



Cecil County Fair 4-H Livestock Sale Facts



Cecil County 4-H youth need YOUR support of the 4-H livestock program. 4-H members have worked hard to learn the responsibilities of caring for an animal. Will you help bring this experience to a successful end?

First Alternative-Meat For Your Freezer

1. As a buyer, you decide on a price to bid for the market animal at the auction. The market animal is sold to the highest bidder.
2. Since 4-H market animals are quality, hand raised market animals they should dress out well. Beef and Dairy Steers should dress out at around 60%, Swine 70%, Lambs 50%, Goats 50%.
3. If you and another person go together, you can split the meat and split the cost evenly. You could even divide the meat 3 or 4 ways!
4. Cost approximations and calculations:
5. Calculation example Beef (all approximations):

a. You pay \$1.00 per pound for a 1,200 pound steer	\$1,200
b. Processing cost of cutting, wrapping & freezing of \$.52 pounds	\$375
c. Slaughter cost of market animal	\$55
d. Waste Removal charge	\$14
e. Total	\$1644
f. Actual cost per pound	\$1644/720 = \$2.28 per pound
6. Remember, the following cost factors do vary and can change
 - a. Cost you paid for the steer
 - b. Cost paid by the commercial buyer
 - c. Meat Processing fees

Second Alternative-Turn Back Animal (You do not get to keep the meat) & You Pay the Difference

1. As a buyer, you decide on a price to bid for the market animal at the auction. The market animal is sold to the highest bidder.
2. As a buyer, you turn back animal at market price.
3. Calculation example (approximations):

a. You bid \$1.00 per pound for a 1,200 pound steer	\$1,200
b. You turn back your newly bought steer for \$.80 per pound	\$960
c. Amount paid by you	\$240
d. Market price	\$960
e. Actual cost to you	\$240 (However, you do not get to keep the meat)
4. Remember, the following cost factors do vary and can change
 - a. Cost you paid for the steer
 - b. Cost paid by the commercial buyer

The market prices (commercial buyer prices) will be announced at the start of the Livestock Auction and printed on the sale program

Attention All Buyers:

If you are not able to attend the auction, you may send a bid with a member's parent or 4-H leader to make arrangement for bidding

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