

Understanding The Purchase of a Market Sale Animal

When purchasing an animal at the Valley County 4-H Market Animal Sale, there are two actions that you can take. First, you may choose to keep the animal and have it slaughtered for your own use, or you may choose to resale the animal and only pay the blue sky premium.

If you choose to keep the animal, you need to specify whether you want Double D Custom Meats or Dave Aldape to cut and wrap your animal. We must know the evening of the sale where you want the animal to be cut and wrapped. If you purchase the market animal this way, you pay the floor price plus the blue sky premium which is the total amount you bid. For example, if you bid \$4.00/pound on a 240 pound pig, you will pay a total of \$960.00 for the pig. If the pig is floored at .60 cents, then you are paying \$144.00 for actual carcass value, and the additional \$816.00 is considered blue sky premium. This is the amount you may deduct on taxes for donation purposes. It is important to understand that the price bid is per pound, not total purchase price.

If you bought the same pig for resale, you would pay the \$816.00 blue sky premium, but you would not get the animal. The actual carcass value of \$144.00 would be paid by someone else who would get the animal. You select resale if you wish to support a 4-H member financially, but do not want to keep the animal.

It is very important to remember that if you mark resale on the buyer's sheet, you will not get the carcass. You will only pay the blue sky premium. If you mark no resale on the buyer's sheet, you will pay full price and keep the carcass. If you have any questions, please ask.

If you buy an animal at the sale, and you need to be billed for it, please watch for the bill so all the youth get paid in a timely manner.

Thank you for your support,

Market Animal Sale Committee

****Buy backs will be exclusive only to 4-H families****