



*You are invited*

TO THE

2024

4-H & FFA JR MARKET  
LIVESTOCK AUCTION

*Saturday, August 31st, 2024*

*Farm Exhibits Building*

*Alaska State Fair Grounds*

*11am- Preview & Lunch*

*12:30pm- Auction Starts*

**PURCHASE PREMIUM  
LOCAL MEAT**

**SUPPORT ALASKAN  
YOUTH**

**GROW ALASKAN  
AGRICULTURE**



*You are invited* to attend the 2024 4-H & FFA Jr. Market Livestock Auction. This annual event will be held in the Farm Exhibits Building at the Alaska State Fairgrounds, on Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 12:30 pm. Preview is from 11 a.m.-12:30 pm., where buyers can meet 4-H participants and enjoy a homemade lunch provided by the Palmer Lions Club. The event is a fun and interactive way to support local and statewide agriculture and 4-H & FFA by buying a lamb, goat, reindeer, steer, young beef, hog, rabbits or poultry from approximately 140 local 4-H & FFA members.

*Hands on experience for youth* The sale of a market animal gives each youth the opportunity to improve their livestock management and many other skills. Many young people have used the experience as a stepping stone into a career in agriculture. Even those not pursuing agricultural related careers learn about responsibility, work ethic, financial management, and health and nutrition.

Funds received from the sale go to the individual 4-H & FFA member to pay for his or her investment in the project and support the members' continued project expansion or education. A 5% sale fee is collected by the district livestock committee from the funds received by the 4-H & FFA member to help cover the expense of putting on the sale and to support youth activities and scholarships.

*We need your support!* If you are interested in supporting youth activities and Alaska agriculture, please consider attending the auction to purchase an animal or place an add-on. In the past, the business community has demonstrated tremendous support for this youth project and we hope that this will continue. Your support is essential to the continuance of agriculture in our community and state.

*Unable to attend?* If you are unable to attend, there are still ways to support the event.

First, you may make a general donation to the 4-H Charitable Buyer's Club. The Club was established to provide an opportunity for businesses, organizations or individuals to make a contribution to the program without incurring the full cost of an animal. Donations of all amounts are collected, pooled, and used to purchase animals. The meat is then donated to a local charitable organization. Second, you may submit a Guaranteed Bid form. By doing so, you agree to bid up to an amount of your choosing towards animals in the species you specify. Additional details about both of these opportunities is attached. For questions or more information, please contact Karleen Wilson, Livestock Committee President at 907-764-5919.

Thank you for your support of this great youth program, we hope to see you at the auction this year!

*Sincerely,*

Karleen Wilson  
Mat-Su 4-H/FFA Livestock Committee President