



805 AG KIDS INVITATIONAL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do we register to participate in the 805 Ag Kids Invitational Junior Livestock Show & Auction?

All participants will be required to register online to participate, during the month of April. Registration will open on April 1, 2021 and close on April 30, 2021. No late entries will be accepted. [Register here.](#)

Why is registration required in April?

Participant numbers will be crucial in helping 805 Ag Kids determine show and auction costs, butchering logistics, donation needs, and to ensure a smooth-running show & auction. Therefore, no late entries will be accepted.

Is there a registration fee?

Yes. Registration is \$32.50 per participant. This money is applied towards the operation fees charged by the virtual show and auction platform provider(s).

Do we have to participate with our club or organization?

No. We will not require participants to register with, or be a member of, a club or organization. There will be no uniform requirements. Market show classes will likely be determined by exhibitor age.

What ages are allowed to participate?

Participants must be 9-19 years old as of August 1, 2021 in order to be eligible to participate.

What species are allowed and at what weight classes?

- Steer 1000-1400 lbs
- Mini Steer 600-999 lbs
- Swine 215-315 lbs
- Lamb 110-165 lbs
- Goat 65-110 lbs
- Turkeys
- Chickens – 3 to a pen
- Rabbits – 3 to a pen



How many animals can we enter?

One animal/one species per participant will be allowed.

Do we have to participate in both the market show and auction?

No. You do not have to sell your animal in the auction, though we recommend doing so. However, you must participate in the market show in order to sell in the auction, as the judges will determine the animal's market readiness. Please note: The add-on functionality will only be available to auction participants. Participants who only do the market show will not be eligible for add-ons or donations (which are considered an add-on line item on the check).

Is this a *virtual* show & auction?

Yes. At this time, the 805 Ag Kids Invitational Junior Livestock Show & Auction will be completely virtual. However, 805 Ag Kids will be closely monitoring the possibility of transitioning from a virtual market show to an in-person market show. The 805 Ag Kids Board will decide no later than May 31, 2021 whether we'll continue in a virtual setting or switch to an in-person market show. If an in-person market show becomes an option, the auction will still remain virtual.

Is the Ventura County Fair involved with the 805 Ag Kids Invitational Junior Livestock Show & Auction?

No. For 2021, the Ventura County Fair has elected to not host a Junior Livestock Show or Auction, virtual or otherwise. In the January 2021 Board of Directors Meeting, Ventura County Fair CEO Barbara Quaid gave 805 Ag Kids her support to host our own events.

Who will judge the market shows?

We will have separate specialty judges for each species. We feel strongly that each show should have an experienced judge evaluating the entries in each class. We are working to secure highly respected judges to choose our 805 Ag Kids Invitational champions.

How will the virtual auction work?

We will open the online sale bidding for 3 days. Buyers can log on to bid and buy at their convenience any time during those 3 days. If the buyer is outbid, prior to the close of the auction, they will receive a text notification on their phone alerting them. They can then bid again (and again) to remain the highest bid, until the last second the auction closes. On the final day, the bidding will close and winning bidders will pay for their purchase(s).



Will animals be sold by per pound or by the head?

All animals will be sold by the head, as there will not be an official weight to sell per pound. Chickens and rabbits will be sold by the pen.

What will be the starting bid amount for each species?

Starting bids will be determined soon. We will keep you updated.

Will there be a commission rate or fee taken from checks?

No. There won't be any commission rate or fee deducted from participant checks. The only fee is the registration fee of \$32.50 due at the time of [registration](#) in April. This fee goes toward the cost of the virtual show and auction platform.

What are buyers' options if they purchase an animal?

Buyers will have 3 options this year:

1. Live pick-up. This will be arranged between bidder and seller.
2. Processing. Pricing and specific logistics will be available after registration closes.
3. Donation. We are working on an agreement with Food Share to accept the donation of animals.

Will there be a Food Share option this year?

We will know soon. 805 Ag Kids is working to partner with local USDA-certified facilities and Food Share of Ventura County to ensure that buyers have the option to keep the animal they purchase for meat or donate the animal to Food Share.

Where & when will we drop-off our animals for processing or Food Share donation after the auction?

We will provide drop-off dates, times, and location(s) as soon as they are confirmed.

How will add-ons work?

Any person will have the opportunity to provide add-ons online over the course of two weeks. They can log on and do additional add-ons as often as they'd like within the 2-week period.

Will ear tagging be required?

No. Ear tagging will not be necessary.



What will we need to submit for market shows and/or auction?

We will provide details and tutorials on what each participant will need to submit for the virtual show and auction as soon as possible.

When do we submit our online entries?

Online entries (photos/videos of animals) will be submitted right before the “Show Week” of August 2-6, 2021. Weights will also be required at that time. Specific dates and information as to where to submit your online entries will be provided at a later date. Please note: You must have registered in April to be eligible to participate and submit entries in August.

Will there be champions named?

Yes. Judges will determine the 805 Ag Kids Invitational Champions of the market shows. Belt buckles will be awarded to the champions. 805 Ag Kids will announce the champions upon completion of the market show judging in August.

Will we be able to submit virtual buyer letters like last year?

Yes. Virtual buyer letters that are **less than** 30-seconds and of high quality will be shared on 805 Ag Kids social media channels. Virtual buyer letter videos must be submitted no later than June 30, 2021 to be considered. No late entries accepted. Please note: A virtual buyer letter should not replace an actual hand-written buyer letter.

How will the 805 Ag Kids Invitational Junior Livestock Show & Auction be advertised to buyers & the public?

805 Ag Kids is committed to making sure our community knows about the virtual show & auction. We will reach out to past buyers directly and also work to entice new buyers. We will be advertising the event through local radio, TV, social media, and print media. To amplify our reach, we will ask Ag families to help spread the word too. This can be done by sharing 805 Ag Kids’ social media posts, telling friends, co-workers, and neighbors, and by being diligent about writing buyer letters.

Will 805 Ag Kids be asking for donations on behalf of Ag kids this year?

Yes. 805 Ag Kids will continue to seek donations for our local Ag kids.



How can I become a sponsor or donor?

Your sponsorship or donation will help our Ag kids tremendously. Donations are accepted here. For donations of \$2,500 or more, please contact megan@805agkids.com for more information about how we can celebrate you as an Official Sponsor. 805 Ag Kids is now a nonprofit 501c3, so your contribution is tax-deductible.

How can I become a Buckle sponsor?

We need Buckle sponsors for the following categories:

- Steers
- Swine
- Lambs
- Goats
- Chickens
- Turkeys
- Rabbits

Buckle sponsorship is \$250. Please contact Megan via email – megan@805AgKids.com – if you're interested in being a Buckle sponsor.

What percentage of the donations 805 Ag Kids receives goes to the kids?

100% of donations received through our website goes directly to the Ag kids.

93% of all Corporate Sponsorship money received goes to Ag kids. We are determined to keep operating costs at a minimum to maximize the direct financial benefit to our Ag kids.

How do we apply for the Kim Leach Livestock Project Scholarship?

Details are available [here](#). Five \$1,000 scholarships are available this year!

Details are subject to change.

