



ANNUAL YOUTH MARKET AUCTION

Buyer's Information

This year the Union Fair will be hosting the annual **Youth Market Auction**. This is an opportunity for our local youth to take part in a year-long project to raise a beef steer, market lamb, laying hens and meat birds! They will then sell at auction for local people and businesses to purchase exceptionally locally raised beef and lamb.

So, how does this all work? The youth involved in the projects spend their time and money to raise and care for their livestock over the past year. They will bring their animals to the Union Fair, where they will be shown and judged **on Sunday at 4 PM**. This is a great opportunity for you to meet the youth and learn about their projects and what they learned during their projects.

Buyer's Reception... The projects culminate in a reception and auction that will begin at **6 PM on Monday**. There will be a reception for perspective buyers to again speak to the youth, have some light appetizers, look over the animals one more time and make your decisions on who you are interested in bidding on.

The Auction... will begin **promptly at 6:30 PM**. All of the proceeds go directly to the youth to help fund their education or support their future livestock projects, so you will be helping to support the future farmers in our area. The live bidding can be done in person, via previous arrangements with the auctioneer or live on the phone during the sale. For contact information to bid from afar please see the bottom of this page.

What do I do once I buy it? Once you have made your purchase, you can speak with the volunteers at the table who can help you determine how you want to have it processed or you can take it to a butcher of your choice. All butchering costs will be the buyer's responsibility. Transportation for processing at West Gardiner Beef can be arranged at no cost. Once processed you will then pick up some exceptionally raised local beef and lamb! The laying hens and meat birds will be available for you to take home that evening.

There is NO way my family could use a whole cow! If

committing to an entire steer or lamb is more than you need, you can share your purchase with your friends or family. We will also have a list of people interested in sharing an animal. Please let us know in advance if you would like to share an animal.

Restaurants wanted... We have a few certified slots at the local butcher shop for USDA inspected processing. It is a great opportunity for local businesses or restaurants to support our local youth and purchase high quality meat.

We want to help but don't need the meat... There is also an opportunity to buy an animal and donate the meat or donate the animal back to be sold again where the proceeds will go to a charity of your choice. Please consult with your tax advisor prior to the sale to determine how this may affect you or your business.

How do I pay...? Payment is due immediately after the conclusion of the sale.

Payment may be made by cash or check. *Animal remains the property of the youth and may not leave the fairgrounds until payment has been made.*

Contact Us... If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact our Sale Coordinator, Wendy Eaton at 207-691-3887 or email at weneaton@tidewater.net