

# GUIDE TO THE YAKIMA VALLEY FAIR AND RODEO LIVESTOCK SALE

## Two ways to support 4-H and FFA members

1. Purchase an animal - Explained in depth below
2. “Add-on” any monetary amount to an exhibitor's project

When you are the highest bidder on an animal, you may chose to **“Custom,” “Take Home”, or “Turn”**

1. If you are purchasing for the meat, you will say **“Custom to 'name of the processor”** You will need to say where you would like to have the animal processed. Local choices are *Prosser Lockers, CJ's Custom Meats, Jerry's Valley Meats, Cullen's Custom Meats*. After the fair ends on Sunday morning, your animal will be hauled away for processing. You will receive a call from the meat processor (who you chose) in a week or two asking for cutting and wrapping instructions. They will guide you with a list of selections (how thick you would like your steaks, what size packages of hamburger and roasts). At the time of pick up, you will owe the processor an additional charge for their work; this is the Cut & Wrap fee and is based on the carcass weight of the animal. Steers will dress an average of 63%, meaning their carcass weight is around 63% of their live weight. On average, lambs dress 55% and pigs dress approximately 65%.
2. **“Take Home”**  
If you would like to keep the animal you purchased. You do not need to physically take home the animal until Sunday morning. If you are not able to haul the animal, you must arrange to have the animal hauled on Sunday morning. (After the sale, ask any of the people helping with the sale and they will give you more information.)
3. **“Turn”**  
If you choose to turn the animal, you are “purchasing” the animal at the amount you bid, then automatically selling it to the “turn buyer” who has agreed ahead of time to purchase the turned animals at a floor price. The floor price will be advertised on sale day. You will pay the amount above the floor price as a donation to the exhibitor. You won't take anything home. For example, if the floor price is \$1.50/pound and you are the highest bidder at \$2.75/lb, you will be responsible for \$1.25/pound as a donation to the exhibitor, but will not take anything home.

The Yakima Valley Fair and Rodeo Market livestock sale will be Friday of the fair week. The sale begins at 9 am, but you may come earlier to sign up for buyer numbers and do add on support beginning at 7:30 am if you wish. All add ons will need to be finalized by the end of the day.

In appreciation of your support, **lunch will be provided** for those attending the auction. Thank you for investing in our youth! If you have any questions, please email the Board of Directors at [yakimavalleyfair.rodeo@gmail.com](mailto:yakimavalleyfair.rodeo@gmail.com), or visit the Livestock office during the fair.