

BAKER COUNTY FAIR & PANHANDLE RODEO/HALFWAY FAIR

2020 JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION

August 20, 2020

Dear Livestock Auction Supporter,

On behalf of the Baker County Fair & Panhandle Rodeo ('Halfway Fair'), we would like to express our sincere thanks for your past support of our youth livestock auction.

2020 has been a challenging year. We understand that many of our past supporters have been negatively impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic. We have been concerned about asking our community to support the youth livestock auction in the current economic climate. However, we have also had many requests to provide an opportunity for the community to support our youth exhibitors if they wish. We know that supporters of this event understand that the majority of our youth exhibitors purchased projects prior to the pandemic and also recognize the value of the lessons learned by youth participating in a market livestock project, including overcoming obstacles in a year such as this.

As you may have already heard, the fair and rodeo will not take place in a traditional sense this year. We will have a one-day live show for exhibitors to present their animals for judging and to determine our sale order. Attendance at this portion of our event will be limited to exhibitors, their family members, and volunteers.

Our livestock auction will be moving to a live virtual sale on Sunday September 6, 2020 at 2:00 P.M. You can bid online in real time via ShoWorks Auctions. A link to register to bid online will be available at www.halfwayfairandrodeo.com on September 2, 2020. We will also be set up to take live in person bids at the Pine-Eagle Charter School or you can place a bid by proxy by contacting a sales committee person listed below. All government mandates related to the coronavirus will be followed, e.g. social distancing, masks, etc.

If you purchased an animal at the auction last year, you will likely be contacted by a member of the sales committee in the coming weeks. If you would like to support the auction but are uncomfortable bidding online, please reach out to the sales committee person listed below. Thank you again for your past support of the junior livestock auction and please know that your support this year is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

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2020 Halfway Fair Youth Livestock Auction Frequently Asked Questions

**Facebook – Baker County Fair & Panhandle Rodeo Livestock
Website – halfwayfair&rodeo.com**

What are my options for buying or supporting?

1. **Bid on-line** – bid real time via ShoWorks Auctions (you can find a link to register to bid at halfwayfairandrodeo.com)
2. **Proxy Bid** – A sales committee member will bid live on your behalf
3. **Add-on** – add a designated cash contribution to one or more specific exhibitors
4. **Bump Program** – Donations to this program will be pooled with funds from other donors to “bump” the price youth exhibitors who “leave the ring with a price that is below average” at the discretion of the sales committee.

When you bid on-line or proxy bid you can choose to purchase an animal and take possession of the animal for your own use or consumption. If you elect to purchase the animal for your own use, you pay the full bid price. A buyer may also choose to purchase an animal but not take possession, thereby making a donation only purchase. In you so elect, you would pay the bid price minus the market floor price for that animal.

Online Bidding through ShoWorks Auctions

- **How do I sign up to bid on-line?** We have partnered with ShoWorks Auctions for our live virtual sale. A link to register to bid online will be available on our fair website at halfwayfairandrodeo.com beginning September 2, 2020. By selecting the link on the fair’s website, you will be able to create an account, register for a bidder number, and watch the auction live on-line.
- **What happens after I buy the animal?** After you successfully bid on an animal, you will be asked if your animal is Resale or Custom. If you select custom, you will need to state your preferred custom processor from the list below.
- **Do I have to pay on-line?** If you register to bid on-line we ask that you pay on-line via the secure credit card processing system that ShoWorks Auctions has in place. If you are not comfortable with paying on-line, we ask that you bid in person or make arrangements to bid via proxy.
- **On-line access?** Make sure you log-in from a location with reliable connectivity. At times there can be a lag between the on-line audio and the auction. The auctioneer will take this into consideration when on-line bidders are participating

on an animal and will wait to allow on-line bidders ample opportunity to respond when they have been outbid. However, reliable connectivity is the buyer's responsibility and auction results cannot be changed in the event a buyer loses connectivity during the live auction.

Proxy Bid

- **What is this?** Bidding by proxy means that you as a buyer, authorize the sale staff to bid live on your behalf on a certain animal or species up to a certain price per head or total dollar amount. A proxy bid form will be available on our website at halfwayfairandrodeo.com the week prior to the auction.
- **When will I find out if I got the animal bought?** Sale staff will contact you if you are the successful bidder. If you selected Custom Process – we will send animals to the processor that you selected on your proxy form. You will be invoiced after the sale or can pay over the phone.

Add-on & Bump Program

- **What is an add-on?** An add-on is a designated amount to one or more specific exhibitors in the auction.
- **What is the Bump Program?** Donations to this program will be pooled with funds from other donors to “bump” the price youth exhibitors who “leave the ring with a price that is below average” at the discretion of the sales committee.
- **How do I add-on or participate in the Bump Program?** The add-on/bump program form can be found at www.halfwayfairandrodeo.com. Add-ons and Bump program contributions will be accepted until September 25, 2020.

Sale Order

- **Where and when will the sale order be posted?** The sale order will be posted on our Facebook page and website no later than the morning of Sunday September 6, 2020.

Custom Process Purchases

- **What are this year's options for custom process?** We have two custom processors that will accept purchases from our auction. At the time of purchase be prepared to state your preferred processor. Please do not contact them ahead of the auction. Custom processor contact info: (you will need to contact them directly the week after the auction with your instructions)
 - Billy Bob's Butcher in Elgin 541-437-2272 (limit 20 hogs)
 - Hines Meat Co. in La Grande 541-975-2333
- Please note custom process options are NOT available for chickens or turkeys.