

VENTURA COUNTY FAIR

2020 Junior Livestock Virtual Auction



Thank you for your support of the 2020 Junior Livestock Virtual Auction! Since this year's event looks different than previous years, we thought it would be helpful to provide some additional details below.

2020 Junior Livestock Virtual Auction Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: What is a live “virtual” auction?

A: This year, instead of showing up in-person at the fairgrounds to bid and buy animals, the auction will take place live online on Saturday, August 15. You can bid/buy animals while an auctioneer sells them in real-time. This will take place here: bid.virtualstockshow.com

Q: How do I sign-up to become a buyer?

A: On Saturday, August 15, visit bid.virtualstockshow.com and click on our event. You'll need a few moments to register as a buyer. To receive information from us about the virtual auction, including a list of champions, auction order, and additional details, please submit your email address at 805AgKids.com/Buy

Q: What is the auction order this year?

A: The sale will begin at 9am on Saturday, August 15. Note: This is a live, virtual auction with real-time bidding. Once an animal is sold, you can no longer bid on it. Species will be sold in the following order, beginning at 9 am:

- Meat pens
- Swine
- Steers
- Goats
- Lambs

*There will be a Sale of Champions at 12pm.

A lamb benefitting the Ventura County Fair Foundation will be auctioned off last.

An auction order that includes exhibitors' names will be posted on this website when it is available, likely the day before the virtual auction. You can also submit your email address on this same web page to be notified via email.

Q: What are my options if I buy animals?

A: This year, the fair is strongly encouraging resale. If you decide to allow the animals to be resold, they will be sent to a wholesale stock yard and be resold at market rate. Any proceeds from the resale will go back to the kids.

For live pick-up, the buyer and exhibitor must work together to make arrangements.

If you choose to keep the animal for your freezer, it is up to the buyer and the exhibitor to make an appointment for a butcher, pay for the processing, cut & wrap, and getting the animal to the butcher. Please note: our local butchers are extremely busy at this time, many without availability until well into late September. A limited number of appointments have been made available to us in late September by Kent Short of Old Fashioned Country Butcher. Those appointments are first come, first served.

Approximate pricing (including slaughter, cut & wrap):

- Lambs/Goats \$200
- Swine \$425
- Steers \$150 slaughter fee plus \$1.10/lb hanging weight

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Q: Can I still do add-ons this year?

A: Yes! Add-ons will be done online this year. Add-ons will be accepted online August 15-22, 2020 at bid.virtualstockshow.com.

Q: What is the difference between an add-on and a donation?

A: Add-ons are designated for a specific exhibitor of your choosing. Add-ons must be done via the virtual auction platform (bid.virtualstockshow.com) between August 15-22, 2020. Donations are tax-deductible and 100% of the donations received will be divided up evenly amongst all of the kids. You can donate now at 805AgKids.com/Donate.

Q: Is there a commission being taken from the sale of the animals or add-ons?

A: The Fair will not be taking a commission on the sale of animals or add-ons this year. All proceeds will go to the kids.

Q: How are Champions decided?

A: Market shows will also be taking place virtually this year, the week before the virtual auction. Kids will upload videos of their animals which will be professionally judged and champions will be named and sold during the Sale of Champions at 12pm on Saturday, August 15.

Q: Who is '805 Ag Kids' and what is your role in this year's market shows and Junior Livestock Virtual Auction?

A: We believe it's important you know more about 805 Ag Kids, our mission, and who we are. Please read more about us here.

Q: Is 805 Ag Kids getting paid or taking a cut of this year's events or donations?

A: No. We are not being paid or taking a "cut." No volunteers are being paid. There is no operating budget for 805 Ag Kids. Our website, all advertising and social media posts and ads, has been donated or we are paying for it personally.

Q: How can I get involved in 805 Ag Kids?

A: We would love your help in supporting our local ag kids! Please email Scott at scott@805AgKids.com or Megan at megan@805agkids.com.

Thank you for your generous support of our local ag kids who work so hard on their projects. Without you, the 2020 Junior Livestock Virtual Auction would not be possible!