

## Is the Purchase price Tax-deductible?

Yes. The amount a buyer spends above the market value is tax deductible.

## Is there a way to purchase an animal and support the auction without being present?

Absentee bids can be taken.  
To place a bid contact **Jeremy Dobbin** at  
[\(717\) 439-7666](tel:7174397666) during the day



## Responsibility

Ownership and title pass to the buyer or his/her representative at the time of purchase. The buyer assumes ownership and responsibility for the animal currently. 4-H, FFA members, the Gratz Fair and/or the seller is not responsible for any injury, sickness, or death of the animal beyond the point of the sale. Owners of animals sold will feed and water animals until they are claimed by the buyer(s).

## For more information contact:

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## Our 2022 Champion Buyers

Champ. D. Steer – Horizon Farm Credit, Mount Joy  
Champ. Steer – Lebo's Lawn Care, Halifax  
Champ. Lamb – Middleburg Livestock Auction, Middleburg  
Champ. Swine – RH2 Inc. Accounting & Tax Service, Loysville  
Champ. Goat – Middleburg Livestock Auction, Middleburg  
Champ. Rabbit Meat Pen –Rockey Auction, Millersburg  
Supreme Dairy Cow – Landis Farms & Hubner Seed, Herndon  
Supreme Dairy Goat – Pro Street Express LLC, Watsonstown

Res. Champ. D. Steer – Back Road Boarding, Halifax  
Res. Champ. Steer – M. Kevin Ricker Builder, Harrisburg  
Res. Champ. Lamb – Lebo's Lawn Care, Halifax  
Res. Champ. Swine – Deppen's Farm, Lykens & ETC Farms, Gratz  
Res. Champ. Goat - Middleburg Livestock Auction, Middleburg  
Res. Champ. Rabbit Meat Pen – Custer, Faust & Associates, Middleburg

Handspun Alpaca Scarf - Show Stopper Farm, Herndon (Benefits Clair Hartman Scholarship Fund)

**Thank You to all  
2022 Buyers/Bidders**

# 2023 Gratz Fair Clair A. Hartman Youth Livestock Auction



**Livestock Arena  
Friday,  
September 22, 2023  
6:30 PM**

## What is the Youth Livestock Auction?

It is an annual auction to sell rabbits, beef steers, goats, dairy steers, hogs and lambs raised and shown by 4-H and FFA Members at the Gratz Fair.

## What are the benefits of supporting the auction?

By purchasing animals sold at the auction, buyers help young exhibitors finance their future. Support from buyers also encourages other young people to get involved with these excellent youth programs.

Business benefit from the publicity they receive by supporting the auction.

Buyers of Champion and Reserve Champion Animals will have their pictures taken with the animal for likely publication in local newspapers.

## How are the auction proceeds distributed?

The exhibitor receives most of the auction proceeds. A small percentage goes to cover the cost of the sale.

## What do the exhibitors do with the money?

Profits above the cost of raising the project animals are typically used to finance post-secondary education or to finance additional livestock projects. Some exhibitors may use the money to establish their future in agriculture production.

## How can a buyer participate?

Each animal sold has a pre-established market value. You, the buyer, pay only the difference between the market value and your final bid. You get the recognition for purchasing the animal. The packer pays the market value and takes the animal.

**(See column to the right for examples.)**

A buyer who wishes to take possession of the animal may pay full bid price. It is then the buyer's responsibility to arrange transportation and processing if desired. For help with this contact **Jeremy Dobbin**.

You must tell the sale committee prior to the sale whether you will retain ownership or send your purchase to the packer.

Other items you should know as a buyer.

1. No animals will be loaded the night of the sale.
2. If you plan to have your purchase go to the butcher, you should make arrangements prior to the sale.
3. All hogs purchased for slaughter must be transported directly to the butcher. Contact Jeremy Dobbin prior to the sale if you wish to purchase and butcher a hog.

## Can several businesses split the cost on an animal?

Absolutely! Each business will receive recognition as a buyer. We only ask that payment be in the form of a check.

<b>FOR EXAMPLE</b>			
<b>Species</b>	<b>Your Bid</b>	<b>Market Value of Animal</b>	<b>Your net cost</b>
Steer	\$1750.00	\$1450.00	\$300.00
Dairy Beef	800.00	600.00	200.00
Lamb	400.00	175.00	225.00
Swine	525.00	125.00	300.00
Market Goat	400.00	200.00	200.00
Rabbits	150.00	15.00	135.00

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**These are only examples! Actual prices may vary?**

**Actual market value will be established the day of the sale. Animals are sold to the highest bidder.**