
SMALL ANIMAL NEWSLETTER

JULY 6, 2023

SMALL ANIMAL MEAT PROCESSING UPDATE:

All small animal WCLA Youth Livestock Auction sale lots will be processed by Marion Acres on Monday July 31, 2023 located in Helvetia Oregon. Small animal auction lots will return home with the participant Sunday night from the fair and must be appropriately fed and watered until delivered to Marion Acres. It is the responsibility of the youth auction participant to deliver their sale lot to Marion Acres on Monday July 31st by 8:00 AM. Small animal lots will NOT be permitted to be kept by the participant in lieu of meat processing delivery, even at buyer request. Small animal sale lots MUST be processed by Marion Acres, as the WCLA Youth Livestock Auction is a terminal sale. Youth MAY NOT opt out of delivering their animal to Marion Acres, as this is an expectation of their participation in the auction. If youth are unable



to deliver their animals to Marion Acres on Monday morning, please reach out to the WCLA Auction Committee no later than July 20, 2023 at 6PM.

In prior years, it has been the responsibility of the youth auction participant to pay the meat processing fees and deliver their processed meat to their buyer. For 2023, the expectation is that buyers of small animals will be responsible for picking up their processed product by the end of the business day from Marion Acres on Monday July 31, 2023 and paying the meat processing fees. This is the standard practice for all other species of the auction, so for consistency and simplicity, we will be applying this practice across all species. Processing fees can be found at the Marion Acres website and will also be posted in the 2023 buyer catalog at the auction. Marion Acres does not freeze meat after processing and will not store meat on behalf of the auction buyers. Please communicate this change with your buyers and ensure they make alternative arrangements for pickup if they are unable to accommodate this strict pickup window. Marion Acres will contact the buyer of the small animal lot, once the meat is ready to be picked up.

SMALL ANIMAL FINAL WEIGH-IN

Small Animal final weigh-in will be held on Wednesday July 26, 2023 at 7:00PM in the Small Animal Barn. All small animal auction participants are required to weigh-in their sale animals. Auction photos for buyer placards will be taken at this time, so participants must wear formal show attire or FFA Official Dress and be appropriately groomed.

Please make sure to regularly weigh your sale animals and check the [2023 WCLA Youth Livestock Auction Sale Rules](#) to ensure that your animal will be eligible for sale. Youth that did not participate in the Small Animal Pre-Registration Day in May will not be eligible for Small Animal Final Weigh-In. All 2023 small animal sale lots must have their auction-provided leg bands or auction-designated ear tattoos in place prior to weigh-in to be eligible for the 2023 WCLA Youth Livestock Auction. If your leg band has been misplaced or has come off of your sale lot, please notify the WCLA Auction Committee via the WCLA website [online contact portal](#) as soon as possible for a replacement.

Final weigh-in paperwork can be found on the WCLA [poultry](#) and [rabbit](#) webpages. All participants must complete a Livestock Owner Certificate and a species health record. Participants must have this paperwork fully completed and signed before their animals are weighed for the sale. If you are selling a pen of animals, you must have a completed health record for each animal in the pen.

AUCTION UPDATES

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

This year's auction will be held Saturday July 29, 2023, at 6:00PM, 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 make sure you check in with your superintendent at the fair to know what time you need to be lining up to enter the sale ring.

Please remember that after you sell your animal or pen of animals, 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.



Buyers can pre-register for the auction today online by clicking this [link](#). This will help our auction registration staff get through the registration process a little faster the day-of the auction. The QR code on the left can be scanned by buyers to pre-register as a bidder. This is a great tool to include on your buyer letters and/or on your signs for fair!

Online add-ons are open on the WCLA website now. Visit the [WCLA webpage](#) for online add-ons. Add-ons must be received no later than August 6, 2023 at 6:00

PM.

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.