

SALE DAY

Monday, July 27, 2009, 6:00 p.m.

1. Fair beginning weight will be the sale weight.
2. Sale will consist of Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, Ultrasound Champion and Rate of Gain Champion of Market Beef and Market Heifer, Meat Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Swine and Sheep as the awards apply. Each exhibitor may sell only market animals (two beef, two meat goats, two sheep and two swine through the sale. Champions are included in this number. A pen of four beef will be sold as one unit.) These animals will be sold by the pound. Market ewes, gilts and heifers may be included in this limit, but must be sold to the highest bidder. Small animal exhibitors can sell only two units. (Example: a rabbit pen is sold as one unit--the rabbits are not sold individually. Poultry that is entered two in a class sell as one unit, not individually.) Only Commercial Meat Poultry and Rabbits will go through the auction.
3. Grand, Reserve, Ultrasound and Rate of Gain Champions can choose the spot they wish to sell in the sale order of their species--either at the beginning of the sale, or the order number they draw at weigh-in.
4. Any exhibitor having market animals above the 2-2-2 limit may sell to the buyer at the base price. Please notify your fair board supervisor before weigh-in on Thursday morning.
5. Animals sold at the auction will be the responsibility of the member until they are delivered to the purchaser or his representative.
6. All market hogs will be subject to normal price breaks.
7. No awards or drawings will be held prior to the sale. We will start immediately at 6:00 p.m. Sale order for 2009 will be: Sheep, Rabbits, Goats, Swine, Poultry and Beef. Beef, sheep, goats and swine will rotate together. Poultry and rabbits will rotate together within the large animal rotation.
8. The beef superintendents will establish a market "floor" price per cwt for market beef to allow for the bidding to begin. **The "floor price" is to start the bidding only and has NO relationship to the final carcass value or the amount of money the exhibitor receives for their market beef animal.** Exhibitors with market beef in the carcass contest or animals that are sold through the sale and go to the packer will receive two checks for their animals. The livestock sale proceeds will be collected and paid out as usual by Clarke County State Bank. If an exhibitor sends an extra animal to pack, they will receive one check for its value. The price for the beef carcass and the amount of money the exhibitor receives (minus expenses) for their market beef animal will be determined by the market grid. The payout (check) will be given to the exhibitors at a recognition event in August. This will be approximately 2-3 weeks after the fair. Awards for the carcass contest will also be awarded at the August event.

If a calf is to be sold in the sale, it will go to pack unless purchased by a private individual. An exhibitor cannot sell a calf in the sale and then pull it to take it home or elsewhere. A calf can be privately purchased in the sale and taken wherever, but the full price must be paid.

These new changes are subject to change as the Fair Board attempts to establish a consistent market outlet for the market beef.

9. All exhibitors must have country of Origin Labeling (COOL) documents available at the fair if the animal is to be sold in the sale and into the public food market (go to pack). COOL documents may or may not be needed for private sales. Market animals going to the packer require COOL documents. COOL requirements are by directive of the USDA effective March 16, 2009.

10. All exhibitors should have Premise Identification for their animal and available at the fair if the animal is to be sold in the sale and into the public food market (go to pack). Premise ID may or may not be needed for private sales. Market hogs going to the packer may require Premise ID in 2009. Eventually it will be required of all market species. Premise Identification is a directive of IDALS and USDA.

BARBECUE

This barbecue is for all 4-H and FFA members, their parents and leaders, and potential buyers. It will start at 4:30 p.m. prior to the sale at 6:00 p.m. It is sponsored by the Clarke County Fair Board.