

June 26, 2020

Dear Winneshiek County 4-H/FFA Livestock Auction Buyers,

We thank you for your past support of the Winneshiek County 4-H/FFA Livestock Auction. We are working very hard to include an auction this year, while still respecting the health and safety of our participants and auction buyers, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. **For this year only**, we will conduct a virtual online achievement auction. **The bidding opens Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM and closes Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM.**

Each livestock exhibitor is limited to one online auction entry, or “lot”. Exhibitors will be listed in alphabetical order. All Grand Champions and Reserve placings will be noted on the lot heading. Each lot can include some or all the following species and is not limited to market animals within these species: beef, dairy, meat goat, dairy goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep and swine. Photos and additional information will be posted on the online auction website located at: [www.sweeneyauctionservice.com](http://www.sweeneyauctionservice.com), by Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.

We know not everyone can be the winning bidder but may still want to contribute, so there is an opportunity to give a donation. Listed after the exhibitor lots, you will find donation lots in the amounts of \$25, \$50 and \$100. Follow the instructions to give a donation at these levels. All donations received will be split up amongst the participating exhibitors. However, you will have the opportunity to specify if you'd like your donation to go to a specific exhibitor.

You will need to register on the auction site, but you WILL NOT pay online. Although you will receive an emailed invoice from Sweeney Auction Service, please send all payments to **ISU Extension & Outreach, Winneshiek County, 325 Washington Street, Suite B, Decorah, IA 52101**. Payments are due by August 20, 2020.

**PLEASE NOTE – This is an achievement auction only.** The purpose of this auction is to recognize the hard work and accomplishments of 4-H/FFA youth with their livestock projects. If the exhibitor wishes to sell their animal(s) for harvest, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor and/or buyer to contact each other. **Please see the color insert, enclosed with this letter, for further details.**

On behalf of the 4-H/FFA Youth in Winneshiek County we **THANK YOU** for your continued support of our livestock auction and truly appreciate your understanding and flexibility during these challenging times.

Sincerely,

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