



Eastern Michigan State Fair Buyer Information

Thank you for your recent support of youth at the Eastern Michigan State Fair Youth Livestock Auction! We are pleased to bring you the 62nd annual Eastern Michigan State Fair Youth Livestock Auction on Thursday, July 30th, 2026, starting at 1 pm. Please plan to arrive early and enjoy the BBQ lunch starting at noon.

Information on purchasing an animal:

Purchasing an animal from the youth livestock auction is a great way to put high quality, locally raised meat in your freezer and support a youth in the process! Youth livestock projects, generally raised by 4-H and FFA members, allow youth to have hands-on experience and acquire an understanding of market animal production by preparing for, purchasing, caring for, and keeping records on the animal. When you arrive at the auction, please proceed to the clerk's table to register for a buyer number. Please note that all animals are sold by the pound. Pens of animals are sold by the total weight of the animals in the pen. There are several options for processing of animals (except rabbits and poultry) which will be outlined in the sale program, you may also have them shipped to a public livestock auction to be sold again. Please know where you would like your animal(s) to go prior to checking out. The EMSF Livestock Committee or the seller then will transport animals to the processor. At that point, you can select how you would like the product cut and packaged. You will pick up the frozen meat from the processor when it is ready. You may check out at any point in the sale when you have completed your purchases, please proceed to the clerk's table for assistance checking out.

What if I purchase an animal to support the youth but do not want to keep it?

You may [RE-SELL](#) the animal by letting the ring men or auctioneer know to re-sell using the "R" on your paddle. The animal will be re-sold at the end of that species, with proceeds benefiting the Eastern Michigan State Fair General Youth Account. Simply hold up the 'R' on the back of your paddle to indicate that you would like to resell the animal after making your final bid. The buyer should proceed to get pictures taken with the animal and exhibitor immediately. The second buyer will also get a picture with the animal and exhibitor after the final sale of that animal. All proceeds from re-sold animals go into the Eastern Michigan State Fair Youth general fund. This fund pays for awards, youth education, youth activities, and the other expenses required to provide project support to the Eastern Michigan State Fair Youth Program. If you do not want to resell the animal but do not wish to keep it, many local food pantries and charities gladly accept [donations](#) of processed animals. If this is something you are considering, please contact the food pantry or charity of your choice to discuss their needs as well as cost of processing.



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What if I want to support the youth individually but could not purchase an animal?

You may **ADD-ON** to an exhibitor's project to support the youth without purchasing an animal. An add-on is a direct monetary donation to the youth. Please utilize the Add-On sheet in your sale program and give the completed form to the clerk when you are ready to check out.

What if I would like to donate to the Eastern Michigan State Fair Youth Program as a whole?

Dime-A-Pound - You can absolutely donate to the Eastern Michigan State Fair Youth Program by utilizing the "Dime-A-Pound" donation sheet located at the clerk's table. You may donate a certain amount per pound on an animal or a set amount.

Re-Sell - You can also "re-sell" an animal you have purchased by holding up the "R" on your paddle. The animal will be resold at the end of the species and the 2nd selling price monies will be donated back. These donations go into the Eastern Michigan State Fair Youth general fund and are used for awards, youth education, youth activities, and the other expenses required to provide project support to the Eastern Michigan State Fair Youth Program.

Thank you!!!

Thank you for your continued support of the Eastern Michigan State Fair Youth! Your support helps youth gain a better understanding of the business aspects and economics of purchasing animals, feeds, facilities, and equipment. These young people learn entrepreneurial skills and become advocates of animal agriculture.

For any questions, please contact the fair office at (810) 724-4145 or the Youth Coordinator at youth@emsf.org.