

Eastern Michigan State Fair Youth Livestock Auction: 2026 Policies and Procedures

1. Eligibility:

- a) Open to youth aged 8 to 19, including Junior, Intermediate, Senior, and Advanced Senior Showmen.
- b) FFA members must meet Lapeer County FFA requirements and have an SAE on file with their FFA advisor. This rule takes precedence over any conflicting livestock sale rules.

2. Animal Limit:

- a) Each exhibitor may sell up to two large animals of different species (beef, lamb, hog).
- b) Exception: Exhibitors with champion or reserve champion pairs in any species.
- c) All overall Grand and Reserve Champion animals must sell.

3. Animal Selection for Auction:

- a) Exhibitors showing multiple large animals must inform the superintendent by 8:00 p.m. on Monday regarding which animal they intend to sell.
- b) Rules regarding the sale of champions may override the exhibitor's choice.

4. Order of Sale:

- a) The sale order will rotate one position upward annually.
- b) Small animals rotate as a group.

5. Mandatory Sale:

- a) All animals entered in the livestock sale must be sold.

6. Animal Presentation:

- a) Animals must be clean and presentable at the time of sale.

7. Exhibitor Attendance:

- a) Exhibitors must be present with their animal at the time of sale. If an exhibitor is absent without excuse from the area superintendent, the animal will not be sold.

8. Buyer Thank-Yous:

- a) Thank-you notes must be displayed within 30 minutes after the sale ends.
- b) Failure to comply will result in a \$50 fine, payable to the Fair office prior to receiving the auction check.

9. Specialty and Donated Items:

- a) Specialty and donated items will be sold at the Fair Board's discretion.
- b) All such items must be presented to the Fair Manager 10 days prior to the auction.

10. Re-Sale of Animals:

- a) If an animal is donated back by the buyer, it will be re-sold at the end of that specie, with proceeds benefiting the Eastern Michigan State Fair General Youth Account.
- b) Reselling an animal is a great option if you would like to support a youth member but not own the animal. Simply hold up the 'R' on the back of the program to indicate that you would like to resell the animal after making your final bid. The buyer should proceed to get pictures taken with animal and exhibitor immediately. The Eastern Michigan State Fair Youth Livestock sale will then take possession of the animal, and the auctioneer will re-sell the animal at the end of that species. The second buyer will 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.

11. Add-Ons:

- a) An add-on is defined as a monetary donation directly to the exhibitor.
- b) Add-ons must be submitted in writing using an add-on sheet available at the clerking table at buyer check-out and be submitted within 30 minutes of the close of auction.

12. Picture/Check Pickup and Delivery:

- a) Exhibitors are solely responsible for picking up their picture from the fairgrounds and delivering it to their buyer after the fair.

13. Proof of Delivery:

- a) Exhibitors must obtain signed proof of picture delivery from their buyer and return it to the fairgrounds in order to pick up their check.

14. Picture and Check Pickup Dates:

- a) The fairgrounds will be open on the following dates in 2026 for picture and check pickups:
 - August 29th, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
 - September 2nd, 6:00–8:00 p.m.
 - September 9th, 6:00–8:00 p.m.
 - September 19th, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
 - September 30th, 6:00–8:00 p.m.
 - October 7th, 6:00–8:00 p.m.
 - October 17th, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

15. Failure to Complete Pickup:

- a) Exhibitors who do not pick up their picture, obtain a signed proof of delivery, and collect their check by 12:00 p.m. on October 17th will incur a \$100 processing fee. The fair board will then deliver the picture to the buyer and mail the check to the exhibitor, minus the \$100 fee.