

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

SALE MANAGER: David Kalar

SIFTING COMMITTEE: Members of the Sale Committee

WEIGHMASTERS & SALE COORDINATORS: Members of the Sale Committee

AUCTIONEERS: To Be Announced

SPONSORS: Market Sale Committee, Thurston County Fair, Thurston County Extension, Thurston County Agricultural Educators & Thurston County 4-H Council.

### PURPOSE:

To provide an outlet for youth to exhibit and sell quality market livestock (steers, hogs, lambs, meat goats, and market rabbits) which have reached marketable weight and grade. Sellers (4-H and FFA members) and the bidders and/or buyers are reminded that the price paid to the seller on their animal may not, in fact, reflect a true market price at the time of the sale. It is the desire of the sponsors that the buyer of the animals featured in this sale will bid sufficiently to cover the individual exhibitors additional expenses incurred. Any animal sold in the auction is suitable for process at the time of the sale.

### RULES AND REGULATIONS ELIGIBILITY:

1. Each exhibitor must be enrolled in 4-H or be a member of a FFA Chapter and be actively caring for the animal(s) exhibited as a 4-H project or an FFA farming project. 4-H and FFA members must be enrolled as a member of Thurston County 4-H or a Thurston County FFA Chapter. Each 4-H and FFA member must follow the rules and regulations of their respective organization and the Thurston County Fair. If any disciplinary action taken of an exhibitor during the fair, the committee reserves the right to review all actions and may result in not being allowed to sell.
2. This certificate of Intent to Sell/Memorandum of Understanding, shall be completed to be eligible for the sale and be postmarked by April 15th for steers and June 1st for sheep, hogs, meat goats & meat rabbits. Intent must be mailed to Market Animal Sale Committee, PO BOX 695 East Olympia, WA. 98540. Copies of this Intent to Sell/Memorandum of Understanding form are available from the county WSU extension office, 4-H animal project leaders, FFA advisors or the Thurston County Fair website: [www.co.thurston.wa.us/fair](http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/fair).
3. The market sale sifting committee shall inspect all animals entered in the division between 6:00pm and 9:00pm on August 2, 2011 during weigh-in. If the animal does not meet weight limits, the exhibit will be eliminated from the auction. However, exhibitor may change his/her entry and show it in the appropriate division, class & lot, not associated with the Market animal sale. Exhibitor must be present for inspection and weigh-in. A shrink of 3% for beef and 2% for hogs, sheep, and meat goats will be taken from scale weight to obtain the animal sale weight. NO PROXIES ALLOWED WITHOUT PRIOR SALLE COMMITTEE APPROVAL.
4. No steers having horns longer than 2 inches will be permitted.
5. Market hogs may be gilts or barrows; market lambs may be wethers or ewes; meat goats may be wethers or does; rabbits may be bucks or does.
6. Market lambs must have no more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch of fleece.
7. No animal previously sold at any 4-H or FFA youth sale shall be allowed to be resold at the Thurston County Youth Market Animal Sale.
8. If you choose to participate in the Thurston County Youth Animal Market Sale you may not cross enter that project animal into any neighboring County Fair market animal sales for the current year. The Northwest Junior Livestock Show, Puget Sound Livestock Show and Washington Junior Lamb Carcass Show are not county fairs;
9. All sheep and goats entered in the 4-H/FFA Thurston County Youth Market Animal Sale at the Thurston County Fair shall be identified as per the USDA-APHIS Scrapie Mandatory Identification Program for sheep and goats.

## Thurston County Youth Market Animal Sale

### ENTRY REGULATIONS:

1. EACH EXHIBITOR MAY CONSIGN UP TO TWO (2) SEPARATE UNITS, BUT NOT TWO UNITS OF THE SAME SPECIES. A UNIT IS CONSIDERED A SINGLE STEER, SINGLE MARKET HOG, SINGLE MARKET LAMB, SINGLE MEAT GOAT, SINGLE MARKET RABBIT FRYER OR SINGLE MARKET RABBIT PEN OF THREE (3) FRYERS.
2. Exhibitors may not withdraw their exhibits from the show or auction after weigh in on the day before the fair.
3. Market animals must not be in any type of partnership. If this rule is violated, future entries into the sale may be limited.
4. Exhibitors and/or others may not buy animals for specific return of animals to the seller to be shown at other shows and/or market sales by any exhibitor.
5. NO ANIMAL WILL BE ALLOWED TO SELL UNLESS AN INTENT TO SELL/MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OF SALE RULES IS SIGNED BY EXHIBITOR, LEADER/ADVISOR, AND PARENT/GUARDIAN AND RECEIVED BY SECRETARY BY DUE DATES INDICATED ON INTENT TO SELL FORM.
6. No animal will be weighed without a completed Market Health Record.
7. Sellers of market steers at the final weigh-in must complete and hand in a hauling slip and bill of sale if the animal is branded.

### ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION:

Animals should be tagged branded, or tattooed prior to arriving at the fair. Tags will be available at the June Welcome and Information meeting. Rabbit tattoo numbers will be entered onto Intent to Sell form before weigh in.

### SALE REGULATIONS:

1. The official judge while judging for type may exclude the exhibit for the sale if the animal fails to meet the minimum grade as established.
2. All project animals found eligible for the sale will be weighed for sale weight on Tuesday during weigh-in. Sellers must be present to bring their animals into the auction ring or they will not be sold. NO PROXIES ALLOWED WITHOUT PRIOR SALE COMMITTEE APPROVAL.
3. If a weight is contested on any animal, the animal must stay within the scale area and be re-weighed immediately.
4. All project animals will be sold by the pound.
5. All sales are final.
6. Sale order will be determined by sale committee and the judge.
7. USDA requirements for withdrawal of feed additives and medications shall be followed. If the animal is condemned during processing for violation of these USDA requirements, it is the seller's responsibility to absorb the loss.

### PAYMENTS FROM SALE:

Proceeds of the sale will be distributed to exhibitors or their assignors after payment has been received from all buyers. No payment will be made to the seller/exhibitor until the treasurer has collected all proceeds of the sale.

### SELLER'S RESPONSIBILITY:

1. Each exhibitor will complete one Intent to Sell/Memorandum of Understanding forms for each animal they intend to exhibit and sell. The animal must be identified in some manner.
2. Each exhibitor and seller assumes the responsibility for securing at least three potential buyers for each animal to be sold.
3. Sellers of market steers must provide buyers with a rope halter, which may or may not be returned to exhibitor. This halter must be left on steer in the barn.
4. All exhibitors are required to care for market animals until the animal leaves the fairgrounds or until the Livestock release time, August 7, 2011.

## Memorandum of Understanding & Intent to Sell Form

## Thurston County Youth Market Animal Sale

### BUYER'S RESPONSIBILITY:

It is required that the buyers of animals and monetary supporters of the sale will pay cash, check or credit card following the sale or make arrangements with the Treasurer.

### WEIGHT, GRADING, & AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR MARKET ANIMALS:

- **MARKET STEERS:** 1000 pound minimum. Must grade either select or choice to qualify for the sale. Desirable age of steers should be less than 24 months of age. Only steers awarded a blue or red ribbon in their type class will be allowed to sell.
- **MARKET LAMBS:** 90 pound minimum to 160 pound maximum. Must grade either select or choice to qualify for the sale and not have over  $\frac{3}{4}$ " of fleece. Only lambs awarded a blue or red ribbon in their type class will be allowed to sell.
- **MARKET HOGS:** 200 pound minimum to 285 maximum. Must grade either USDA #1 or USDA #2 to qualify for the sale. Only hogs awarded a blue or red ribbon in their type class will be allowed to sell.
- **MEAT GOATS:** 60 pound minimum. Goats must be born after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current fair year and must be a Boer or meat breed cross. Goats will be graded on weight, muscle tone, and overall condition. Only goats awarded a blue ribbon in their type class will be allowed to sell.
- **MARKET RABBITS:** Single fryers must be under 70 days of age and be 3 pounds minimum to 5 pounds maximum. Fryer pens must consist of 3 rabbits under 70 days of age and each weighing 3 pounds minimum to 5 pounds maximum. Only blue ribbon fryers and fryer pens will be allowed to sell.

### QUESTIONS?:

Questions or concerns regarding this Memorandum of Understanding can be addressed to the Thurston County Youth Market Animal Sale Committee at PO Box 695 East Olympia, WA 98540.

## **2011 INTENT TO SELL FORM DUE DATES**

*No exceptions, only forms received by the sale committee and postmarked by the below dates will be allowed entry into the sale*

**STEERS – April 15<sup>th</sup> 2011**  
**HOGS/LAMBS/MEAT GOATS/RABBITS – June 1<sup>st</sup> 2011**

## **INTENT TO SELL FORM**

**FILL OUT ONE (1) FORM FOR EACH PROJECT ENTRY**

*Please use home contact information, not school or club contact information.*

SPECIE: (CIRCLE ONE)   STEER   SHEEP   SWINE   MEAT GOAT   RABBIT
EXHIBITOR NAME: _____
MAILING ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
HOME PHONE NUMBER: ( _____ ) _____
EMAIL ADDRESS _____
4-H or FFA? (CIRCLE ONE)   4-H   FFA
4-H CLUB/FFA CHAPTER NAME: _____
PROJECT ANIMAL BREED: _____
COLOR/MARKINGS/DESCRIPTION _____

This is to certify that I plan to exhibit and sell the following at the Thurston County Fair Market Sale - held in conjunction with the Thurston County Fair - understanding that my official fair entry form is due on the dates as indicated above and in the premium list.

We the undersigned, by virtue of our signatures, certify that: we have read the Memorandum of Understanding containing rules and regulations and agree to them concerning the Market Animal Sale for 4-H and FFA members as stated. We are aware that failure to comply with these rules and regulations may result in not being allowed to sell in this sale or future Thurston County Market Animal auctions.

EXHIBITOR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

FFA ADV/4-H LEADER SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this form by mail to:  
Market Animal Sale Committee PO BOX 695 EAST OLYMPIA, WA 98540**

QUESTIONS?: Contact David Kalar (360) 491-8609 or email: [dkalar@thurston.com](mailto:dkalar@thurston.com) If you would like confirmation from the Committee that they received your Intent To Sell form, you must enclose a self stamped envelop with your intent to sell, or e-mail address. Notify your leader or advisor immediately if you do not make entry deadline by the above dates, or you could jeopardize your entry into the Market Sale.

Memorandum of Understanding & Intent to Sell Form