

MEADE COUNTY FAIR 4-H/FFA YOUTH AUCTION
MARKET BEEF REQUIREMENTS
(Revised April 24, 2025)

1. Market Beef animals must be owned by exhibitor, be 100% beef blood, weigh a minimum of 900 lbs. Must be tagged at official validation site by the initial weigh-in date. If any Market Beef animal is under the weight limits, that Market Beef animal will be disqualified from the youth auction but not from showing. The maximum weight for auction price per pound will be 1,450 lbs.
2. Up to two Market Beef animals per 4-H/FFA exhibitor will be tagged following KY KUIP guidelines. Exhibitors will identify their county animals via an online portal prior to county fair. The market class beef animal will be identified at the Meade County Fair weigh-in. **If an animal loses a KUIP tag, contact the KY Department of AG, Office of the State Veterinarian with the request for a retag by email at statevet@ky.gov (Subject line: Livestock Exhibitor Retag Request).**
3. Market Heifers and Market Steer will show in the same weight classes.
4. At the time of the county fair, any medication given via injection will be required to be administered by a licensed Kentucky veterinarian.
5. Market Beef animals must be adequately halter broke and manageable by exhibitor. The Fair Board maintains the right to disqualify any exhibitor that has an unmanageable beef animal. Health certificates must accompany Market Beef animals to the Meade County Fair. All market animals must be fed and watered daily during the fair week at a minimum of once a day while housed at the fairgrounds or exhibitor will be fined six dollars per day.
6. The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion animals will be required to be displayed within one hour after the completion of the show. (Optional-On Monday evening, the Champion/Reserve Champion hogs can remain in the livestock facility but must be in Champion pens by 6:00 pm Tuesday evening). All Champion animals leaving the fairgrounds must be in their respective pens between 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm. They must stay in their respective Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion pens during this time (except for daily animal care) or forfeit their championship, banners, auction money and premiums. All Champion animals must be provided with feed and water daily by the exhibitor.
7. Exhibitors must show their own animal in the livestock show. In the event of illness/injury (medical reason) of exhibitor, he/she can ask a current 4-H/FFA livestock exhibitor to exhibit their animal in their respective program. Substitutions must be approved by their FFA Advisor or 4-H Agent prior to beginning of show.
8. Bedding for animals will be bagged bedding, no sawdust allowed. You will be responsible for cleaning up your animals' bedding. All bedding must be removed after the sale. If you do not clean your pen, you will be assessed a \$50.00 fee per tie that will be deducted from your auction proceeds.
9. Any disputes or final decisions concerning the sale will be addressed and settled by the Meade County Fair 4-H/FFA Youth Auction Committee.

The following items are 4-H/FFA Educational Requirements and must be completed by the stated deadlines in order to receive auction check:

1. **THANK YOU CARDS** – All exhibitors are required to send thank you cards to the buyer (s) of their animal. After the fair, thank you cards are to be completed and returned to the Extension office. Thank you cards must be submitted to the Extension office by **September 5, 2025**.
2. **RECORD BOOKS** – All livestock record books are due **OCTOBER 31, 2025** (subject to change). Record books turned in after this deadline will result in the exhibitor forfeiting their auction check.
3. **SKILL-A-THON** - The county skill-a-thon is **MANDATORY** for all auction participants. If you do not participate in the skill-a-thon, **YOU DO NOT SELL IN THE AUCTION.**
4. **EDUCATIONAL HOURS** - Exhibitors must receive six hours of education in animal science from a certified livestock volunteer. If an exhibitor shows more than one species, the education requirement of six hours is to be equally dispersed between the total number of animal projects they are completing (ex. If you show a beef animal and lamb, you will need three hours in beef and three hours in lamb). Exhibitors must attend all mandatory meetings for each species. Exhibitors who show more than one species do not have to declare their auction animal until their livestock show has concluded.