

## Thurston County Youth Market Animal Sale



Exhibitors, Leaders, Advisors, Parents;

Attached is the 2026 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Intent to Sell form, Project Cost Expense form, and Add-On Form for the Thurston County Youth Market Animals Sale.

It is up to the exhibitor to ensure this form is complete, signed, and received by the committee by the appropriate due date. We will accept completed Intent to Sell forms to be submitted via email but they must have complete signatures by all parties before being emailed. If you have any questions or to confirm receipt of your Intent to Sell form, please contact the market sale at [TCYMAS@gmail.com](mailto:TCYMAS@gmail.com)

See you at the fair!

<b>Important 2026 dates to remember...</b>	
<b>April 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Intent to Sell Forms due for market steers
<b>June 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Intent to Sell Forms due for market lambs, goats, hogs, rabbits, chickens, and turkeys
<b>June 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Photos for online add-ons on website due
<b>August 1<sup>st</sup> 6:00pm</b>	35 <sup>th</sup> Annual Market Sale Auction

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### 2026 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

**SALE MANAGER:** Committee President

**SIFTING COMMITTEE:** Members of the Sale Committee

**WEIGHMASTERS & SALE COORDINATORS:** Members of the Sale Committee

**AUCTIONEERS:** To Be Announced

**SPONSORS:** Market Sale Committee, community agricultural youth organizations

#### **PURPOSE:**

To provide an outlet for youth to exhibit and sell quality market livestock (steers, hogs, lambs, meat goats, rabbits, chickens, and turkeys) which have reached marketable weight and grade. Sellers 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 exhibitor's additional expenses incurred. Any animal sold in the auction is suitable for process at the time of the sale.

#### **RULES, REGULATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY:**

- 1) Each exhibitor must be enrolled in 4-H or be a member of an FFA Chapter and be actively caring for the animal(s) exhibited as a 4-H project or an FFA 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 is 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) All entries must follow the Thurston County Fair Exhibitor Guide for 4-H & FFA;  
<https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/thurston-county-fair-exhibitors-information>
- 3) This notice of Intent to Sell/Memorandum of Understanding shall be completed to be eligible for the sale and be postmarked by April 30, 2026 for steers and June 1, 2026 for all other species. Intent to Sell forms must be mailed to Market Animal Sale Committee, PO BOX 695 East Olympia, WA. 98540 or emailed to tcymas@gmail.com. Copies of this Memorandum of Understanding & Intent to Sell form are available on the TCYMAS website at [www.TCYMAS.org](http://www.TCYMAS.org).
- 4) The market sale sifting committee shall inspect all animals entered in the division between 6:00pm and 8:00pm on Wednesday, July 29, 2026 during weigh-in. If the animal does not meet weight limits, the exhibit will be eliminated from the auction. However, an exhibitor may change his/her entry and show it in the appropriate division, class & lot, not associated with the market animal sale. Exhibitors must be present for inspection and weigh-in. No proxies allowed without prior approval by the sale committee. Weigh-in times for species will be published in advance.
- 5) No animal previously sold at any youth sale shall be allowed to be resold at the Thurston County Youth Market Animal Sale.
- 6) If you choose to participate in the Thurston County Youth Animal Market Sale you may not cross enter that project animal into any other 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.)

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### **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 to be: a single steer, a single market hog, a single market lamb, a single meat goat, a single market rabbit fryer or a single market rabbit pen of three (3) fryers, a single market chicken pen of three (3), or a single turkey.
- 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.

### **ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION:**

Animals shall be tagged, branded, banded, or tattooed prior to arriving at the fairgrounds. Tags and poultry leg bands will be available prior to the sale. Rabbit tattoo numbers will be entered onto Intent to Sell form before weigh-in. Poultry are to be banded on the left leg.

### **SALE REGULATIONS:**

- 1) The official judge while judging for type may exclude the exhibit from 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 during weigh-in. Sellers must be present to bring their animals into the auction ring or they will not be sold. No proxies allowed at weigh-in or the auction without prior 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 as follows;
  - a. Specie order will be determined and published by the sale committee.
  - b. 4-H and FFA will alternate every year.
  - c. All blue ribbon animals will sell within their specie group before any red ribbon animals.
  - d. Overall placing supersedes class placing (for example – animals placed in a final champion drive class will sell prior to animals placed in individual classes. Heavyweight classes will sell before lightweight classes.)
  - e. Any clarifications will be discussed with the sale committee, judge(s), and project superintendents prior to the sale.

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- 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 financial loss.
- 8) Cost breakdown sheets shall be posted for every project animal by noon on Thursday of the fair.

### **PAYMENTS FROM SALE:**

- 1) Proceeds of the sale will be distributed to sellers/exhibitors or their assignors after payments have been received from all buyers. No payment will be made to the seller/exhibitor until the treasurer has collected all proceeds of the sale.
- 2) A 5% commission will be deducted from all revenues (to include animal sales and add-ons) to cover the cost of facilitating the sale.

### **SELLER'S RESPONSIBILITY:**

- 1) Each exhibitor will complete one Intent to Sell form for each animal unit they intend to exhibit and sell.
- 2) Exhibitors/sellers assume the responsibility for securing at least three potential buyers for each animal to be sold in the auction.
- 3) All exhibitors are required to care for market animals until the animal leaves the fairgrounds or until the livestock release time.

### **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.

### **SALE REQUIREMENTS FOR MARKET ANIMALS:**

- 1) MARKET STEERS
  - a. 1000 pound minimum to 1,500 maximum. Steers over 1,500 pounds will be allowed in the sale but will sell at a max weight of 1,500 pounds.
  - b. Must grade either select or choice to qualify for the sale.
  - c. Steers shall be no older than 24 months of age.
  - d. Only steers awarded a blue or red ribbon in their type class will be allowed to sell.
  - e. No steers having horns longer than 2 inches will be permitted.
  - f. 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.
  - g. 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 in accordance with the WSDA Brand Inspection program.

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### 2) MARKET LAMBS:

- a. 95 pound minimum to 165 pound maximum.
- b. Must grade either select or choice to qualify for the sale.
- c. Must not have over  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch of fleece.
- d. Only lambs awarded a blue or red ribbon in their type class will be allowed to sell.
- e. Market lambs may be wethers or ewes.
- f. All sheep shall be identified as per the USDA-APHIS Scrapie Mandatory Identification Program for sheep and goats.

### 3) MARKET HOGS:

- a. 220 pound minimum to 300 pounds maximum. Hogs weighing 301-315 pounds will be allowed to sell, but at a weight of 300 pounds.
- b. Must grade either USDA #1 or USDA #2 to qualify for the sale.
- c. Only hogs awarded a blue or red ribbon in their type class will be allowed to sell.
- d. Market hogs may be gilts or barrows
- e. All hogs must be identified as per and in compliance with the USDA-APHIS African Swine Fever program.

### 4) MEAT GOATS:

- a. 60 pound minimum.
- b. Must be a Boer or meat breed cross
- c. Be less than a year old, and cannot have lost their first milk teeth at time of weigh-in.
- d. Goats will be graded on weight, muscle tone, and overall condition.
- e. Only goats awarded a blue ribbon in their type class will be allowed to sell.
- f. Horns on market goats will comply with state, county, 4-H, and FFA rules. *(For 4-H rules, refer to section 8.7 of the [Washington 4-H Policies and Procedures 2024-2026.](#))*
- g. Meat goats may be wethers or does
- h. All goats shall be identified as per the USDA-APHIS Scrapie Mandatory Identification Program for sheep and goats.

### 5) MARKET RABBITS:

- a. Entries can be either a single fryer or a pen of three.
- b. Each fryer must be 3.5 pounds minimum to 6 pounds maximum.
- c. Fryers must be under 70 days of age
- d. Only fryers and fryer pens awarded a blue ribbon in their type class will be allowed to sell.
- e. Exhibitors must own the doe on or before date of kindle.
- f. Market rabbits must be one of the recognized ARBA commercial meat breeds or a cross of those commercial breeds.
- g. Rabbits may be bucks or does.

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### **6) MARKET CHICKENS**

- a. Entries must be a pen of three and all three of the same gender.
- b. Each fryer must be 4.5 pounds minimum to 8 pounds maximum at the time of weigh-in for Cornish Crosses, and 6 to 12 pounds for Rangers.
- c. Fryers should be in exhibitor's care no later than June 10, 2026, for Cornish Cross and May 15, 2026 for Rangers. Fryers must be under 90 days of age at the time of weigh-in.
- d. Only fryer pens awarded a blue ribbon in their type class will be allowed to sell.
- e. Fryers must be either Cornish Crosses or Ranger variety.
- f. Fryers may be hens or roosters, but the pen must consist of the same gender to ensure consistency in sizes.
- g. All poultry animals must comply WSDA avian health mandates.

### **7) MARKET TURKEYS**

- a. Single turkeys only.
- b. Turkeys must weigh between 15 and 30 pounds.
- c. Turkeys must be a minimum of 16 weeks and should not exceed 20 weeks.
- d. Turkeys must be a Broad Breasted variety. No heritage breeds allowed.
- e. Only turkeys awarded a blue ribbon in their type class will be allowed to sell.
- f. Hens or toms are allowed.
- g. All poultry animals must comply with WSDA avian health mandates.

### **QUESTIONS?:**

Questions or concerns regarding this Memorandum of Understanding can be addressed to the Thurston County Youth Market Animal Sale Committee by email at [TCYMAS@gmail.com](mailto:TCYMAS@gmail.com).

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**INTENT TO SELL FORM**

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

SPECIE: **STEER SHEEP SWINE GOAT RABBIT CHICKEN TURKEY**

EXHIBITOR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS (exhibitor): \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS (parent): \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a 4-H or FFA? Project:           **4-H**           **FFA**

4-H CLUB/FFA CHAPTER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PROJECT ANIMAL BREED/VARIETY: \_\_\_\_\_

COLOR/MARKINGS/DESCRIPTION: \_\_\_\_\_

**Rabbits:** OWNERSHIP DATE OF DOE \_\_\_\_\_ EXPECTED KINDLE DATE \_\_\_\_\_

*I/we agree to grant to TCYMAS and its authorized representatives permission to record on photography film and/or video, pictures of my participation. I further agree that any or all of the material photographed may be used, in any form, as part of any future publications, brochure, or other printed materials used to promote TCYMAS, and further that such use shall be without payment of fees, royalties, special credit or other compensation.*

This is to certify that I plan to exhibit and sell this animal 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 book.

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

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 exhibitors 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.

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

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

**ALL FORMS MUST CONTAIN ALL THREE (3) SIGNATURES BEFORE THEY ARE SUBMITTED**

**Scanned PDFs may be emailed to: [TCYMAS@gmail.com](mailto:TCYMAS@gmail.com)**

**Paper copies can be mailed to: TCYMAS PO Box 695 East Olympia, WA 98540**