



Large Livestock Auction

When: Thursday, July 23, 2026

Where: Van Buren Youth Fair Grounds

Registration: Opens at 8:00 a.m.

Auction Starts: 10:00 a.m.

Complimentary Lunch: Served to registered buyers
from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Van Buren Youth Fair Large Livestock Committee

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Sale Order

Beef
Feeder Calves
Gallon of Milk
Sheep
Swine



Buyer Information

- **Registration:** Opens at 8:00 a.m. in the green building on the southeast corner of the show arena.
- **Express Check-In:** Drop off your signed form (received in your auction packet) at registration. You will receive a buyer number, lunch tickets, and a sale bill.
- **Terms of Purchase:** All buyers must sign an agreement of responsibility to pay for all animals purchased under their registered number.
- **Check-Out:** All buyers must check out before leaving the auction. You are required to sign a bill of sale and designate the processing/destination for your animal(s).
- **Add-On(s) and Gallon of Milk Donations:** These donations must be paid for separately from regular auction purchases. Please bring a separate check or cash. Forms can be dropped off the day of the auction or mailed to the fair office.

Payment Policy

- **Due Date:** Payment is due the day of the auction.
- **Accepted Methods:** Cash, Check, Visa, or Mastercard. (*Note: Credit/Debit card payments incur a 3% processing fee.*)
- **Late Accounts:** Accounts unpaid after 60 days will incur a 2% monthly late fee until paid in full. Financial collection proceedings will be pursued for delinquent accounts.
- **Ineligibility:** Failure to make payment in full (including accrued interest) by June 1, 2027, will result in ineligibility for the 2027 auction.

Animal Processing Information

Please decide on your chosen processor and ensure it is designated on your paperwork before you leave the auction. You will need to submit cutting instructions to the processor and arrange for payment and pickup.

⚠ IMPORTANT: If you do not designate a processor, your purchased animal will automatically be sent to resale.

Processor	Animals Handled	Phone Number
Blue Star Meats, Holland	Beef, Hogs	616-392-4291
Byron Center Meats, Byron Center	Beef, Hogs, Sheep	616-878-1578
Earl's Meats, Holland	Hogs, Sheep	616-392-6392
Galesburg Meat Co., Galesburg	Beef, Hogs, Sheep	269-665-9501
Nik's Processing, Bangor	Hogs, Sheep	269-308-0214
Pease's Packing, Scotts	Beef, Hogs, Sheep	269-626-8891
Smokin' Butcher, Decatur	Beef, Hogs, Sheep	269-436-0286

About the Van Buren Youth Fair Large Livestock Program

Each year, our exhibitors make a commitment to raise market livestock, including market beef, feeder calves, sheep, and swine. Through this program, youth learn livestock judging, raising, and marketing skills, alongside vital life skills like responsibility, caring, and teamwork.

Your generous support at the auction encourages them to strive for success year after year. This work ethic and pride helps foster a sense of accomplishment, leading our youth to become productive, useful citizens in our local communities.