



July 13, 2026

Dear 4-H Supporter,

Please join us for the annual Kalamazoo County 4-H Livestock Auction during the Kalamazoo County 4-H Fair (August 3–8, 2026). This year's auction will be held on **Friday, August 7, 2026**.

For our 4-H members, the auction is the exciting finish line to a year of learning and hard work in agriculture and animal care. Along the way, youth build skills like responsibility and budgeting as they raise their animals, track costs, and prepare for the sale. Auction proceeds help them reinvest in their projects, plan for next year (supplies, equipment, and barn improvements), and often save for college—so your support truly makes a difference.

Before the Auction

Stop by the registration table to pick up your buyer number and lunch ticket.

Auction Schedule

- 9 a.m. – Registration begins
- 10 a.m. – Small Animal Auction (Sale order: 1st Poultry, 2nd Rabbits, 3rd Goats)
- Noon–1 p.m. – Lunch for registered buyers, catered by Barrett's Smokehouse
- 1 p.m. – Large Animal Auction (Sale order: 1st Sheep, 2nd Beef/Dairy Beef/Feeder Calves, 3rd Swine)

What to Do with Your Purchase

Put meat in your freezer
Resell the animal

Take the animal home live
Donate the meat

Support a Member without Buying an Animal

You can make a lump-sum add-on donation at checkout, via the form at <https://forms.gle/hRHvppE17v799gVr6> or by scanning the QR code. Add-on donations may be made online until 6 p.m. on Friday, August 7, 2026.



Check Out After the Auction

Before you leave, stop at the registration table to pay and make plans for your purchase.

Payment may be made in cash or by check payable to LSA (Livestock Superintendents Association). We cannot accept credit cards. If your balance is not paid within 60 days, a 2% monthly fee will be applied. Buyers with outstanding balances after three months will be unable to purchase at future auctions, and collection actions may be taken.

Buyer groups must designate one point person to obtain the buyer number for the group, collect funds, submit payment to 4-H, and issue receipts to buyers. Copies of receipts must be submitted to the 4-H office for individual members of the group to be recognized as buyers.

Put the Meat in Your Freezer – At checkout, select your processor and we will deliver your animal at the conclusion of the fair. If you are sharing a purchase, the cost may be split by percentage only (for example, 50%/50%), not by whole dollars.

Species	Processor	Pick-up Location	Pick-up Availability
Poultry	Harris Hatchet Processing	V&V Quality Meats, Kalamazoo	Aug. 11 – Sept. 11, 2026
Rabbits	Smoke ‘n Butcher	V&V Quality Meats, Kalamazoo	Aug. 15 – Sept. 11, 2026

Meat not claimed by Sept. 11 is assumed abandoned and will be donated to a local food bank.

Sheep, beef and swine will be harvested at Pease Packing, and the buyer will choose to have the meat further processed by Barrett’s Smokehouse, Byron Center Meats, Galesburg Meats or Pease Packing. The buyer is responsible for animal harvesting and processing fees. Buyers need to declare the final processor at checkout and will need to contact them with cutting instructions.

Barrett’s Smokehouse, Portage	269-323-3700	Galesburg Meats, Galesburg	269-665-9501
Byron Center Meats, Byron Center	616-878-1578	Pease Packing, Scotts	269-626-8891

Carcass hogs will have been evaluated and cut by standard instructions the week before the fair at Pease Packing. Custom processing is not available for these animals.

Take the Animal Home Live – With the exception of poultry, animals may be taken home after the fair. Swine is no longer terminal. At checkout, please identify who will be taking the animal home after the fair ends late Saturday evening. Also indicate a weekend contact and phone number.

Donate the Meat – At checkout, designate whether your donation will go to the Gospel Mission or Loaves and Fishes. Kalamazoo County Farm Bureau has graciously donated \$2,000 toward the processing costs of donated meat. If you would also like to contribute toward the processing of donated animals, please do so at check out.

Resell the Animal - We will deliver animals to a local auction house for resale. Resale is not available for rabbits or poultry.

Beef & Goats – Buyers will receive a check after the animal sells at resale.

Sheep & Swine – A flat resale price per pound will be announced at the auction. At checkout, buyers will pay the difference between the 4-H auction purchase price and the published resale price.

Thank you for supporting Kalamazoo County 4-H youth. The auction is just one part of a full week of 4-H activities— please visit the Kalamazoo County Fair website at kalcounty.gov/399/Kalamazoo-County-Fair to see everything happening during the fair. If you know someone else who may be interested in supporting our 4-H youth, please call the 4-H office at 269-383-8830 with their contact information so we can send them an invitation.

We hope to see you at the fair and truly appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Greg Baker
Interim President, Livestock Superintendents Association

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