

## 2024 4-H Livestock Barn Coordinators

Patricia Graves - *Swine*

Charles Hurry, Sr. and Connie Trossbach - *Goats*

Wes Cory - *Sheep*

Cathy Kershaw - *Rabbits and Poultry*

*Barn coordinators are the unsung heroes at the fair.*

*When you see them, thank them for all they do!*

**The St. Mary's County 4-H Staff and members wish to thank all of our buyers and friends who support the 4-H Livestock Auction, 4-H Programs, and the St. Mary's County Fair. Your generosity helps make our members' 4-H projects a success every year!**

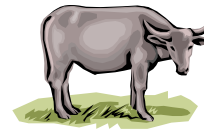
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# 4-H Livestock Auction



## **BEEF, PORK, LAMB, AND GOAT**

**Raised with quality care, dedication, and hard work  
by St. Mary's County 4-H Youth!**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024**

**5:00 P.M.**

**RAIN OR SHINE**

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
ROUTE 5 IN LEONARDTOWN, MD**

**THE 4-H LIVESTOCK PROJECT:** The 4-H Livestock Auction is the culmination of a 4-H member's work for one project year. Members purchase steers, lambs, goats, and swine earlier in the year. The market animals are weighed and tagged for market. This process begins the members' market livestock project. Throughout the year, 4-H members feed and care for their animals, attend educational workshops, and complete a Quality Assurance training program. They learn about keeping animals healthy and completing successful livestock projects. On the night of the 4-H Auction, the projects end with the sale of 4-H project animals. After the auction, members look forward to the purchase of the next year's project animal.

**VIEW THE ANIMALS** - All beef, lambs, swine, and goats to be sold display a 4-H ear tag and are marked for the auction. The auction list will include those numbers. Prior to the auction, feel free to walk around, pick out your possibilities, and talk to the 4-H members who raised the animals!

**WHO CAN PURCHASE AN ANIMAL?** **Everyone** can participate. Individuals, businesses, community groups, farms, etc.

**TOO MUCH MEAT FOR YOUR FAMILY?** Bid along with a friend, relative, or co-worker and share the meat cuts.

**TRANSPORTATION** - St. Mary's County Fair Association will transport the animal(s) to a local designated butcher.

**NEED A BUTCHER?** Names of various butchers and phone numbers are available from the fair office at the time you register for the auction. You are not limited to this listing. You will need to contact the butcher to specify meat cuts, packaging, etc., and to arrange for pick-up and payment when ready for the freezer.

**AUCTION REGISTRATION** will take place on the day of the auction in the Fair Office. Receive your bidder number and a list of all market animals and their owners. The Fair Office is next to the 4-H Building. There is no fee to register for the auction.

**CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE AUCTION?** You may submit a bid for the auction through a friend or relative.

**ALL CHECKS** must be made payable to "**St. Mary's County Fair Association**" for auction purchases.

**AUCTION PURCHASES HELP THE 4-H MEMBER TO:**

- continue learning and developing knowledge and skills
- build a foundation for a college education
- purchase next year's project animals
- cover the cost of the expenses of raising livestock

**ALL AUCTION PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY TO THE 4-H MEMBERS WHO RAISED THE ANIMALS!**

**CAN ANIMALS BE SENT TO MARKET?\***

Yes. As the buyer, you may have the animal sent to the market with the proceeds of that sale returned to you or to whom you designate.

**CAN ANIMALS BE DONATED?\***

Yes! The buyer may donate their purchase to 1) the 4-H member, 2) a St. Mary's County Chartered 4-H Club or 3) the St. Mary's County 4-H Program. How does this work? If you wish to donate the animal, you must designate to whom at the time of sale. If it is donated to the 4-H member, that member will inform the fair association how to proceed with the animal. If it is donated to a 4-H Club or Program, the animal will be sent to market with proceeds payable to that organization.

\*Donors should consult an accountant to determine any tax deductible value.