

ERIE COUNTY FAIR AUGUST 11-16, 2020
LIVESTOCK AND SMALL PROJECT AUCTIONS AUGUST 14-18, 2020

THE FAIR WILL GO ON!! LET'S SUPPORT OUR EXHIBITORS!!



**Custom Butcher Appointments
at a Premium**

Market Hog, Lamb, Goats: Most custom butchers in our area are booked solid. If you are considering purchasing an animal for custom butchering, you must make arrangements with a custom butcher before attempting to purchase for your freezer. All buyers who are buying back the meat must let the Sale Office know by Tuesday, August 11th at 6:00pm. If no notice has been given to the Sale Office by that time, the remaining animals will go to the respective market buyers, i.e. Routh Packing for the market hogs etc.

Market Poultry, Rabbits: If you are the winning bidder of the possession/terminal auction the exhibitor will make arrangements to deliver the product to you.

Market Steers: exhibitors are asked to find their own meat buyers. The Sale Office needs to know the destination by Tuesday, August 11th at 6:00 pm. The Sale Committee hopes to match exhibitors who need buyers with buyers looking for market beef who may already have an appointment at a local butcher.

Feeder Calves: The winning bidder will take possession on Saturday, August 15th between 9:00 am and noon.

Stills: The winning bidder will have their item available for pick up Saturday, August 15th from 9:00 am until noon in Bldg. 1.

For assistance/questions please contact the Erie County Jr. Fair Sale Office by email
ECJFLivestockSale@gmail.com

A Way Around The Virus



The Corona Virus, that little speck invisible to the naked eye, has been disrupting the way we do things for some time now. It almost canceled our fair. Our dedicated fair board members, along with numerous volunteers, and Erie County Extension Educators have hammered out a way to let the fair go on!! Of course, as with everything Covid, changes are involved.

Breeders World Final Drive Youth Auctions are one of the changes that have been implemented. This auction, brought to us by Roger Hunker, will be an online auction. The exhibitors will post pictures of themselves with the items they intend to sell on the website and let the bidding begin, **virtually**, of course. Don't be intimidated; it will be simple and easy to purchase or support your favorite 4-H or FFA member's projects. You don't even need to leave the comfort of your home.

The timing of the auctions will also change.

- **The Back to the Farm Feeder Calf Sale** will become part of the "Terminal" or "Possession" Sale. This sale will begin on Friday, August 14th, at 8:00 am. Feeder Calves, Rabbits, Poultry, and Still Projects will all be sold at this time – **Online**. The "Terminal or Possession" Auction will end at 7:00 pm on Friday, August 14th. Please read the information to left for more information on the specific animal species or still project you have bid on/purchased.
- **The Premium Auction** will also begin Friday, August 14th, at 8:00 am. The difference with this auction is that no one takes possession of the item, and all the bidders are winners. This is simply all add-on bidding. If you would like to put money toward an exhibitors project, you simply go online and add it. The lots will be arranged by exhibitors. All of their projects eligible to sell will be listed in one lot by the exhibitor's name. For example, if Suzy Smith has a feeder calf, a rabbit, a pig, and a cake to sell, it will all be in one lot under Suzy's name. Anyone wishing to show appreciation for all of Suzy's hard work may put money towards her lot. There is no limit to the number of bidders, and no one gets outbid. This auction will end at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, August 18th.

Please don't hesitate to email your questions to ECJFLivestockSale@gmail.com. Make sure to check out our website for other information about our 2020 Fair at ErieFair.com. Like us on Facebook and Instagram at *The Erie County Fair (Sandusky, OH)* and feel free to ask questions there as well. For other fair related questions please call 419-625-1000.

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HOW DO I SIGN UP?

1. Register by going to **www.bwfinaldrive.com**
2. Click on the **Login/Register** at the Top Right Corner
3. Click **Register** at the bottom of the dialog box.
4. Enter a User Name & a password; write it down (Note: Capitalization Matters)
5. Fill out the appropriate information (first name, last name, address, interested in)
6. If you wish to place add ons select **Bidding/Buying**
7. Click Next Step
8. Complete Registration
9. Click login and enter your name and password
10. Find the desired Auction and Click Enter Auction
11. To the left of the page, you will see Category of Projects Available in that sale. You can Search by Exhibitors Name, Club and Type of Sale (Terminal or Premium)
12. Once you have selected an Exhibitor, you may
 - a. Purchase the terminal/possession project or
 - b. Place add ons which are straight donations to the exhibitor
13. Invoices will be generated at the conclusion of the event.

Buyers will be recognized on Erie County Fair website and social media outlets.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How old do I have to be to register to bid?

Only registered bidders over the age of 18 can participate in our online auction. When you submit the form, a message will appear to give you instructions on how to submit your information to verify your account. You will need to review and agree to the User Agreement.

Why is a credit card required to bid?

Occasionally we require each bidder to post a credit card verification to ensure that each of our bidders is a valid qualified bidder. This verification method has been implemented for the protection and security of each of our bidders. Each bidder knows that all bidders are legitimate and that they have met the same requirements that you have to be able to bid online. The credit card verification process is completely secure. This is the only procedure available to bid online.

How do I bid?

Log in to your account. Select the auction you would like to view. When the bidding for the auction is open, you will have the opportunity to enter your bid and your maximum bid for each item.

What is a Maximum Bid?

A maximum bid is the highest dollar amount you are willing to pay for an item. Here is an example of using the Maximum Bid feature. If you enter a Maximum Bid, the system will automatically bid on your behalf up to your Maximum Bid amount. For example, let's assume that you enter a bid of \$2000 on an item and Maximum Bid of \$4000. If no other bids are placed on that item, you will be the winner at your \$2000 bid. If another bidder places a bid of \$2100 on the item, you will now be winning at \$2100 plus 1 increment level, $\$2100 + \$100 = \$2200$. Your maximum bid is completely confidential and not revealed to the public or viewed by anyone other than you when selecting this feature.

What is a Bid Increment?

The Bid Increment is the minimum dollar amount that the bid must be raised. Bid Increments will typically be in \$5.00, \$10.00, \$25.00, \$50.00 or \$100.00 increments. You can bid higher than the minimum bid, or you may enter a Maximum Bid, but you may not bid in denominations less than the set Bid Increment.

What is Auto Extend Time?

The auto-extend feature will leave the bidding open for any item that has received a bid within the last 5 minutes, even if the original ending time has elapsed.

How does the Auction End?

Each auction will end at a specified time. However, we use an auto-extend feature. With this feature, the bidding will remain open on any item that has received a bid within the last 5 minutes. Once 5 minutes has lapsed without any bidding activity, the bidding on the item will be closed. If there is more than one item in an auction, the auction will have staggered closing times. The first item will close at the specified closing time. Each item will close one minute after the previous. For example, Lot 1 closes at 8 pm, and Lot 2 closes at 8:01 pm, Lot 3 closes at 8:02 pm, etc., unless they go into extended bidding, while Lot 1 is still in extended bidding.

This scenario applies to all lots.

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