
LARGE ANIMAL NEWSLETTER

JULY 6, 2023



PREPPING FOR FAIR AND AUCTION

Make sure you are weighing your market animal and seek out help from your 4H leader or FFA Advisor if you are not meeting the weight requirements for the 2023 Auction. Please review the 2023 WCLA Youth Livestock Auction Rules [here](#).

Work with your animal. According to WCLA Youth Livestock Auction Rule #32 “All animals must be under control and safely handled by the youth participant at the initial and final weigh-in and in the sale ring. The auction committee has the right to refuse any animal they deem unsafe.”

Start connecting with your buyers. Invite them to the sale or to support you via add-ons. Please check the [WCLA Buyer webpage](#), so you understand the information that is being communicated to your

buyers. If you need guidance on how to contact buyers, please refer to the [Buyer Letter Writing Tips and Tricks](#).

Complete your second weigh in paperwork. Check your species page on the website for printable copies. Completing the weigh-in forms takes time, so it is best to start early. Each large animal exhibitor should complete the following paperwork: Livestock Owner Certificate, Animal Health Record, and a Transportation Release for Market Animals. Signatures are required from parents and participants on these forms. If participants are 18 years old, we still ask that parents or guardians sign the requested forms. Forms must be completed prior to your auction animal crossing the scale.

FINAL WEIGH-IN AND AUCTION PHOTOS

All auction participants must attend final weigh-in to be eligible for the 2023 sale.

If you have a backup animal that will be shown in a feeder class at the fair, make sure to weigh the animal you plan to sell in the auction first, followed by your feeder animal. The first animal you weigh across the scale is your sale animal- no exceptions.

Wednesday July 26, 2023

8:00PM - Sheep and Goat Weigh-In

Swine Barn, Auction photos before Market Class on Thursday Morning
Between 9-10AM

Thursday July 27, 2023

6:00AM - Swine Weigh-In

Swine Barn, auction photos during weigh-in. Please wear show clothing to weigh-in.

6:00AM - Beef Weigh-In

Beef Barn, auction photos to follow market lineup on Thursday morning.



Auction Photos: Please make sure to be ready to go at your designated photo time to get your auction photo taken. These photos are mounted on placards for your buyer, so it is important that you show up with both you and your animal looking their best. Auction photos are not optional.

AUCTION UPDATES

2023 LINEUP: GOATS, SHEEP, TURKEYS, RABBITS, CHICKENS, SWINE, BEEF

This year's auction will be held Saturday July 29, 2023, at 6:00 PM at the Washington County Fair. The sale will begin promptly at the designated start time. Please visit the WCLA website listed at the bottom of this newsletter for more updates as they come.

Please remember that after you sell your animal, you must pick up your buyer placard from behind the auctioneer, find your buyer in the stands, and give them the placard to thank them for their purchase. This must be completed as soon as you are done in the auction ring and your animal is safely put away.

BLUE RIBBON STEAK DINNER

The WCLA is pleased to present the 2023 Blue Ribbon Steak Dinner at the Washington County Fair from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM. For more information on the Blue Ribbon Steak Dinner please visit the [WCLA Blue Ribbon Steak Dinner webpage](#). Online ticket sales are open now and will close on July 28, 2023 at 10:00PM. In-person ticket sales with cash, check, or credit card will be available onsite at the steak dinner throughout the event. All steak dinner profits go towards WCLA youth scholarships. Invite your family, buyers and supporters to join us in this event that further supports Washington County Youth before the auction!

For those who would like to volunteer to help at the steak dinner, please visit the Blue Ribbon Steak Dinner website, linked above, to sign up with our WCLA Blue Ribbon Steak Dinner Coordinator, Dan Jordon.