Additional Information

- If you can't attend the sale, but want to participate, contact a member of the 4-H Livestock Committee or complete a proxy bid form and send to the Extension Office.
- Payment is expected within 10 days of the sale.
- New in 2025—Credit cards will be accepted at the sale. Fee of 2.7% plus \$.10 per transaction will apply.
- Consult a tax advisor about the tax deduction. options of purchasing a 4-H market animal.

Processors

The Livestock Committee has made arrangements with area processors to handle Fair animals. Please check the sale day program for final processor list and processing fees. If you would like to use a processor not on the list, you must pick up the animal after the Fair and make arrangements vourself.

Milligan Canyon Meats

Cardwell, MT 406.285.3112 Beef

Pioneer Meats Big Timber, MT 406.932.4555 Beef, Hogs, Lambs & Goats UDSA Inspected

Rawhide Meats

White Sulphur Springs, MT

406.547.6328

Beef, Hogs & Lambs

USDA Inspected

Tizer Meats Helena, MT

406.442.3096 Beef, Hogs, Lambs & Goats

Dee Anderson Toston. MT 406.224.1411 Poultry & Rabbit



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Broadwater County 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale

Buyer's Guide





Saturday, August 9, 2025

Buyer's Dinner 3:00 pm Announcements 3:30 pm Sale 4:00 pm

Broadwater County Fairgrounds Livestock Pavilion



The County Fair is the highlight of the year for many 4-H and FFA members and the conclusion of yearlong efforts in their projects. This is the final step in their project where marketing aspects come to life.

Through their projects, youth gain valuable life skills such as critical thinking, financial management, responsibility, confidence and goal setting. These life skills prepare youth to be competent, contributing adult members of society.

All participants complete Livestock Quality Assurance (QA) Training. QA teaches youth about proper care and management, handling techniques, carcass and product quality, and animal health. Youth put these principles into practice with their market animals to make sure that you, the buyer, are provided with the highest quality product possible.

When you support the Livestock Auction, you are supporting youth in Broadwater County. Many youth use their profits to fund higher education. Without the support of local businesses and individuals, the sale would not be a success.

Ways to Support

There are two ways to support youth by purchasing an animal at the livestock sale.

- 1. Custom Cut
- 2. Resale

Keep reading for details on each option. The sale will potentially offer Beef, Swine, Lamb, Meat Goat, Meat Poultry and Meat Rabbits.



Option 1: Custom Cut

This is the most common way to support the sale. Animals will be delivered to processors who have agreed to handle 4-H purchases immediately after Fair. From that point, the meat is your responsibility. Slaughter and processing fees are also your responsibility and paid directly to the processor. Carcass data is collected to help youth improve their projects.

Several local processors are USDA inspected, which allows the meat to be donated to schools, food banks, or used in restaurants. If this is your intent, please specify during the checkout process.

Custom Cut Examples

BEEF Sale Weight: 1100-1500 lbs. 2024 Avg. Price/lb.: \$4.61 For a live weight of 1350 lbs., about 550 lbs. of retail cuts are expected.

PORK

Sale Weight: 230-300 lbs. 2024 Avg. Price/lb.: \$12.31 For a live weight of 270 lbs., about 130 lbs. of retail cuts are expected.

LAMB

Sale Weight: 100-160 lbs. 2024 Avg. Price/lb.: \$15.19 For a live weight of 140 lbs., about 45 lbs. of retail cuts are expected.

GOAT—2024 Avg. Price/lb: \$13.61 POULTRY - 2024 Avg. Price: \$613 (lot of 3) RABBIT—2024 Avg. Price: \$670 (lot of 3)



Option 2: Resale

You may resell your purchase back to a prearranged resale buyer. Prices will be announced at the sale and are generally close to local market price. You pay the sale price at the auction minus the resale value. Buyers do not pay slaughter fees or receive meat. There is no resale option for poultry or rabbits.

Resale Example for a Hog

Sale Weight:	270 lbs.
Final Bid:	\$10.00/lb.
Sale Total:	\$2,700
Resale Price:	\$1.50/lb.
Resale Total:	\$405

Total Difference: \$2,295

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