

June 26, 2026

Dear potential turn buyer,

The Thurston County Youth Market Animal Sale Committee is soliciting bids from potential buyers of turned animals for the 2026 auction. This is an opportunity to purchase high quality, market ready livestock while supporting local youth in agricultural educational programs.

Enclosed is the *Turn Buyer Policy* and *Turn Buyer Bid Sheet*. Completed bid sheets must be received via mail or email by Wednesday, July 15th 2026 to be considered. We are expecting about approximately 15 steers, 22 hogs, 47 lambs, 16 goats, 16 turkeys, 15 chicken projects, and 22 rabbit projects.

The auction will be held at the Thurston County Fairgrounds on Saturday, August 1st at 6:00pm with animals released Sunday at 6:00pm.

Without industry supporters like you, we would not be able to provide this option to buyers at the auction – and I want to thank you for your part in making the sale successful.

If you have any questions, please give me a call or send us an email.

Sincerely,

Celeste Winther

Celeste Winther, President

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2026 Turn Buyer Opportunity

The following is the policy of the committee in handling the bidding process for flooring all turned animals at the annual Thurston County Youth Market Animal Sale (TCYMAS) auction.

The purpose of the TCYMAS is to provide an outlet for youth to exhibit and sell quality market livestock (steers, hogs, lambs, meat goats, market rabbits, fryer chickens, and turkeys) which have reached marketable weight and grade. Auction buyers are given the option to 'turn' the animal. A turned animal is sold back to the committee at the floor price and the auction buyer pays the difference. This bid process is seeking a buyer for those turned animals which will determine the floor price. Sellers (youth 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.

1. A bid to purchase turned animals will be for all animals in their respective species group (steers, hogs, lambs, goats, rabbits, chicken, turkeys). A species group will not be sold to multiple buyers.
2. Each species group will be awarded to the highest bidder.
3. One turn buyer may bid on or purchase more than one species group.
4. Turned animals are released the day following the auction on Sunday, August 2nd 2026 at 6:00pm.
5. Turn buyers are responsible for hauling their purchased animals.
6. Payment is due in cash, credit card, or cashier's check at the time the turned animals are picked up.
7. Bids for turned animals must be in the committees' possession by Wednesday, July 15th 2026.
8. 'Winning' bidders for turned animals will be notified by Friday, July 17th.
9. The decision of the committee in awarding the winning bid to floor any of the turned animals is final.

	Species Weight Range	Average Percentage Turned
Hogs	220-300 pounds	28%
Lambs	90-160 pounds	63%
Steers	1,000-1,500 pounds	19%
Goats	60+ pounds	64%
Rabbits	3.5-6 pounds each <i>(sold as singles or pens of 3)</i>	58%
Chickens	5-8 pounds each <i>(sold as pens of 3)</i>	5%
Turkeys	15-45 pounds	40%

2026 Turn Buyer Bid Sheet

By submitting a bid to purchase turned animals, I agree to and acknowledge the following;

1. A bid to purchase turned animals will be for all animals in their respective species group (steers, hogs, lambs, meat goats, rabbits, fryer chickens, and turkeys). A species group will not be sold to multiple buyers.
2. Each species group will be awarded to the highest bidder.
3. A turn buyer may bid on and purchase more than one species group.
4. Turned animals are released Sunday evening, the day following the auction around or before 6:00 PM on Sunday, August 2nd 2026.
5. Turn buyers are responsible for hauling their purchased animals.
6. Payment is due in cash, credit card, or check at the time turned animals are picked up.
7. Completed bid sheets for turned animals must be in the committees' possession by Wednesday, July 15th 2026.
8. The decision of the committee in awarding the winning bid to floor any of the turned animals is final.

Species	Bid Price/Pound
Steers	\$ _____ . _____
Hogs	\$ _____ . _____
Lambs	\$ _____ . _____
Meat Goats	\$ _____ . _____
Rabbits	\$ _____ . _____
Chickens	\$ _____ . _____
Turkeys	\$ _____ . _____

Name:

Business Name:

Address:

(_____) _____ - _____
Phone:

Signature:

Date:

Return this form to: TCYMAS PO Box 695 East Olympia, WA 98540 or tcymas@gmail.com