

Leavenworth County Livestock Premium Auction

Q & A

Q: What does a “Premium Only” Auction mean?

A: A “Premium Only” auction will allow a 4-Her to make the final determination of what will happen with the animal that goes through the sale ring on auction night. Due to the recent State 4-H rule change regarding auctions, it is now a possibility for a 4-Her to take their animal through the sale ring and then continue on with that animal to a State Show or KJLS show. Or, if the 4-Her is wanting to make a private sale either for termination or for other reasons, they may do that as well and still receive premium funds.

Q: What does a Terminal Auction with Premium Bids mean?

A: This is how the Leavenworth County Livestock Auction has been for many years. The County Fair Auction has been a Terminal Auction sale with the end result being all livestock that goes through the auction ring on Friday night have a final destination of termination within a given amount of time.

When a 4-Her walks the animal in the Auction ring and the bidding begins, the bidders are giving a “Premium Bid”, when the bidding ends the winner of the bid can then determine if they would like to keep the animal for themselves for processing and pay the predetermined floor price to the 4-Her or send the animal to the floor buyer, in which the floor buyer will pay the 4-Her the predetermined price.

Q: What is the 2024 Kansas 4-H rule on auctions of 4-Hers projects vs. previous years?

A: The Rule as of 2021

10.6: Sale of 4-H Exhibits/Projects (Including Animals)

***Any 4-H exhibit sold at public auction or by private contract is not eligible to be exhibited at the Kansas State Fair or the Kansas Junior Livestock Show. Public auction includes: premium sale, ribbon auction or similar event. If the project is sold, regardless of ownership changes, on the date of the transaction the 4-H youth has given up the right to exhibit that specific animal or product in the future. Non-livestock exhibits (perishable foods, photographs, etc) may be reproduced for the Kansas State Fair.

It is the responsibility of the local extension unit to report tag numbers of animals sold in a premium sale to the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry, Kansas State University.***

As of October 2023

Section 10.6: Sale of 4-H Exhibits/Projects is removed beginning with the 2024 4-H program year.

Q: Will there still be a floor buyer available if it is a Premium Only Auction?

A: The Auction Committee will work to ensure there will be Floor Buyers available for private treaty sales if a 4-Her is looking to move their animal on. The agreement and payment will be between the Floor Buyer and the 4-Her, not the Auction Committee.

Q: Can I make a private/terminal sale of my animal if it is a Premium Only Auction?

A: Yes, If you have someone interested in purchasing your animal for processing or for an invested interested sale you may do that. The animal may not leave the Fair Grounds during Fair week until the predetermined release time.

Q: Will Add-on funds to 4-Hers projects still be accepted by the auction committee?

A: Yes, Add-on funds will still be accepted for each 4-Her going through the sale on Auction night. Those funds will be paid out by the Auction Committee along with the Premium Funds.

Q: Since this is a "Premium" only auction, can I put one of my breeding animals in the auction?

A: No, even though this is a "Premium" only auction, only animals exhibited in the market categories of each species project will be allowed to participate in the auction.