number of the animal pictured; and (2) Buyers are encouraged to register on the ShoWorks portal in order to help expedite the auction’s administration process. Please remind your buyers that last year’s buyer registration cannot be brought forward in the system. On-site buyer registration the night of the sale will be available; and (3) Buyers who register online via the ShoWorks portal will be able to participate in the “add-on” bidding process that will be open and available online through 11:59 PM Saturday August 1, 2026, with the exception of the day of the auction. Add-on bids are subject to a minimum bid of \$25/add-on/recipient, can be paid online by credit card through the ShoWorks portal and payments will be subject to a small convenience fee. Add-on bidders looking to participate and pay in a different way than set forth above are encouraged to make arrangements with The Delaware 4-H Foundation’s Charmayne Busker who can be reached at cpbusker@gmail.com.
2. Only market livestock exhibited at The Delaware State Fair are eligible to be sold at the Junior Livestock Auction. In order for an animal to be eligible to be sold at auction, it must have been shown in its respective market class, following published Rules and Regulations. Exhibitors of the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion market lambs, market steers, market swine, and market goats are strongly encouraged to sell their animals in the Delaware State Fair Junior Livestock Auction. The Auction will sell approximately 100 lots.
3. The Junior Livestock Auction Committee will decide the target number of animals per class before the shows occur. This will allow the exhibitor to know before the show how many placed animals will go to auction. All qualifying animals will be paint branded immediately following the placing in each class.
4. Each exhibitor (consignor) will be limited to selling two (2) animals per species with a total cap of three (3) animals per exhibitor/consignor in the Junior Livestock Auction.
5. Animal Weight Range Auction Eligibility Requirements are as follows:

Species	Weight Range Auction Eligibility Requirement
Swine	220-290 lbs.
Sheep	80-150 lbs.
Steer	1,000-1,500 lbs. (The Jr Livestock Auction will sell up to 50% of the steers that meet all the criteria)
Goat	45-120 lbs.

6. Substitution of Eligibility to Participate in the Auction: Substitution in the order of placement will be made for animals withdrawn from the auction provided that such withdraw or scratch occurs prior to the animal leaving the show ring (specific class in conjunction with the market show), otherwise no

substitutions will be permitted. If a scratch is made after the animal class has exited the show ring, no animal(s) will be chosen to replace the scratched animal in the Junior Livestock Auction.

7. All animals to be sold in the auction must be permanently identified by a Delaware State Fair ear tag and be recorded by a representative of the Junior Livestock Auction Committee. For additional information refer to the livestock tagging program on the Fair's website.
8. The Junior Livestock Auction Committee reserves the right to remove any animal from the sale based on the health, condition or appearance of the animal, conduct of the consignor in the handling and care of the animal or the ability of the consignor to safely handle the animal. This decision is at the discretion of the Junior Livestock Auction Committee.
9. If an animal going to auction has been administered drugs or any substance which requires a withdrawal time before harvest and the applicable withdrawal time completion period or withdrawal clearance date has not elapsed by the time of the Junior Livestock Auction (6:30 PM Thursday, July 30, 2026), the animal can still be sold at auction **PROVIDED** that the exhibitor advises the Junior Livestock Auction Committee Chairperson of the post-auction withdrawal clearance or completion date by completing this form [CLICK HERE](#) and delivering it to office no later than 5:00PM Wednesday, July 29, 2026. The withdrawal completion or clearance date will be announced at the auction prior to the commencement of bidding on that particular animal. In the case that an animal is sold prior to the completion of the withdrawal period, the exhibitor shall be responsible for housing and caring for the animal until it is eligible for processing. If the animal dies or becomes ineligible for processing during this period, the exhibitor shall forfeit all sale proceeds, and the buyer shall be refunded in full.
10. Once the animal is sold at auction, it cannot be substituted with another animal for any reason.
11. The Fair considers it unethical for an exhibitor/consignor to ask a buyer before or after the sale for their animal back.
12. At the time of the animal(s)'s auction and sale, Consignors should take responsibility for determining the Buyer's decision on whether the Buyer wishes to take possession of the animal. If the Buyer decides to take possession of the animal, the consignor should exercise best efforts to contact Buyer in order to arrange for an orderly transfer of the animal to the Buyer at the conclusion of Fair. Contact information for Buyers wishing to take possession of the animals purchased at auction can be obtained from Samantha Steele, Chairperson, Junior Auction Livestock Committee (302-319-7184), or an auction official the day after the sale. Your departmental superintendent should not be considered a source for this information.
13. Consignors are responsible for the care and feeding of their animal(s) after the sale until the custody and care of the animal(s) has been transferred from the Consignor to the Buyer at the close of the Fair.
14. To obtain maximum income from this sale, it is strongly recommended that each person selling an animal contact a minimum of at least three potential buyers who will come to the Fair and bid on their animals.
15. All youth selling an animal(s) must be present at the auction unless there is a verifiable emergency confirmed in advance by their superintendent.
16. All sellers must be in proper show attire. Official FFA dress is considered acceptable as well.
17. A two percent (2%) administration fee will be charged to all consignors' proceeds to cover administrative costs associated with the auction and to fund a Junior Livestock Auction bad debt reserve account maintained by The Delaware State Fair.
18. Each consignor should write and mail a thank you note addressed to their Buyer(s) within twenty-one (21) days of the auction.
19. If you participate in the Junior Livestock Auction, it is unethical and a violation of these rules for an exhibitor acting directly or indirectly to ask a buyer before or after the sale for your animal back.
20. Soliciting Buyers

- a. As a convenience to exhibitors who have determined that they consider the Fair as a terminal event for their market animal(s), the Fair has solicited one or more private/ independent buyers to contact Exhibitors about purchasing their animal(s).
- b. The Fair exercises best efforts to identify reliable and dependable buyers, however the Fair will not, under any circumstances, be held responsible for any issue(s) that may develop between the exhibitors and the private/independent buyers.
- c. None of these requirements are meant to preclude an exhibitor from entering into a private sale with whomever they decide.
- d. None of these Buyers have any affiliation with the Fair.
- e. Exhibitors who decide to sell their animals to any Buyer are reminded of the following:
- f. All terms and conditions of each sale such as price, animal weight, total consideration to be paid, when payment is to be made, the time and date the animal(s) will be transferred to the Buyer, etc. are matters strictly between the Exhibitor and the Buyer. The Fair is not in any way responsible for any aspect of the transaction including payment and transfer of ownership and possession of the animal; and
- g. The Exhibitor is responsible for caring for the animal until the Buyer takes possession; and
- h. Selling an animal to a Buyer does not relieve the Exhibitor from the obligation to have the animal(s) removed from the fairgrounds by the scheduled release time(s).