**How to Buy**

The auction is open to everyone. Interested bidders may obtain information and a sales catalog at the livestock office or immediately before the sale. The catalog contains information regarding the official sale weight, breed and owner of the project.

Bids are made in cents/pound with the animal going to the highest bidder. If you need help bidding, assistants will be in and around the sale arena to help.

There are many ways you may purchase an animal or show your support for a 4-H or FFA youth:

1. **Buy individually** - Purchase an animal for your own use or divide amongst your employees.

2. **Buy w/ someone** - Purchase an animal in cooperation with another buyer and split the cost and meat.

3. **Donate** - Purchase an animal, and donate it to the charity of your choice. (Cutting & wrapping costs are usually handled by the charity.)

4. **Resale** - Purchase an animal then assign it for resale at Market price. You pay only the difference between the bid price and the resale price.

5. **Add-on** - You can support a youth by sponsoring an add-on. This can be done by a flat amount or a per pound amount. For example, 10¢ a pound would equal $100 on a 1000 lb. steer and would be considered a donation.

**After the Sale**

After you have purchased an animal, you will be handed a Buyer’s Card. Please give instructions as to the disposition of the animal.

- If you are picking up a live animal (Swine only)
- If the animal is a “resale”
- What packing house to take the animal to

All purchases and add-ons will be billed after the sale. Payments should be made to the Washington County Youth Fair and is due one week following the sale.
Steer & Swine Projects

As a 4-H or FFA member, youth have the opportunity to engage in a hands-on educational and business venture through raising a steer or swine project.

Throughout the project year, youth have selected, fed and groomed their animals for competition and marketing of a high quality product. As the culmination of their 4-H or FFA project, youth seek to sell their animal at the annual Washington County Youth Fair Steer & Swine Auction.

Youth anticipate a better price for their animals than the current market price.

Your support provides recognition and incentive for youth to earn college funds, to purchase more animals and to received practical business training.

Many youth have passed through this program and go on to become leaders, educators and responsible adults.

Please consider participating in the upcoming WCYF Auction.

What you get in return…

Many factors affect the amount of various cuts of meat obtained from a carcass. Some of these include breed, weight, sex, degree of finish and cutting method used in preparing meat for the freezer.

From your purchase, you will receive approximately the following amount of high-quality meat - cut, well trimmed and ready for the freezer.

**BEEF**

A 1000 lb. live weight beef will provide approximately the following dressed meat:

- Steaks: 140 lbs.
- Roasts: 170 lbs.
- Ground Meat: 110 lbs.
- Lesser Cuts: 45 lbs.

**TOTAL**: 465 lbs.

For example, with your bid at $1.00/lb., the steer would cost $1000. Processing charge (slaughter, cutting, wrapping, freezing, etc.) will cost about $217 bringing the total cost to $1217 or $2.62/lb.

If the beef is to be resold at market value, the total cost to you would be the difference between your bid and the actual market value. At $1.00/lb. on the same 1000 lb. steer, with an 80¢ resale, your donation would be $200.

**PORK**

A 200 lb. swine will provide approximately the following amount of dressed meat:

- Ham: 26 lbs.
- Bacon: 22 lbs.
- Chops: 20 lbs.
- Shoulder Cut: 26 lbs.
- Spare Ribs: 5 lbs.
- Sausage: 16 lbs.
- Lard: 15 lbs.

**TOTAL**: 130 lbs.

For example, with your bid at $1.00/lb., the swine would cost $200. Processing charge (slaughter, cutting, wrapping, freezing, etc.) will cost about $93.00 bringing the total cost to $293 or $2.25/lb.

If the swine is to be resold at market value, the total cost to you would be the difference between your bid and the actual market value. At $1.00/lb. on the same 200 lb. swine, with an 80¢ resale, your donation would be $40.

If you need further information or assistance, contact UF/IFAS 4-H Youth Development Agent, Julie Pigott Dillard.

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