How does the auction work?

Jerry Collins Auctions will be clerking the auction. When you bid on all animals, you are bidding by the pound, live weight. For example, a bid of “Four fifty” on a 260-pound market hog equates to a bid of $4.50/lb. x 260 pounds, for a total purchase price of $1,170.00. Buyers have two weeks to pay for their animal. 4-H members do not receive their check until the buyer’s check clears the bank.

Buyer’s Options

Buyers may elect to keep their purchased animal or donate it back to an approved 4-H committee:

- 4-H Livestock Committee
- 4-H Food Booth Committee
- 4-H Exhibit Building Committee
- 4-H Small Animal Committee
- 4-H Horse Committee
- Glacier County 4-H Council
- Liberty County 4-H Council
- Pondera County 4-H Council
- Toole County 4-H Council

When an animal is donated back, the 4-H'er receives the original auction proceeds. The committee that the animal was donated to then resells the animal at market price and keeps the proceeds of the second sale.

Thank you to our 2025 Buyers

AUCTION BUYERS

- 3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS
- AGWEST FARM CREDIT
- APEX ANGUS
- BARCUS FAMILY TRUCKING
- BHE MONTANA
- BIG SKY EQUIPMENT CO.
- BILLMAN'S HOME DECOR
- BILLMAN'S INC
- BOBCAT ANGUS
- BREEN OIL COMPANY
- BTI FEEDS
- BUYER NAME
- CENTROL, LLC
- CHRISTIAENS MEATS
- CHS
- COLUMBIA CONSTRUCTION INC
- COMMERCIAL LYNKS
- CONNELLY ANGUS
- CONRAD BUILDING CENTER
- CURRY CATTLE CO.
- CUT BANK AUTO BODY
- CUT BANK TIRE
- DIAMOND BOX LIVESTOCK
- DICK IRVIN INC.
- DRY FORK PLUMBING AND HEATING, INC
- DUCHSCHER KAPPERUD INSURANCE
- DWAYNE AND JAN IRVIN
- EAGLES FARM
- FIRST BANK OF MONTANA
- FIRST STATE BANK
- FLESCH ANGUS
- FRASERS OIL
- FRETHEIM GRAIN
- FRONTLINE AG SOLUTIONS
- GENEVA SISK
- GLACIER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
- GWEN MARSHALL
- I & T TRANSFER
- INDEPENDENCE BANK
- ISAKSON'S RANCH
- JIM DICKINSON TRUCKING
- JOHNSON CATTLE CO.
- JOSH BILLMAYER TRUCKING
- LARSEN PRODUCTION
- LAVERDURE LIVESTOCK
- LEAVITT GROUP INSURANCE
- LOHR FARM COMPANY
- MARIAS VET CLINC
- MCKECHNIE LAND & CATTLE
- MIKE AND MARLEA IRVIN
- MONA KENNEDY
- MT AG
- NORMAN'S WESTERN WEAR
- NORTHERN FORD
- NORTHERN VET CLINIC
- RAMONA KINYON
- ROCKY RIDGE ANGUS
- SO-LO AIR
- STEVE REEVERTS
- STOCKMAN BANK - CONRAD
- STOCKMAN BANK - CUT BANK
- STOKES FENCING
- TEEPLES IGA
- TORGERSON'S EQUIPMENT
- W DIAMOND CONSTRUCTION
- WAHL FARMS
- WESTERN LIVESTOCK AUCTION
- WINDRIFT HILL INC

BUYBACK BUYERS

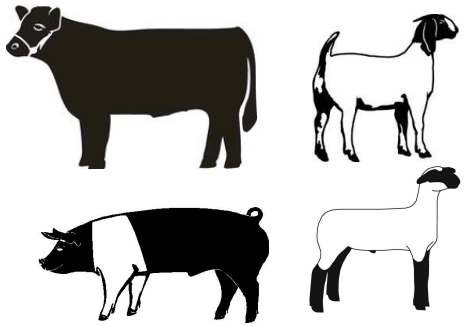
- BECKY KUJAVA
- GLACIER CO. 4-H
- JANET HAWKS
- JESSE & CAROL FULBRIGHT
- JONI RAE KITTLE
- JULIE GAGNON
- SUSAN VAN DESSEL

Marias Fair 4-H Livestock Auction

Glacier, Toole, Liberty, and Pondera counties

Saturday, July 18, 2026
1 p.m. - Pre-Sale Social & Registration
3 p.m. - Auction
Marias Fairgrounds
Seewald Barn, Shelby, MT

You can also bid online via https://jerrycollinsauctions.com/



For questions regarding the 4-H Livestock sale, please contact:

- Jesse Fulbright, Liberty County Agent at *jlf@montana.edu* or 759-5625
- Local livestock committee member or Extension Office

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Welcome to the Fair!

The Marias Fair is the culmination of the year for many 4-H members and marketing their livestock project is the last step. Through 4-H livestock projects, members develop life skills of work ethic, responsibility, perseverance, and goal setting. Thank you for your support of our livestock sale, which provides our youth with the ability to begin livestock breeding projects and save money for a college education.

All 4-H youth are required to complete Quality Assurance training which teaches youth proper care and management, nutrition, selection, and proper animal health practices. These principles help ensure the buyers are provided with the highest quality product possible.

The sale order, including animal weights and ribbon placings, will be posted online at http://mariasfair.msuextension.org/ and printed copies will be available Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Seewald Barn.

Buyers may also bid online and watch the sale stream live at www.jerrycollinsauctions.com.
Please see the Buyer Guide for more details.

4-H GROWS HERE

Processing/Transport

The Marias Fair 4-H Livestock Committee will provide transportation of the livestock to the selected processors immediately following the sale. Beef will be processed at Christiaens Meats in Valier. Hogs, lambs, and goats will be processed at Glacier Processing Coop in Columbia Falls. Processed beef can be picked up in Valier. Processed pork, lamb, and goat will return to the Marias Fair Exhibit Building parking lot for pickup in August (specific date will be coordinated with each buyer by Glacier Processing Coop). If a buyer prefers to use a different processor, they will be responsible for transporting their purchased animal(s) on Sunday, July 19 to the processor of their choice. If using a different lamb, goat, or swine processor, those animals will be ineligible for the carcass contest. Any transportation by buyers needs to be coordinated through the 4-H Livestock Committee or MSU Extension agents.









Do you want to support the 4-H Livestock Sale, but maybe you are not sure if you are able to use an entire animal? Remember, you can also purchase an animal with a group of family, friends, or a business, and then split the cost and the meat.

Processing

Processing fees (on hanging weight) are: Beef - $0.95/lb., Pork - $1.25/lb. and curing pork is $1.99/lb, Lambs/Goats - $1.75/lb. The harvest fee is $175 for beef, $90 for hog, and $90 for lamb and goat. Buyers will be contacted by the processor for your desired cutting and wrapping instructions. To place cutting instructions or to inquire about your product, please contact Christiaens Meats at (406) 279-3624 or Glacier Processing Coop at (406) 892-5643.

Custom Cut Examples

Actual pounds of retail cuts received will vary depending upon animal's weight, dressing percentage, animal's leanness, processing including bone-in vs. boneless cuts, percentage fat in ground product, etc.

Beef

- Sale Weight – 1,100 – 1,500 lbs.
- 2025 Avg. Price/lb.: $6.81
- For a live weight of 1,300 lbs., about 450 – 550 pounds of processed retail cuts are expected.

Swine

- Sale Weight – 220 to 300 lbs.
- 2025 Avg. Price/lb.: $18.03
- For a live weight of 260 pounds, about 125 – 145 pounds of processed retail cuts product are expected.

Lamb

- Sale Weight – 110 to 165 lbs.
- 2025 Avg. Price/lb.: $19.87
- For a live weight of 130 pounds, about 45 – 50 pounds of processed retail cuts are expected.

Goat

- Sale Weight – 70 to 135 lbs.
- 2025 Avg. Price/lb.: $19.60
- For a live weight of 90 pounds, about 20 to 30 pounds of processed retail cuts are expected.