

# NATIONAL WESTERN AUCTION OF JUNIOR LIVESTOCK CHAMPIONS

Friday, January 23 • 6:30 P.M.

Grand Champions, Reserve Grand Champions, and top placing junior market goats, lambs, steers, and swine will be auctioned on Friday, January 23, 2026 in the CoBank Auction Arena at 6:30 P.M.

## 2026 Junior Auction Committee:

**Bruce Wagner, Chairman • Bob Heykoop, Vice-Chairman**

Jo Adams	Merial Currier	Dave Haertel	John Korrey	Colette Ratcliff
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## Sale Conditions:

1. The National Western Auction of Junior Livestock Champions will be conducted under the management and direction of the National Western Stock Show. The National Western Auction of Junior Livestock Champions will be a televised production broadcast and streamed live on local news stations.
2. The National Western Stock Show will select top placing market steer, market swine, market lambs, and market goats to be sold and reserves all rights to designate which animals go into the sale. Show placings will possibly determine the order of the sale.
3. Animals offered for sale must be regularly entered and shown at the 2026 National Western Stock Show. All animals designated for the sale must be sold in the sale and go directly to harvest.
4. Two (2) calves from the Catch-A-Calf Program will be selected for the National Western Auction of Junior Livestock Champions to be held on Friday, January 23, 2026. Those calves will be chosen on points using a formula that includes Record Book, Sponsor Relations, Interview, Production, Live Placing, and Showmanship. These two (2) calves will be designated following the awards portion of the Catch-A-Calf Show.
5. Seller will be limited to selling one (1) animal per species unless the seller owns both the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion, then both will sell.
6. Official weight at processing will be used for sale weight.
7. Condition of Sale for all species; The price paid on ANY market beef in the National Western Auction of Junior Livestock Champions which does not grade select or better by USDA standards will receive the median price for the sale, providing the bid price through the ring is not lower than the median, in which case, the exhibitor will receive the bid price. (Median is the price that falls in the middle with as many market steers selling above it as below it — not the average price).
8. Sale checks for National Western Auction of Junior Livestock Champions, which may be affected by any initial drug testing fees for random tests for any foreign substances will be charged on a prorated basis for animals shown and sold. If there is a charge for test it will likewise be prorated back to the participant on a prorated basis. The prorated amount will be deducted from the sale proceeds of each animal after the National Western Stock Show receives the final results and billing of the tests. Proceeds will be issued at this time. This method of prorated deduction and distribution of sale proceeds is approved by the Packers and Stockyards Division. Proceeds from Sales not affected by testing fees will be forwarded to participants as soon after the close of the show as they can be properly processed.
9. If any animal is condemned at slaughter for any reason, the exhibitor will NOT receive payment for that animal and must accept the consequences without recourse against the National Western Stock Show. The National Western Stock Show is not liable for any breaches of contract between the seller and buyer.

10. Junior Market Participants, which qualify for sale will be responsible for the care, custody, control, feeding of their animals with the exception of Jr Market Lambs. All sale qualifying Junior Market Lambs will be taken into the care and custody of NWSS following the Grand Drive until the National Western Auction of Junior Livestock Champions on Friday, January 23, 2026. Any exhibitor failing to appear for the sale after being accepted and included in the sale order will be barred from selling in any future National Western Auction of Junior Livestock Champions, the animal will be pulled from the sale order and the exhibitor will be responsible for removal of animal immediately from the National Western grounds.

**Sale Proceeds, Commissions, and/or Deductions**

11. A five percent (5%) commission of the gross sale price for all animals sold in the National Western Auction of Junior Livestock Champions; and
12. Fees required from packing house and/or those required by state regulations such as, but not limited to; Colorado Beef Board, Colorado Pork Producers, Colorado Brand Board, freight charges, etc.
13. Ten percent (10%) of the gross sale price of all animals sold in the National Western Auction of Junior Livestock Champions will be directed to the National Western Scholarship Trust.
14. Ten percent (10%) of the gross sale price of the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of each species will be directed to the Collegiate Judging contest(s).
15. Premier Exhibitor: Any Participant who qualifies for the Premier Exhibitor Award who does not participate in the Interview portion of the program, Participant will receive the full “buy back” price from the packing house, and will receive only fifty (50%) percent of whatever amount was bid, less appropriate deductions. The balance will remain in the Scholarship Program.
16. The National Western Stock Show will in no way be responsible for breaches of contract between seller(s) and buyer(s). If a carcass of any animal, sold through the National Western Auction of Junior Livestock Champions is sifted as condemned for any reason, the participant will receive no payment. NWSS will in no way be liable or responsible for the condition of the carcass or sale of the animal. If prohibited substance(s) is found in blood, urine, tissue, hide, or carcasses of animals at the time of testing or following slaughter or if there is any evidence of unethical fitting, sabotage, and/or tampering, the participant forfeits all rights and is subject to all sanctions, including, but not limited to disqualification, withholding of sale proceeds and barred from future participation in the National Western Stock Show.
17. The number of Junior Market Animals being offered for sale through the National Western Auction of Junior Livestock Champions is as follows.
  - Jr Market Steers – 30 selected for auction based upon class places.
  - Jr Market Catch A Calves – 2 – The Grand and Reserve Grand based upon the format above in line item 4.
  - Jr Market Swine – 30 selected for auction based upon class places.
  - Jr Market Lambs – 30 selected for auction based upon class placings
  - Jr Market Goats – 18 selected for auction based upon class placings.

*The National Western Auction of Junior Livestock Committee reserves the right to add additional livestock to the sale based upon extenuating circumstances including ties etc.*